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### CALL TO ORDER

*At 3:00 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). Please rise for the singing of the Philippine National Anthem.

*Everybody rose to sing the Philippine National Anthem.*

### PRAYER

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Let us remain standing for a minute of silent prayer and meditation.

*Everybody remained standing for a minute of silent prayer and meditation.*

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

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

### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Before we call the roll of Members, my request, for the Majority Leader, is that we first suspend the session.

The session is suspended.

*It was 3:01 p.m.*

### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 3:05 p.m., the session was resumed.*

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mr. Speaker, I move that we defer the calling of the roll.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mr. Speaker, considering that copies of the Journal of the previous session have been distributed to the Members, I move that we dispense with the reading of the Journal.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

### APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. HERRERA-DY. I move for the approval of Journal No. 9, dated August 8, 2018.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). There is a motion to approve Journal No. 9, dated August 8, 2018. Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mr. Speaker, I move that we now proceed to the Reference of Business, and may we request that the Secretary General be directed to read the same.

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

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

### REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

## BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 8074, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING PERSONNEL OF BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS, MEMBERS OF ORGANIZATIONS OR ASSOCIATIONS AND ALL OTHER PERSONS PROVIDING TOURISM SERVICES TO UNDERGO BASIC FIRST AID TRAINING”

By Representative Biazon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 8075, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO GOLDEN BROADCAST PROFESSIONAL, INC., UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8025, ENTITLED ‘A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE A STATION FOR FM RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING IN THE ISLAND OF MINDANAO, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’, FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT”

By Representative Lobregat  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 8076, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING CORPORATE FARMING AND PROVIDING INCENTIVES THEREFOR”

By Representative Aumentado  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 8077, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE MOVIE AND TELEVISION INDUSTRY TO OBSERVE DUE DEFERENCE TO THE CULTURAL SENSITIVITIES AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES/INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (ICCs/IPs), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1986 CREATING THE MOVIE AND TELEVISION REVIEW AND CLASSIFICATION BOARD”

By Representative Catamco  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 8079, entitled:

“AN ACT RECONSTITUTING THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE PHILIPPINE COCONUT AUTHORITY (PCA)”

By Representatives Panganiban, Macapagal-Arroyo, Yap (A.), Lagman, Lobregat, Sagarbarria, Escudero, Tan (A.), Chavez and Suarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 8080, entitled:

“THE OMNIBUS INVESTMENT CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Biron  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 8081, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FULLY-EQUIPPED SCIENCE LABORATORIES IN EVERY PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 8082, entitled:

“AN ACT REDUCING ELECTRICITY RATES BY ALLOCATING THE NET NATIONAL GOVERNMENT SHARE FROM THE MALAMPAYA NATURAL GAS PROJECT FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE STRANDED CONTRACT COSTS AND STRANDED DEBTS OF THE NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION”

By Representatives Velasco and Uybarreta  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

## RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 2059, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN URGENT INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION-COMMISSION ON AUDIT-DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT JOINT CIRCULAR 1, SERIES OF 2017 WHICH INSTITUTIONALIZES AGENCY HIRING IN THE CIVIL SERVICE AND WILL CAUSE A MASSIVE LAYOFF OF JOB ORDER AND CONTRACT OF SERVICE WORKERS IN GOVERNMENT BY END OF 2018”

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

House Resolution No. 2060, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO

THE POLICIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN RELATION TO THE RESULTS-BASED PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM”

By Representatives Tinio and Castro (F.L.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2061, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE POLICIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ON THE PROMOTION OF TEACHING PERSONNEL”

By Representatives Tinio and Castro (F.L.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2062, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION BY THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE IMPOSITION OF ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT OF NO PENDING CRIMINAL CASES INVOLVING MORAL TURPITUDE ON OFFICERS OF REVENUE GENERATING AGENCIES”

By Representative Suarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Joint Resolution No. 25, entitled:

“JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE VALIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF THE FUND FOR THE MARCOS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION VICTIMS WITH LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES AND AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (CHR) TO ADMINISTER THE EFFECTIVE DISTRIBUTION OF THE FUNDS TO QUALIFIED VICTIMS OR THEIR HEIRS OR REPRESENTATIVES UNTIL DECEMBER 2019, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. (R.A. No.) 10368 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. (R.A. No.) 10766”

By Representative Villarín  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

#### MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Message dated August 6, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on August 1, 2018 passed Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 12, entitled:

“CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR FOR THE THIRD REGULAR SESSION OF

THE SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated August 7, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed the following House Bills without amendment:

House Bill No. 6114, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE LUIS HORA MEMORIAL REGIONAL HOSPITAL FROM ONE HUNDRED (100) TO TWO HUNDRED (200) BEDS, UPGRADING THE SERVICE FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE THEREIN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”; and

House Bill No. 6742, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE ZAMBOANGA CITY MEDICAL CENTER IN ZAMBOANGA CITY FROM FIVE HUNDRED (500) TO EIGHT HUNDRED (800) BEDS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7272, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT CONVERTING THE ZAMBOANGA REGIONAL HOSPITAL IN ZAMBOANGA CITY INTO ZAMBOANGA CITY MEDICAL CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.’”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated August 7, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 6621, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE ADELA SERRA TY MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER IN TANDAG CITY, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR, FROM TWO HUNDRED (200) TO FIVE HUNDRED (500) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Message dated August 7, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 1280, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REVISED CORPORATION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

Message dated August 7, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 1529, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE PHILIPPINES, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8492, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL MUSEUM ACT OF 1998, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

Message dated August 7, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 1641, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF FISHERIES PROFESSION IN THE PHILIPPINES, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE A PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD OF FISHERIES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated July 3, 2018 of Albert S. Garcia, Provincial Governor, Province of Bataan, submitting the Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation for the Quarter ended June 30, 2018 on the Local Government Support Fund – Financial Assistance to Local Government Units (LGSF-FA to LGUs).

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated July 6, 2018 of Bonifacio C. Lacwasan, Jr., Provincial Governor, Provincial Government of Mountain Province, submitting the Quarterly Financial and Physical Report of Operations for the Quarter ended June 30, 2018 – Conditional Matching Grant to Provinces for Road Repair, Rehabilitation and Improvement (CMGP) 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Email dated July 10, 2018 of Darwin D. David of DILG, Municipality of Balagtas, Province of Bulacan,

submitting the Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation for the Quarter ended June 2018, on the Local Government Support Fund, attested by Eladio E. Gonzales, Jr., Municipal Mayor.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Email dated July 11, 2018 of Darwin D. David of DILG, Municipality of San Ildefonso, Province of Bulacan, submitting the Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation for the Quarter ended June 2018, on the Local Government Support Fund, attested by Paula Carla Galvez-Tan, Municipal Mayor.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation for the Quarter ended June 30, 2018 of the Municipality of Cabatuan, Province of Isabela, on the Local Government Support Fund, attested by Charlton L. Uy, Municipal Mayor.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation for the Quarter ended June 30, 2018 of the Municipality of Peñaranda, Province of Nueva Ecija, on the Local Government Support Fund/Annex W, attested by Ferdinand R. Abesamis, Municipal Mayor.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation for the Quarter ended June 30, 2018 of the Municipality of Quezon, Province of Nueva Ecija, on the Local Government Support Fund, attested by Mariano Cristino N. Josen, Municipal Mayor.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation for the Quarter ended June 30, 2018 of the Province of Misamis Occidental, on the Local Government Support Fund, attested by Herminia M. Ramiro, Provincial Governor.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Report on Fund and Status of Program/Project Implementation as of June 30, 2018 of the Municipality of Candelaria, Province of Zambales, on the Local Government Support Fund/Assistance to Disadvantaged Municipalities, attested by Napoleon E. Edquid, Municipal Mayor.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Quarterly Financial and Physical Report of Operations for the Quarter ended June 30, 2018 of the Province

of Bukidnon, on the Local Government Support Fund – Conditional Matching Grant to Provinces for Road Repair, Rehabilitation and Improvement (CMGP), attested by Jose Ma. R. Zubiri, Jr., Provincial Governor.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Quarterly Financial Report of Operations for the Quarter ended June 30, 2018 of the Province of Rizal, on the Local Government Support Fund – Conditional Matching Grant to Provinces for Road Repair, Rehabilitation and Improvement (CMGP), attested by Rebecca A. Ynares, Provincial Governor.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Quarterly Financial and Physical Accomplishment Report of Operations for the Quarter ended June 30, 2018 of the City of Ilagan, Province of Isabela on Local Government Support Fund – Conditional Matching Grant to Provinces for Road Repair, Rehabilitation and Improvement (CMGP) 2017, attested by Faustino G. Dy III, Provincial Governor.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Quarterly Financial and Physical Report of Operations for the Quarter ended June 30, 2018 of the Province of Bohol, on the Local Government Support Fund – Kalsada Program (Road Repair, Rehabilitation and Improvement), attested by Edgar M. Chatto, Provincial Governor.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Utilization Report – Conditional Matching Grant to Provinces (CMGP) for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter, CY 2018 of the Province of Zambales.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Justice (Committee Report No. 816), re H.B. No. 8078, entitled:

“AN ACT REMOVING THE RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED ON THE REGISTRATION, ACQUISITION, ENCUMBRANCE, ALIENATION, TRANSFER AND CONVEYANCE OF LAND COVERED BY FREE PATENTS UNDER SECTIONS 118, 119 AND 121 OF COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 141, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE PUBLIC LAND ACT’, AS AMENDED”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 3256, 3618, 4091, 4379, 4779, 5838, 6091, 6238 and 6293

Sponsors: Representatives Umali, Salceda, Belmonte (J.C.), Quimbo, Yap (A.), Del Rosario, Hernandez, Salon, Lee and Villafuerte  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Human Rights (Committee Report No. 817), re H.J.R. No. 26, entitled:

“JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS INTENDED FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS DURING THE MARCOS REGIME UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2019, AUTHORIZING THE BUREAU OF TREASURY AND THE LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES TO RELEASE THE FUNDS AND ENSURE THE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS, AND THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO ADMINISTER THE EFFECTIVE DISTRIBUTION OF THE FUNDS TO QUALIFIED VICTIMS OR THEIR HEIRS OR REPRESENTATIVES, AS PROVIDED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10368, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘HUMAN RIGHTS VICTIMS’ REPARATION AND RECOGNITION ACT OF 2013,’ AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10766”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Joint Resolution No. 24

Sponsor: Representative Zarate  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 818), re H.B. No. 8083, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 4, 5, 20, 22, 27, 28, 34, 40, 50, 73, 112, 117, 119, 204, 222, 237, 237-A, 255, 256, 257, 258, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 275, 288, 290 AND ADDING SECTIONS 6-A, 282-A, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 301-A, 301-B, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, AND 314 UNDER THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 36, 231, 1537, 1658, 2379, 3359, 3835, 5384, 6037, 7214, 7364, 7458 and 7982

Sponsors: Representatives Cua, Nograles (K.A.), Gonzales (A.D), Abu, Suansing (H.) and Suansing (E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education (Committee Report No. 819), re H.B. No. 8084, entitled:

“AN ACT RECTIFYING THE PERIOD TO CONSTITUTE THE SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF THE PALOMPON INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND EXTENDING THE DEADLINE FOR ITS COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION FOR CONVERSION INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY, THEREBY AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10599, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT CONVERTING THE PALOMPON INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PALOMPON, PROVINCE OF LEYTE INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE PALOMPON POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY, INTEGRATING THEREWITH THE MARCELINO R. VELOSO NATIONAL POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TABANGO, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR’”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6541

Sponsors: Representatives Hofer and Gomez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mr. Speaker, I move that we acknowledge the presence in the gallery of the guests of Speaker Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, Cong. Aniceto “John” D. Bertiz III and Cong. Anthony M. Bravo, Ph.D. They are Cong. Takemoto Naokazu from the House of Representatives of Japan, together with Miyakawa Takeshi, Secretary of Congressman Takemoto; Kokubo Hikari, Secretary of Congressman Takemoto; Kevin Ochi Keito, PR and Political Adviser; Hanashima Shinpei, Capt. Shigeta Yasuteru and Uchida Takahiro.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The guests of our honorable Speaker, our friends from Japan, welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*  
The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HERRERA-DY. May I also request that we acknowledge the presence of the guests of Cong. Evelina G. Escudero. They are the students from Nanzan University, Nagoya, Japan led by Prof. Hajime Sato.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The guests of Congresswoman Escudero will please rise. Welcome to the House of Representatives. They are also from Japan. *(Applause)*  
The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HERRERA-DY. May we also acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Rolando G. Andaya Jr., our Majority Leader. They are the members of the Sangguniang Kabataan Federation of San Luis and Mabini headed by Maria Louise Vale and Kim Arvin Catabay.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Sila po ay mga panauhin ko.

REP. HERRERA-DY. I am sorry, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Mula po sila sa bayan ng San Luis at Mabini, mga susunod na lider namin sa aming distrito, mga Sangguniang Kabataan. Mabuhay kayo at salamat sa pagparito ninyo sa House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

REP. HERRERA-DY. Pagpaumanhin po ninyo, guests pala sila ng ating Deputy Speaker.

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

REP. HERRERA-DY. May we also acknowledge the presence of the 24 Barangay Captains from the Municipality of San Luis headed by its ABC President Aileen Ocampo from the Second Legislative District of the Province of Batangas.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Bukas po sila darating and we will recognize them tomorrow.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mr. Speaker, nandito po ba ang inyong guests, mga recipients ng Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program from the Province of Batangas headed by Ms. Adelaida Dolar?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Mga panauhin po natin sila mula sa lalawigan ng Batangas, mga miyembro po ng 4Ps. Mabuhay po kayo at welcome sa House of Representatives. *(Applause)*  
The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HERRERA-DY. I move that we acknowledge the presence of the guests of AKBAYAN Rep. Tomasito “Tom” S. Villarín. They are from the Samahan ng Nagkakaisang Pamilya ng Pantawid.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The guests of Akbayan Rep. Tom Villarín, the members of the 4Ps, please rise. Welcome to the House of Representatives. Mabuhay po kayo. *(Applause)*  
The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HERRERA-DY. I move that we acknowledge the presence of the guests of Cong. Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte, Representative from the Sixth District of Quezon City. Sila po ay mga miyembro ng Samahan ng Nagkakaisang Pamilya sa Pantawid mula po sa ika-Anim na Distrito ng Lungsod Quezon.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The guests of the Sixth District Representative from Quezon City, the Hon. Kit Belmonte, welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

REP. HERRERA-DY. I move that we acknowledge the presence of the guests of Cong. Jeffrey D. Khonghun from the First District of Zambales. They are the Barangay Council members and other officials of Barangay Banicain, Olongapo City, Zambales.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Mga kaibigan po namin sa Zambales mula sa distrito ni Congressman Khonghun, mabuhay po kayo. Welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HERRERA-DY. I also move that we acknowledge the presence of the guests of Cong. Romero "Miro" S. Quimbo. Sila po ang mga beneficiaries ng Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program or 4Ps from Marikina City.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The members of the 4Ps from Marikina City, guests of Cong. Miro Quimbo, welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HERRERA-DY. I move that we acknowledge the presence of the guests of Cong. Manuel Luis T. Lopez. Sila po ang mga miyembro ng Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program mula sa Tondo, Manila.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The members of 4Ps from the district of Rep. Manny Lopez, welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. HERRERA-DY. I move that we suspend the session, Mr. Speaker.

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

*It was 3:16 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 3:28 p.m., the session was resumed.*

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### ROLL CALL

REP. ALONTE. Mr. Speaker, I move that we call the roll of Members. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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. 10, dated August 14, 2018.\**

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Mr. Speaker, the roll call shows that 212 Members responded to the call.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 212 Members responding to the call, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7735 ON THIRD READING

REP. ALONTE. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7735 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, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on August 8, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7735, entitled: AN ACT REPLACING THE QUANTITATIVE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON RICE WITH TARIFFS AND CREATING THE RICE COMPETITIVENESS ENHANCEMENT FUND.

\* See ANNEX (printed separately)

*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 voting on Third Reading\* on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 10, dated August 14, 2018.*

REP. CASILAO. Mr. Speaker, ang boto po ng Kinatawang ito ay “No” at nais ko pong ipaliwanag ang aking boto.

REP. CASTRO (F.). Mr. Speaker, my vote is “No” and I will explain my vote later.

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

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

REP. VILLARIN. I abstain, Mr. Speaker, but I will explain my vote later.

#### RESULT OF THE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 201 affirmative votes, seven negative votes and one abstention, House Bill No. 7735 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### EXPLANATION OF VOTES

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, good afternoon. I move that we have the explanation of votes, with each Member to be recognized in the order these were manifested, and that each of them be given three minutes.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Rep. Ariel “Ka Ayik” B. Casilao is recognized for his explanation of vote.

#### REP. CASILAO EXPLAINS HIS VOTE

REP. CASILAO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Magandang hapon po.

This Representation vehemently votes “No” on House Bill No. 7735. Mr. Speaker, Party-List ANAKPAWIS opposes rice tariffication as it has consistently opposed rice importation everytime the government sees the mirage of rice shortages in this country. Our farmers oppose this Bill because rice tariffication will toll the demise of our rice industry and the further immiseration of

our rice farmers. This Bill totally abandons our rice farmers in favor of rice importation, in favor of rice traders and hoarders at home, and of rice farmers in Vietnam and Thailand and with this abandonment, Mr. Speaker, our country will totally lose its food security.

Since former President Marcos stopped his subsidy and support program for Masagana 99, our government has virtually stopped supporting our rice industry except for its measly support price at the farm gate. Since then, rice farming in the country is like throwing a dice on the table even though the odds against the rice farmers are high. It is a losing proposition, and that is why the bulk of rural poverty can be found in our rice farming sector. As if neglecting our rice industry is not enough, this government is now abandoning our rice farmers with this Bill that will allow rice importation anytime and without limit except the capability of rice importers to pay the tariff duties.

Ang Bill na ito, Mr. Speaker, ay hindi lamang dagok sa ating industriya ng palay at sa ating kasiguruhan ng pagkain. Dagok din ito sa 90 porsiyento ng ating mamamayan na kumakain ng bigas. Sabi nila ay...

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

REP. CASILAO. ... libre ang mangarap, ngunit hindi tayo libreng magsinungaling at magsabog ng mga maling pangako. Bababa daw ang presyo ng bigas kung mag-tariffication tayo. Ipinuslit ang pangakong ito sa kabila nang marami na tayong karanasan tulad ng Agricultural Tariffication Act. Bumaba ba ang presyo ng patatas, sibuyas at bawang? Naiiyak na nga tayo bago pa man hiwain ang sibuyas dahil sa mahal ng presyo. Bumababa ang presyo ng gasolina dahil sa Oil Deregulation Law pero ang mga pangakong ito ay palaging napapako. Ano ang nangyayari, Mr. Speaker? Linggo-linggo ang pagtaas ng presyo ng gasolina.

Two years ago, we enacted a law that declared rice smuggling as economic sabotage. Mr. Speaker, I oppose this Bill dahil ang Bill na magpapahintulot sa pag-importa ng bigas na wala nang limitasyon maliban sa taripa ay matindi pa sa economic sabotage. This Bill spells economic genocide to our 2.4 million rice farmers.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. CASILAO. Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker.



THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Rep. France L. Castro is recognized for her explanation of vote.

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

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Ang Representasyon pong ito ay bumoto ng “No” sa Rice Tariffication Bill sa mga sumusunod na kadahilanan: Una, hindi po ito ang sagot para mapababa ang presyo ng bigas sa ating bansa. Mas dapat mag-focus ang gobyerno sa pagbibigay ng full government subsidy sa mga magsasaka at sa agricultural industry upang hindi kailanganin pa na mag-angkat ng bigas mula sa iba’t ibang bansa at para sumapat na rin ang bigas na mula mismo sa ating mga magsasaka. Ikalawa, walang garantiya na bababa ang presyo ng bigas kahit pa maipasa ito bilang batas dahil sa kasalukuyan ay nag-aangkat na ng bigas mula pa sa ibang bansa pero patuloy pa rin ang pagtaas ng presyo. According to the Philippine Statistics Authority, Mr. Speaker, for the last six months of 2018, the prices of rice have already increased 24 times, with a net increase of P2.65. The price of regular milled rice was P38.04 per kilogram and in the first quarter of the year, it has jacked up to P39.74 per kilogram or an increase of P1.70. Last June, the price moved up to P40.69 per kilogram.

Hindi rin mapipigilan ng Bill na ito ang lumalalang rice smuggling, cartel or hoarding. According to the research group, IBON Foundation, an average of 2.44 million metric tons smuggled rice entered the country from 2011 to 2014. In 2013, 548,656 hectares were affected due to smuggling or 12 percent of the area planted with rice, with P8 to P10 billion in forgone tariff revenues. Lastly, Mr. Speaker, this Bill will decide the fate of our 2.4 million rice farmers and farmworkers.

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

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). It will decide whether they shall live or die of abandonment by their government and of poverty and hunger. This Bill will also decide the fate of 90 percent of the population that eats rice for breakfast, lunch and dinner. It will decide whether they will have to stop eating rice because of its unaffordable high prices or to continue eating rice at the great risk of forfeiting their other basic needs.

Again, Mr. Speaker, my vote is “No” for this Bill na anti-mamamayan at mas lalong anti-magsasaka. Thank you po.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Rep. Emmi A. De Jesus is recognized for her explanation of vote.

REP. DE JESUS EXPLAINS HER VOTE

REP. DE JESUS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Ang pagpapakete ng panukalang batas na ito ay maaaring makalito, kung hindi man sa pinakamasahol ay maaari pang makapanlinlang. Ang Kinatawang ito ay bumoto ng “No” sa Rice Tariffication Bill dahil wala kahit butil na pakinabang ang mga kababaihan at mamamayan dito, lalo na ang mga pisanteng kababaihan. Sinasabi ng mga tagapagsulong ng House Bill No. 7735 na bababa ang presyo ng bigas bunga umano ng mas maraming supply ng bigas sa pamilihan subalit sa aktwal, lalong magmamahal ang presyo ng bigas at gutom ang aabutin ng mga kapatid nating mga magsasaka.

Sa ilalim ng panukalang batas, tatanggalin ang rice import quota at papalitan ng tariff rate para sa imports. Lalong babaha ang imported na bigas na lalong pipilay sa lokal na produksiyon ng palay. Ang 300,000 metric tons lang ng palay ang target na bilhin ng NFA mula sa mga lokal na magsasaka o 1.6 porsiyento lang ng produksiyon sa bansa pero malinaw naman sa mandato ng NFA na dapat 10 porsiyento ang bibilihin nito. Kapag naging batas itong rice tariffication, higit na maisasantabi ang mga lokal na magsasaka dahil lalong mamamayani ang mga rice importers at traders na siyang pangunahing makikinabang, at dahil nasa mas bentaheng posisyon ang kartel, tiyak na mas masahol pa ang manipulasyon ng presyo ng bigas.

Ngunit tila nilagyan pa ng palamuti ang panukalang batas. Naglagay dito ng probisyon hinggil sa Agricultural Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (ACEF) para umano matulungan ang mga magsasaka na pataasin ang produktibidad subalit 80 porsiyento ng Agricultural Competitiveness Enhancement Fund ay nasa porma ng pautang. Bakit pagtutubuan pa...

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

REP. DE JESUS. ... ng interes ang mga magsasaka gamit ang panukalang ito? Kung sinsero ang gobyerno na solusyunan ang problema sa bigas, dapat nitong harapin ang matagal nang panawagan para sa tunay na reporma sa lupa at ito lamang ang magtitiyak ng produksiyong agrikultural na nakatuon sa pagpo-produce ng pagkain para sa mamamayang Pilipino. Taliwas sa neoliberal na dikta na umaasa sa importasyon at export ng hilaw na produksiyong agrikultural. Muli, para sa mga kadahilangang ito, itinatala ng Kinatawang ito ang boto na “No” sa Rice Tariffication Bill.

Maraming salamat po, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Ang susunod ay ang Kinatawan na si Tomasito “Tom” S. Villarin ng AKBAYAN Party-List.

## REP. VILLARIN EXPLAINS HIS VOTE

REP. VILLARIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

AKBAYAN Party-List casts an abstention vote on the measure because tariffication alone, Mr. Speaker, will not solve the problem of rice crisis. While this Representation admits that there were safeguards put in the proposed Bill, the present administration's economic policies point to the contrary. We are now moving towards the full liberalization of our agriculture sector. We are moving to provide direct subsidies for our farmers and we are even cutting down the budget for agriculture. So, with these contradicting economic policies of the administration, and with the contention that tariffication alone without having other policy measures like the implementation of the National Land Use Act, the ban on land use conversion of irrigated and irrigable lands, and the provision of subsidies to small farmers—without these, Mr. Speaker, I think that tariffication will only put our local farmers and our local agriculture in danger of extinction.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Thank you.

Rep. Antonio L. Tinio of ACT TEACHERS Party-List is recognized.

## REP. TINIO EXPLAINS HIS VOTE

REP. TINIO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, bumoto po ako ng “No” at nagpapahayag ng pagkadismaya at pagkondena sa Rice Tariffication Bill na ito bilang pagtalikod sa kapakanan ng mahigit 3.6 milyong rice farmers and rice farmworkers at ang kanilang mga pamilya. Sa kabuuan, mahigit 15 milyong kababayan natin ang masasalanta ng kabuhayan dahil sa pagpasa ng panukalang batas na ito na magbubukas sa pag-importa ng bigas. Wala na pong anumang limitasyon sa volume o sa dami ng bigas na maaaring ma-importa kung sakaling matuloy ang pagsasabatas na ito. Alam naman po natin ang mangyayari kapag binuksan na ang mga imports. Mamamatay po ang lokal na industriya tulad ng nangyari sa garment industry ng Pilipinas noon, sa steel industry, sa shoe industry at marami pang iba, sa vegetable industry sa norte noong dekada 90 nang buksan ang importation. Ganoon din po ang mangyayari dito.

Sinasamantala po ng kasalukuyang administrasyon ang kagustuhan ng marami na maibsan ang impact ng 5.7 percent inflation rate para ipasa ang panukalang batas na ito. Pinagbabangga po ang interes ng nakararaming Pilipino para sa mas mababang presyo ng bigas at ang pangmatagalang interes ng

Pilipinas na mapanatili ang ating rice self-sufficiency. Sa katunayan, sa halip na sisihin po ang mga magsasaka—ang mga magsasaka po ang sinisisi dito, iyong mga magsasaka natin dahil sinasabing “hindi kasi kayo efficient, mahal ang palay o bigas na pino-produce ninyo, mas mura iyong galing sa Vietnam at sa Thailand.”

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

REP. TINIO. Paano natin masisisi ang sarili nating mga magsasaka kung sila ay baon sa utang? Ngayon, bakit sila baon sa utang? Dahil kapos na kapos po sila sa suporta ng gobyerno para sa tunay na land reform, para sa access sa capital, facilities at iba pa, hindi tulad ng ginagawa ng mga gobyerno ng Vietnam, Thailand at iba pa. Kagagawan din po ng gobyerno kung bakit mas mahal ang presyo ng bigas na lokal at hindi dapat ito gawing dahilan para ngayon ay itulak ang batas na ito na papatay sa kabuhayan ng ating mga rice producers.

Sa mga kadahilanang ito po, bumoboto po tayo ng “No.”

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7735  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). I was just informed by the Secretariat that we have a correction on the result of the voting on House Bill No. 7735. We have 200 affirmative votes, seven negative votes and two abstentions.

House Bill No. 7735 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, with that, I move that we send to the Senate, that we transmit House Bill ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). No. 7735.

REP. DEFENSOR. ... No. 7735 which we just approved on Third Reading.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we take up the Additional Reference of Business and for this, that we please direct the Secretary General to read the same.

I so move.

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 Bills on First Reading, and the Deputy Speaker made the corresponding references:*

#### BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 8085, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE SALE, DISTRIBUTION, AND USE OF FIRECRACKERS AND OTHER PYROTECHNIC DEVICES, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF”

By Representative Villafuerte  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 8086, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE TOTAL INDEMNITY CLAIM FOR DEATH OR SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY TO ANY PASSENGER OR THIRD PARTY WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF PROVING FAULT OF NEGLIGENCE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 378 OF THE INSURANCE CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Villafuerte  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 8087, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7743, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PROVINCIAL, CITY, AND MUNICIPAL LIBRARIES AND BARANGAY READING CENTER THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES,’ AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villafuerte  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 8088, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING NEW COMMERCIAL, INSTITUTIONAL, AND RESIDENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN METRO MANILA AND MAJOR CITIES IN THE PHILIPPINES TO INSTALL RAINWATER

RETENTION FACILITIES, AND IMPOSING PENAL PROVISIONS IN CASE OF VIOLATIONS”

By Representative Villafuerte  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 8089, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING TEACHER HEALTH AND WELLNESS BY REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) TO CARRY OUT A STUDY TO ADD TO THE SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE ON REDUCING TEACHER STRESS AND INCREASING TEACHER RETENTION AND WELL-BEING, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villafuerte  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 8090, entitled:

“AN ACT PENALIZING ACTS INIMICAL TO PROPER FOOD HANDLING AND PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS, AS PROVIDED BY CHAPTER III OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 856, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CODE ON SANITATION OF THE PHILIPPINES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Villafuerte  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 8091, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO RADIO AUDIENCE DEVELOPERS INTEGRATED ORGANIZATIONS, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8083 ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE RADIO AUDIENCE DEVELOPERS INTEGRATED ORGANIZATIONS, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN COMMERCIAL RADIO STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES’”

By Representative Enverga  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 8092, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO BEACON COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8063 ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE

BEACON COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN COMMERCIAL RADIO STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES’ ”

By Representative Enverga  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 8093, entitled:

“ANACTRENEWINGFORANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO PHILIPPINE RADIO CORPORATION UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8032 ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE PHILIPPINE RADIO CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN COMMERCIAL RADIO STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES’ ”

By Representative Aggabao  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 8094, entitled:

“ANACTRENEWINGFORANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE(25)YEARS THEFRANCHISE GRANTED TO RADYO PILIPINO CORPORATION UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8145 ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE RADYO PILIPINO CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN COMMERCIAL RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS, SATELLITE AND CABLE STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES’ ”

By Representatives Enverga and Aggabao  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

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

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 2056

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 2056, as reported out by the Committee on Rules.

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 hereby directed to read 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. 2056, entitled: RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE POSITION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT WHEN CONGRESS CONVENES AS A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY TO PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO, OR REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 1, PARAGRAPH 1 OF ARTICLE XVII OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION, THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SHALL VOTE SEPARATELY.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Those who are in favor, please ...

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. May we know the pleasure of the Gentleman, Mr. Speaker?

REP. FARIÑAS. I would like to ask several questions about the Resolution that we are approving.

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move for suspension of the session, Mr. Speaker.

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

*It was 4:23 p.m.*

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 4:24 p.m., the session was resumed.*

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

\* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF  
H. RES. NO. 2056

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we suspend the consideration of House Resolution No. 2056.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. In the meantime, Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the honorable Minority Leader, Rep. Danilo E. Suarez.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Hon. Danilo Suarez, the Minority Leader is recognized.

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS OF THE  
MINORITY BLOC

REP. SUAREZ. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I respectfully move that the following be recognized as the new members of the Minority Bloc of this Seventeenth Congress: the Hon. Michelle M. Antonio, Party-List AGBIAG; the Hon. Francisco G. Datol Jr., Party-List SENIOR CITIZEN; the Hon. Benhur B. Lopez Jr., Party-List YACAP; the Hon. Milagros Aquino-Magsaysay, Party-List SENIOR CITIZEN; the Hon. Francisco Jose F. Matugas II, Surigao del Norte, First District; the Hon. Teodoro "Ted" G. Montoro, Party-List AASENSO; the Hon. Joseph Stephen S. Paduano from Party-List ABANG-LINGKOD; the Hon. Frederick W. Siao from Iligan City, Lone District; and the Hon. Carlos Roman L. Uybarreta from Party-List 1-CARE.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). To the Committee on Rules.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 2056  
*Continuation*

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we resume the consideration of House Resolution No. 2056 and for this purpose, that we please direct our Secretary General to again read the title of the Resolution.

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

The Secretary General is hereby directed to read the title of House Resolution No. 2056.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Resolution No. 2056, entitled: RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE POSITION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT WHEN CONGRESS CONVENES AS A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY TO PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO, OR REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 1, PARAGRAPH 1 OF ARTICLE XVII OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION, THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SHALL VOTE SEPARATELY.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, our parliamentary status is that we will have an interpellation because the Hon. Rodolfo C. Fariñas wishes to ask questions. For that, 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. DEFENSOR. To sponsor the measure, Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize one of the principal authors of this Resolution, the Hon. Vicente "Ching" S. E. Veloso.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Chairperson of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, the Hon. Ching Veloso is recognized to sponsor the said House Resolution No. 2056.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR. May we know if the honorable Sponsor wishes to deliver a sponsorship speech or can we go directly to the interpellation?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What is the pleasure of the Gentleman from Leyte, the Honorable Veloso?

REP. VELOSO. We can go directly to the interpellation, Your Honor, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. To that, Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Rodolfo Fariñas.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The

honorable Gentleman from Ilocos Norte is recognized to interpellate the honorable Sponsor of House Resolution No. 2056.

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

Will the Gentleman yield to some questions?

REP. VELOSO. Willingly, Mr. Speaker.

REP. FARIÑAS. First question is that, Mr. Speaker—did this Resolution pass through the Committee on Constitutional Amendments?

REP. VELOSO. Yes, Mr. Speaker, in fact, it went directly to the Committee on Rules. It did not pass through the Committee on Constitutional Amendments but it was filed directly with the Committee on Rules.

REP. FARIÑAS. Yes, Mr. Speaker, because I do not recall receiving any notice of hearing on this matter. Mr. Speaker, will the Sponsor agree with me that this is a very important Resolution because the House of Representatives is interpreting a provision of the Constitution?

REP. VELOSO. Well, Mr. Speaker, this is so, but the House of Representatives is not the judiciary, strictly speaking, when it comes to interpretation of the Constitution.

REP. FARIÑAS. Well, it is already stating that or the House is expressing its position that when Congress convenes as a Constituent Assembly to propose amendments to, or revision of the Constitution pursuant to Section 1, paragraph 1 of Article XVII of the 1987 Constitution, the Senate and the House of Representatives shall vote separately. So, it is an interpretation of the Constitution because that provision referred to, and I will read, Mr. Speaker, Article XVII, AMENDMENTS OR REVISIONS, it says: “Section 1. Any amendment to, or revision of, this Constitution may be proposed by: The Congress, upon a vote of three-fourths of all its Members.”

So, that is the very clear constitutional provision, but this Resolution is now saying that this sentence or provision of the Constitution means that both Chambers will vote separately. So, it is an important interpretation of the Constitution because half of the Congress is already saying that. It reads the Constitution to mean that it shall vote separately.

It is a very basic rule of construction, Mr. Speaker, that when the law or a constitutional provision does not distinguish, we should not distinguish. The Constitution clearly states that in any amendment to, or revision

of the Constitution, a proposal for such purpose shall be made by three-fourths vote of all Members of Congress.

REP. VELOSO. Two things, Mr. Speaker: number one, as Senior Vice Chair of the Committee—again, as then Senior Vice Chair of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, when the Honorable Fariñas was still the Majority Leader, I took the position and, in fact, I discussed this when I was interviewed in *ANC* that personally, I took it to mean that this would mean three-fourths in joint voting, not voting separately. I even explained, with regard to the explanation of former Chief Justice Davide, that the intention was voting separately, they were talking then of a unicameral Congress except that come votation, it lost by one vote. I even said, Mr. Speaker, that whoever says that voting should be separately, intention-wise, it must be a lie because, as I said, Article VI, if you take a look at Article VI of the Constitution, Section 1, it defines Congress as bicameral, constituted of the House of Representatives and the Senate. Then, I said: “Sections 2, 3, 4, they all speak of the Senate. Sections 5, 6, 7, they speak of the House of Representatives. Then, from Section 8 up to Section 14, they all speak of both the Senate and the House of Representatives.”

During the time when the Honorable Fariñas was the Majority Floor Leader, I personally took the position that when voting is to be made at the Constituent Assembly, this would be voting jointly. I then was following the lead of the former Speaker, the Hon. Pantaleon D. Alvarez, that we can even do it alone.

Mr. Speaker, this is my second point, a very important point. We had a change in leadership: the Speaker now is the Hon. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. She is taking the position and she is, in fact, appealing to the majority of this House that we take the position that if the Constituent Assembly will vote, it will vote separately, just so the matter of revision of the Constitution will start moving.

Mr. Speaker, we are only coming up with the Resolution expressing the position. This is a position which the Honorable Fariñas can bring to the Supreme Court, but he cannot stop this Representation from taking the position that if voting will be done in the Constituent Assembly, it will be voting separately. This is a position, singular, insofar as it concerns this Representation and collectively, Mr. Speaker, if my colleagues in this House will follow suit.

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, I am not stopping the Sponsor. I am interpellating—to ask questions for him to enlighten me because this is a very important constitutional provision which will guide our posterity.

Mr. Speaker, the Constitution provides several instances of voting. First is—there are four instances. In Article VII, when the President proclaims martial law or suspends the privilege of the writ of *habeas corpus*, it states under Section 18, Article VI that “the Congress, voting jointly, by a vote of at least a majority of all its Members in regular or special session, may revoke such proclamation or suspension.” So, that is one instance. The second instance is when the President wishes to extend the period of the proclamation of martial law, which was exactly what we did here in two instances—when the President proclaimed martial law, we met here in joint session and voted jointly together with the Senate. And, again, when the President wanted to extend it until the end of the year, we convened in joint session and we voted jointly. So, those are two instances. The other instance would be under Section 23 of Article VI which defines the power of the President, where it says: “The Congress, by a vote of two-thirds of both Houses in joint session assembled, voting separately, shall have the sole power to declare the existence of a state of war.”

So there, it is very clear. In martial law, we have a joint session, we vote jointly in the declaration by a majority vote, but in the declaration of the existence of war, it is joint session but with two-thirds vote, voting separately. It is very clear. Then, the third and fourth instances are found in the amendments to the Constitution. When it talks of amendments to the Constitution, it simply says that the Congress, upon a vote of three-fourths of all its Members, may propose amendments to or revision of the Constitution. The other instance is that it may be, by a vote of two-thirds of all its Members, through a constitutional convention.

So, Mr. Speaker, the Constitution distinguishes the voting when it comes to the proclamation of martial law and the extension of the proclamation of martial law. In the same manner, it also distinguishes the manner of voting when it comes to the declaration of the existence of a state of war. In this particular case, it does not distinguish and if the Constitution does not distinguish, neither should we distinguish. It says “three-fourths of all its Members.” Mr. Speaker, will the Sponsor show me any provision in the Constitution that talks of a constituent assembly.

REP. VELOSO. Mr. Speaker, before I go to that, I will adopt the argument of the Honorable Fariñas. Section 9, Article VII, also says:

Whenever there is a vacancy in the Office of Vice-President during the term for which he was elected, the President shall nominate a Vice-President from among the Members of the Senate and the House of Representatives who shall assume office upon confirmation by a majority vote of all Members of both Houses of Congress, voting separately.

REP. FARIÑAS. That is correct, but there is a distinction.

REP. VELOSO. Again, Mr. Speaker, we are not jurists here, we are not the Supreme Court, but we are legislators free to adopt a position in a particular debatable issue which has not been settled yet. I am sure that any vote here will be elevated to the Supreme Court and we will wait for that. We can even trigger such an occurrence by our coming up with a vote affirming or adopting House Resolution No. 2056.

REP. FARIÑAS. My question has not been answered, Mr. Speaker. Is there any provision in the Constitution referring to a Constituent Assembly?

REP. VELOSO. Mr. Speaker, let me read: “Any amendment to, or revision of, this Constitution may be proposed by: (1) The Congress, upon a vote of three-fourths of all its Members.” When we speak of “three-fourths of all its Members,” it cannot just be taken to mean voting separately, neither can it be taken to mean as voting jointly. When we say “three-fourths of all its Members,” the Members of Congress are of two Houses and they therefore will be constituted to revise or amend the Constitution. If the Constitution does not so define the meaning of a Constituent Assembly, it is not for this Representation, Mr. Speaker, to begrudge the authors, and neither can I be compelled to say that just because the Constitution does not define a Constituent Assembly, House Resolution No. 2056 is not well-grounded.

REP. FARIÑAS. My point is, Mr. Speaker, under the Constitution, legislative power is defined under Article VI, Section 1, where it says that “The legislative power is vested in the Congress of the Philippines...” which is constituted of two Houses. Precisely, when we enact a law, it has to be approved by both Houses. We approved it here, it goes to the Senate, and they have to approve it. If we cannot agree, we have a bicameral conference committee, and if we agree on that bill, it goes to the President for approval. That is the legislative power.

The constituent power is granted to us by the sovereign Filipino people. It is not granted to Congress, and it is very much different from the legislative power, Mr. Speaker, because in the constituent power, we only make proposals, we cannot adopt or approve anything that will be of any effect.

Precisely, I beg to disagree with the Senate that, since we are a bicameral Congress, we should also work as a bicameral assembly in terms of proposing amendments to the Constitution. That would be, I think, a wrong interpretation because we will be held hostage by 24 Members as against people here who represent every nook and corner of the country, Mr. Speaker. We do not even have a single Senator in the whole of Region

I, so why should they decide about what happens or what is proposed to the sovereign Filipino people as far as revisions or amendments to the Constitution.

So, it is my position, Mr. Speaker, that as long as you get three-fourths vote of all the Members of Congress, you can come up with a proposal, anyway it is just a proposal. You submit it to the people and if the people approve it, the people would have acted through their Representatives. There is even a people's initiative. In fact, Article VI of the Constitution, in defining the Legislative Department, it says therein:

Section 1. The legislative power shall be vested in the Congress of the Philippines which shall consist of a Senate and a House of Representatives, except to the extent reserved to the people by the provision on initiative and referendum.

Mr. Speaker, with due respect to the Sponsor, we are interpreting the Constitution. We are not jurists here, he says, but the interpretation of the Constitution is not limited to the Supreme Court. Congress also interprets the Constitution. Precisely, we are already interpreting the Constitution because the Constitution says that it shall be "upon three-fourths vote." I cannot imagine, Mr. Speaker, how we would be working three-fourths there and three-fourths here. How can we be discussing the same things if the Senate already took a position that they will not join us in an assembly and they would rather meet like we were passing a law. I think that is absolutely wrong, Mr. Speaker, because in the passage of a law, indeed, whatever we approve here, we send it to them and then, they review it and if they do not agree, we have a bicameral conference. That is what they are trying to do with respect to constituent power.

Constituent power is reserved to the people of the Philippines but the people of the Philippines delegated it to Congress upon three-fourths vote. So, it is my belief, with due respect to the Sponsor, and I will abide by the vote of the Body, that any proposal to amend or revise the Constitution may be made as long as you get three-fourths vote of all the Members of Congress and then, submit it to the people and it will be up to the people to approve or reject such proposal.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

#### SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 2056

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we suspend the consideration of House Resolution No. 2056.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move for a suspension of the session.

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

*It was 4:47 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 4:48 p.m., the session was resumed.*

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8083 ON SECOND READING

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 8083, contained in Committee Report No. 818, as reported out by the Committees on Ways and Means, 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. 8083, entitled: AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 4, 5, 20, 22, 27, 28, 34, 40, 50, 73, 112, 117, 119, 204, 222, 237, 237-A, 255, 256, 257, 258, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 275, 288, 290 AND ADDING SECTIONS 6-A, 282-A, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 301-A, 301-B, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, AND 314

\* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)



UNDER THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

#### PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. DEFENSOR. 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. DEFENSOR. To sponsor the measure, Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the distinguished Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, the Hon. Dakila Carlo E. Cua.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The distinguished Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, Rep. Dax Cua, is recognized to sponsor House Bill No. 8083.

#### SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REP. CUA

REP. CUA. Maraming salamat po sa kagalang-galang nating Deputy Speaker, mga kasamahan sa Kamara, mga kawani ng Mababang Kapulungan, mga kasamahan mula sa Ehekutibo, mga natatanging bisita:

Magandang hapon po sa ating lahat. Ngayong hapon, sana po ay paunlakan ninyo at kilalanin ang inihahain kong panukalang batas na tinatawag na TRABAHO o Tax Reform for Attracting Better and High-Quality Opportunities. Ang TRABAHO Bill ay isa sa priority legislation ng ating Pangulong Duterte. Produkto po ito ng anim na hearings sa Committee on Ways and Means, isang technical working group at di mabilang na meetings at fora kasama ng pribadong sektor.

Ang panukalang ito ay hindi magpapataw ng karagdagang buwis sa mga bilingin. Ang layunin po nito ay ang paglikha ng mas maraming trabaho at oportunidad sa ating bansa sa pamamagitan ng paghikayat ng private o pribadong sektor na tumaya at mamuhunan sa Pilipinas para palaguin ang kanilang negosyo dito. Ibababa ng TRABAHO Bill ang ating corporate income tax rate sa 20 percent mula sa kasalukuyang 30 percent. Malaking ginhawa po ito, lalo na sa ating small and medium enterprises (SMEs) na tinatantiyang halos 95 percent ng lahat ng corporate taxpayers ng ating bansa. Ang ibig sabihin po nito, ang pera na dating ginagasta

para magbayad ng buwis ay puwede nang gamitin para palaguin ang negosyo, palakihin ang suweldo, o di kaya pababain ang presyo ng kanilang ibinibenta.

Bukod dito, hahabol na rin po tayo sa ating mga karatig-bansa. Sa ngayon po kasi, 20 percent ang corporate income tax rate sa Cambodia, Thailand at Vietnam; at 17 percent naman po sa Singapore. Napakalayo sa ating 30 percent, na isang hadlang para mag-invest sa Pilipinas.

REP. DE JESUS. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). I am not yet recognizing Representative De Jesus.

REP. DE JESUS. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What is the pleasure of Rep. Emmi A. De Jesus?

REP. DE JESUS. Itatanong ko lang po, kasi ngayon ay sinasabi ng Sponsor na mahalaga po ang panukalang ito pero lumalabas po na wala tayong quorum.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

*It was 4:53 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 4:55 p.m., the session was resumed.*

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, the parliamentary status is that we are in the sponsorship of the honorable Chairman. May we again recognize Rep. Dax Cua.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The honorable Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, Rep. Dax Cua, is recognized.

REP. CUA. Maraming salamat po, G. Ispiker, kung maaari ko pong ipagpatuloy.

Maliban sa pagbaba ng corporate income tax, magkakaroon po tayo ng bagong sistema ng pagbibigay ng incentives. Sa ilalim ng bagong sistema, hanggang lima o pitong taon na lamang ang itatagal ng incentives. Sabi nga po ng mga kapwa ko millennials, walang forever. Dinisenyo po natin ang sistema na ganito upang bigyan ng kapangyarihan ang pamahalaan na

ma-review ang performance ng mga kompanyang nakakakuha ng incentives kada ilang taon. Ang gusto po natin ay masiguro na ang tulong ng gobyerno ay napupunta lamang sa mga kompanya na patuloy na may ambag sa ekonomiya at sa paglikha ng mga trabaho. Ang gusto po nating iparating sa mga investors, may forever kung pag-iigihan. Kung ikaw ay isang investor na patuloy na lumilikha ng bagong trabaho para sa mga Pilipino, nagdadagdag ng investment, nagre-research and development o may innovation, mag-apply ka lang ulit bago matapos ang incentives na nakukuha mo ngayon para mabigyan ka ng panibagong lima o pitong taon ng incentives. Sa ilalim po ng bagong rehimen, may karagdagang dalawang taon ng incentives ang mga investments sa labas ng urban or metro area. Higit sa trabaho ang gusto po natin; ang gusto natin ay trabaho sa bawat sulok ng Pilipinas. Kailangang-kailangan po natin ang investments sa labas ng lungsod, lalung-lalo na sa agrikultura, upang sabay-sabay tayong makinabang sa paglago ng bansa.

Sa aking mga kapwa Mambabatas, huwag po sana nating palagpasin ang pagkakataon na gawing top investment destination ang ating bansa. Ituloy po natin ang pagbabago at siguraduhing mapapakinabangan natin ang paglago ng ekonomiya sa pamamagitan ng paglikha ng trabaho. Tungkulin po natin sa bawat Pilipino na magbigay ng mga oportunidad na paunlarin ang kanilang sarili. Sana po ay magsama-sama tayo para sa trabaho.

Maraming salamat at magandang hapon po.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, likewise, to sponsor the measure, may we recognize one of the authors, the Hon. Estrellita B. Suansing.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Hon. Estrellita Suansing of Nueva Ecija is recognized to sponsor House Bill No. 8083.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REP. SUANSING (E.)

REP. SUANSING (E.). Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues in this august Chamber, I rise today to sponsor House Bill No. 8083 which, when passed, shall be known as The Tax Reform for Attracting Better and High-Quality Opportunities or TRABAHO. This is the second package of the Comprehensive Tax Reform Program which seeks to reform the corporate income tax system and broaden the tax base by modernizing investment tax incentives to enhance fairness, improve competitiveness, plug tax leakages and achieve fiscal sustainability.

Our country's current corporate income tax system is characterized by a high rate with a narrow base.

Despite having the highest corporate income tax rate in the ASEAN Region at 30 percent, our tax collection efficiency is one of the lowest and this is because the tax base is seriously eroded by a system which provides for very generous tax incentives which are given in perpetuity in lieu of other taxes. However, despite granting generous incentives to both foreign and domestic investments in the Philippines, the rate of job creation as well as export performance has not increased significantly and is much lower than those of our ASEAN neighbors.

This means that our government is currently not able to successfully translate its generous incentive scheme into investment and overseas business. Therefore, measures need to be put in place to ensure that the economic benefits reaped from providing tax incentives are maximized and are greater than the significant costs associated with the foregoing tax revenues.

The cost of tax incentives to the country is staggering. In 2015, the Department of Finance estimated that the investment tax incentive system cost the government around P301 billion in foregone income tax, value-added tax, and customs duties, not including local taxes and leakages. This amount translated to more than two percent of the country's gross domestic product. This staggering cost warrants the reform of the incentives system to one that is time-bound, performance-based, transparent and targeted to ensure that the redundant incentives are removed, the benefits fully outweigh the costs, and fiscal prudence is maintained at all times. A cost-benefit analysis done by the Department of Finance showed that on average, there is no difference between the performance of firms receiving tax incentives, and firms not receiving incentives in terms of employment, exports, investments and productivity.

This measure seeks to correct this by making the incentives system performance-based, to one that provides incentives only to deserving recipients who will directly contribute to the national development, research and innovation, and to the generation of jobs and investments, especially in less developed areas in the country and those recovering from armed conflict or major disasters. This measure also seeks to expand the present narrow base by making the incentive system time-bound, meaning that incentives will not be granted in perpetuity. Data collated by the Department of Finance from investment promotion agencies showed that 654 firms have been enjoying incentives for 15 years or more. With tax incentives modernized and the tax base expanded, the corporate income tax rate can be reduced to correct the present inequitable and unjust system which benefits a few industries while negatively impacting on the rest of the business community, notably micro, small and medium-sized enterprises which are made to pay the regular 30 percent corporate income tax rate. The

reduction in corporate income tax rate will also boost the Philippines' competitiveness in the global business landscape by making the country's corporate income tax rate at par with neighboring Asian countries.

May we also note that this proposed measure will provide structural adjustments to compensate workers who may be affected by the rationalization of fiscal incentives. Under the Bill: 1) P500 million shall be appropriated annually to provide targeted cash grants or other support programs to affected workers of firms; 2) P500 million will likewise be appropriated annually to provide targeted trainings to affected workers of firms; 3) P5 billion shall be allocated annually for the skills upgrading program of the IT-BPO industry. The funds shall be solely used to pay for formal academic training programs in accredited private or public schools and training centers; 4) P15 billion, in addition to any adjustment fund appropriated under the budgets of pertinent government departments and agencies, shall be appropriated for the development of infrastructure surrounding and within special economic zones.

Finally, incentives alone are not enough to attract investments and consequently create jobs. A more comprehensive strategy is needed, which must include key investments and improvements in infrastructures, skilled labor, ease of doing business, and integration of the domestic supply chain. Implementing such strategy in order to develop a favorable investment climate requires, among others, a stable source of revenues. In line with this, one of the most important aspects of this measure is that it seeks to reform the tax system by removing redundant and costly tax incentives in order to generate tax revenues which will be used to fund priority programs geared towards improving our country's competitiveness in the long term. This would not only give businesses of all sizes a level playing field, but would also foster a more favorable investment climate by providing efficient and reliable infrastructure, improving the ease of doing business and developing a productive and skilled work force. Ultimately, this Bill seeks to transform the present complex and costly corporate income tax system, not only into a system that fosters a more competitive business environment but into a key tool in the country's overall poverty reduction efforts as it generates funds for critical investments in basic services, encourages equitable and inclusive growth and promotes investments in less-developed areas of the country.

Let me end my sponsorship remarks by saying that this proposed measure is crucial and vital to the agenda of the Duterte administration which includes infrastructure development, education for all, access to health care and social protection. With this, I call on my distinguished colleagues to support this noble endeavor.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, distinguished colleagues.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Thank you, Congresswoman Suansing.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8083

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we suspend the consideration of House Bill No. 8083.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, I move to elect as Chairperson of the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability, Rep. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo vice Rep. Johnny Ty Pimentel.

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.

#### ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

REP. MARCOLETA. On the part of the Majority, Mr. Speaker, I move to elect as members of the Committee on Health, the following: Rep. Ma. Theresa V. Collantes vice Rep. Rodolfo T. Albano III, and Rep. Eric M. Martinez vice Rep. Ruwel Peter S. Gonzaga.

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. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we take up local bills in the Business for Thursday and Friday:

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

OMNIBUS CONSIDERATION OF LOCAL BILLS  
ON SECOND READING

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move for the omnibus consideration of the following local bills contained in the Calendar of Business for Thursday and Friday:

House Bill No. 7846, contained in Committee Report No. 783;

House Bill No. 7881, contained in Committee Report No. 793;

House Bill No. 8006, contained in Committee Report No. 807;

House Bill No. 8055, contained in Committee Report No. 809;

House Bill No. 8069, contained in Committee Report No. 811;

House Bill No. 8070, contained in Committee Report No. 812; and

House Bill No. 8071, contained in Committee Report No. 813.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. DEFENSOR. 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. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider the Explanatory Note of the Bill 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.

REP. DEFENSOR. There being no Member who wishes to interpellate or speak against these measures, Mr. Speaker, 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.

REP. DEFENSOR. 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. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, since there are 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. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move for the omnibus approval on Second Reading of the aforesaid local measures.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). As many as are in favor of the approval of the bills enumerated in the omnibus motion, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). As many as 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. 7811  
ON SECOND READING

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, again, this is to further take up local bills on Second Reading. We are taking these local bills up separately because there are Committee amendments, Mr. Speaker.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 7811, as contained in Committee Report No. 771, as reported out by the Committees on Health, 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.\*

\* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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. 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.

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

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move for the suspension of the session.

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

*It was 5:12 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 5:12 p.m., the session was resumed.*

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, for this measure, 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. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider the Explanatory Note of the Bill 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.

REP. DEFENSOR. Since there are no Member who

wishes to interpellate or speak against the measure, Mr. Speaker, 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.

REP. DEFENSOR. 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.

#### COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to propose the following amendments to House Bill No. 7811: First, on Section 1, line 1, between the article “a” and the word “hospital,” delete the word “tertiary” and in lieu thereof, insert the word SPECIALTY.

I move for the approval of this amendment.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR. Second, Mr. Speaker, change the title of the Bill to the following: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIALTY 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.

I move for the approval of this amendment.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR. There being no more Committee amendments and no individual amendments, Mr. Speaker, 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.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move for the approval of House Bill No. 7811, as amended, on Second Reading.

## VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 7811, as amended, on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBES. *Aye*.

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7811, AS AMENDED,  
ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 7811, as amended, is approved on Second Reading.

## CHANGE OF REFERRAL OF H.B. NO. 5340

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, in the interim, I move for the change of referral of the following measure:

House Bill No. 5340, entitled: AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 3 OF REPUBLIC 4200, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT TO PROHIBIT AND PENALIZE WIRE TAPPING AND OTHER RELATED VIOLATIONS OF THE PRIVACY OF COMMUNICATION, from the Committee on Revision of Laws to the Committee on Dangerous Drugs.

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. DEFENSOR. Also, Mr. Speaker, I move that we include additional coauthors of House Bills No. 7927, 7973, 7785, 7846, 7881, 8014, 8055, 8070, 8071, and 8083, and House Resolutions No. 2055 and 2056 as contained in the lists to be submitted by 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.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 7812  
ON SECOND READING

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we

consider House Bill No. 7812, contained in Committee Report No. 772, as reported out by the Committees on Health, 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. 7812, entitled: AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF MARIANO MARCOS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER (MMM&MC) IN BATAC 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.

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

## PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

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

\* 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. DEFENSOR. 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.

#### COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move for the approval of the following amendments:

1. On Section 1, page 1, line 13, between the preposition “to” and the word “beds” we delete the phrase, “three hundred (300)” and in lieu thereof, insert the phrase SEVEN HUNDRED (700).

2. After Section 3, we add a new Section 4 which will read as follows: SEC. 4. THE INCREASE IN THE BED CAPACITY OF THE MMMH&MC FROM TWO HUDNRED (200) TO SEVEN HUNDRED (700) BEDS SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED FOR A PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN FOUR (4) YEARS FROM THE APPROVAL OF THIS ACT.

3. Next, Mr. Speaker, is to renumber the subsequent sections accordingly; and

4. Change the title of the Bill to the following: AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF MARIANO MARCOS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER (MMMh&MC) IN BATA CITY, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE, FROM TWO HUNDRED (200) TO SEVEN HUNDRED (700), UPGRADING ITS SERVICE FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR. There being no more Committee or individual amendments, Mr. Speaker, 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. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 7812, as amended, on Second Reading.

#### VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 7812, as amended, on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

#### APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7812, AS AMENDED, ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 7812, as amended, is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 7848 ON SECOND READING

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 7848, contained in Committee Report No. 785, as reported out by the Committees on Public Works and Highways, 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. 7848, entitled: AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SERVICE ROADS CONNECTING THE MANILA INTERCHANGE TO THE MARILAO INTERCHANGE, PARALLEL TO THE NORTH LUZON EXPRESSWAY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

\* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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

#### PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. DEFENSOR. 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. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, for this measure, I move that the Explanatory Note of the Bill 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. DEFENSOR. 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. DEFENSOR. 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.

#### COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we would like to introduce the following Committee amendments:

Section 1 be amended to read as follows, and this is the title: AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SERVICE ROADS CONNECTING THE VALENZUELA-MALINTA-MEYCAUAYAN INTERCHANGE TO THE MEYCAUAYAN-MARILAO INTERCHANGE, PARALLEL TO THE NORTH LUZON EXPRESSWAY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

I move for the approval of this amendment.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR. The second amendment, Mr. Speaker, is to amend Section 1 to read: "An aggregate total of two (2) kilometers and thirty (30) meters of service road network shall be constructed connecting the VALENZUELA-MALINTA-MEYCAUAYAN INTERCHANGE TO THE MEYCAUAYAN-MARILAO Interchange, parallel to the North Luzon Expressway (NLEX), as follows:"

I move for the approval of Section 1 as amended.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. There being no more Committee amendments and no individual amendments, Mr. Speaker, 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.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 7848, as amended, on Second Reading.

#### VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). As many as are in favor of approving House Bill No. 7848, as amended, 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. 7848, AS AMENDED, ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 7848, as amended, is approved on Second Reading.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move for a suspension of the session.

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

*It was 5:20 p.m.*



## RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 5:25 p.m., the session was resumed.*

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Christopher “Toff” Vera Perez De Venecia on a matter of personal and collective privilege.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Hon. Christopher De Venecia is recognized for his question of privilege.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE OF  
REP. DE VENECIA

REP. DE VENECIA. Thank you, Majority Leader. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Distinguished colleagues, I rise on a question of personal and collective privilege to honor Mayor Alipio Fernandez Jr., a fellow statesman and an esteemed kabaleyan, which means “kababayan” in Pangasinan, who died of cancer last August 9, at the age of 75.

“Death,” according to Mother Teresa, “is nothing else but going home to God.” Yet, the passing of Mayor Al Fernandez Jr. last Thursday caused a deep dent in the hearts of the Dagupeños because he was so much loved and admired.

Mr. Speaker, Mayor Al lived a life that was dedicated to service. He was a bright business executive, a devoted public servant and, undoubtedly, one of Dagupan City’s greatest and noblest sons. He also served the country as the Commissioner and then Chairman of the Bureau of Immigration from 2004 to 2007. He was also an Undersecretary of the Department of the Interior and Local Government, from 2001 to 2003. To me, Mr. Speaker, Mayor Al would always be an uncle whose gift of statesmanship and grace will always be a source of inspiration. After all, he was one of the bright boys of Jose De Venecia, my father, the five-time Speaker of this august Body, who joined him in his oil explorations in the Middle East during the mid ‘70s.

As a public servant, I can also identify with Mayor Al, who believed that cultural development and preservation are intrinsic in nation-building and economic development. Mayor Al built the first City Museum of Dagupan that now houses the piano owned by Leonor Rivera when she lived in Dagupan in 1890 and 1891, and the sizable collection of paintings by another full-pledged Dagupeño, National Artist Victorio Edades, among others. He also launched a local jubilee known as Gilon-Gilon Festival in 1997, which served as a precursor to the now famous Bangus

Festival. Understanding the importance of his people’s identity, he was also the first mayor who adopted the Dagupan Hymn as the singular music that extols all the aspirations of the Dagupeños.

Mr. Speaker, Mayor Al was the son of the illustrious Don Alipio Fernandez Sr. who holds the distinction of being the last mayor of then Municipality of Dagupan, and the first mayor when it became a city on June 20, 1947. His achievements, however, were superseded by his namesake and junior, for if there was one who Dagupan City and its people owed so much to, it was Mayor Al whose reign in the city gave a more positive and transformative impact than anyone else. His political epoch began in 1972 when he was elected as the No. 1 Councilor of the City Council. He was also elected as the City Vice Mayor starting in 1977 up to 1986, in 1987, and from 1988 to 1992. Then, from 1992 to 2001, and 2007 to 2010, he served as the Mayor of Dagupan. He held that position for 12 years, making him the longest-serving Mayor of the city.

When Mayor Al was serving as Dagupan City’s Chief Executive, the city received many awards, including a Special Citation for Most Business-Friendly LGU Award from the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry in partnership with the German Technical Cooperation in 2009 and Best Component City Disaster Coordinating Council in 2009, among many others. He also received numerous awards on behalf of the city, including: the UNICEF’s Child-Friendly City Leadership Award in 1991; Most Supportive City Mayor in Sports Development in 1988; Most Supportive City Mayor to Non-Formal Education in 1997; Progressive Alliance of Citizens for Democracy’s Most Outstanding City Mayor, Urban Category, in 1995; and the Department of the Interior and Local Government’s Outstanding City Mayor, Urban Category, in 1994.

Some of the many projects launched by Mayor Al included the Emergency Operations Center in 2008, the Pawil Dagupan Program in 1999, PhilHealth insurance coverage for qualified indigents, the sidewalk recovery, and the accreditation of the city’s One Stop Business Center. He was also responsible for numerous infrastructure projects such as the City Library, the people’s Astrodome, Senior Citizen Building, City Health Office, the PNP Building, the market building at Herrero-Perez and even the welcome arches found in all the entry spots in the city. His most glaring accomplishment, however, was a stewardship of Dagupan City’s reconstruction after it was decimated by the July 16, 1990 earthquake.

My father, Jose De Venecia, is acknowledged as the Architect of Modern Dagupan, but Mayor Al was credited as its builder who managed, coordinated and supervised the reconstruction of the city. With the backing of then Pres. Cory Aquino, my father was able to raise P10 billion to fund the massive reconstruction

of the areas devastated by the earthquake, particularly the cities of Baguio, Cabanatuan and Dagupan. During that period of doubt, fear and uncertainty, Mayor Al gave the Dagupeños love, comfort and solace. More importantly, as then City Mayor, he showed them how good governance can move Dagupan forward until it rose from the rubble of the 1990 earthquake, like a phoenix rising from the ashes. As a tribute to his immeasurable contributions to Dagupan City, the Sangguniang Panlungsod, in a session last August 10, passed a resolution that formally recognized the late Mayor Al Fernandez as Pinablin Ama Na Dagupan, which means “The Beloved Father of Dagupan.”

Mr. Speaker, Mayor Al lived what he preached. He steered his family to lead a life of service, as exemplified by an award conferred to the Fernandezes by the Jaycees International as Jaycees’ Outstanding Family for 2012. Mayor Al and his three children—Alfie, Alvin and Anna, including his son-in-law—have all been elected as Jaycee Senators. Now that Mayor Al is finally home with our Creator, the Dagupeños remember him as one of Pangasinan’s true political evergreens, with an abiding fidelity to his city and the people he loved and served. The real tribute to Mayor Al, however, was in the line of people who waited in the rain since his passing last August 9 to pay their last respects to the man who, for them, was synonymous with Dagupan. His fine example will live on to thrive in the hearts of his people. After all, Mayor Al was the People’s Mayor, known for his friendly presence in the streets of Dagupan, meeting fish vendors at the market and discussing anything under the sun with any Dagupeño. Moreover, his legacy of abiding service lives on through his wife, Alminda David Fernandez, and their children: Dr. Alfie Fernandez, Atty. Alvin Fernandez, Lucinda “Dimples” Fernandez-Milla, Nikki Fernandez-Dayrit, and Ana Fernandez-Cunanan.

What a magnificent soul he was. We will miss him deeply. Paalam at maraming salamat po, Mayor Al Fernandez!

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the question of privilege of the Honorable De Venecia 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.

## CONSIDERATION OF H. JT. RES. NO. 26 ON SECOND READING

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Joint Resolution No. 26, contained in Committee Report No. 817, as reported out by the Committee on Human Rights.

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 Joint Resolution No. 26, entitled: JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS INTENDED FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS DURING THE MARCOS REGIME UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2019, AUTHORIZING THE BUREAU OF TREASURY AND THE LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES TO RELEASE THE FUNDS AND ENSURE THE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS, AND THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO ADMINISTER THE EFFECTIVE DISTRIBUTION OF THE FUNDS TO QUALIFIED VICTIMS OR THEIR HEIRS OR REPRESENTATIVES, AS PROVIDED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10368, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “HUMAN RIGHTS VICTIMS’ REPARATION AND RECOGNITION ACT OF 2013,” AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10766.

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

## PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. DEFENSOR. 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. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, to sponsor the measure, I move that we recognize the author of this Joint Resolution, the Hon. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Hon. Carlos Zarate from BAYAN MUNA is recognized to sponsor House Joint Resolution No. 26.

REP. ZARATE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

To expedite the passage of this Resolution, may I just move to adopt the Explanatory Note of this House Joint Resolution as the sponsorship speech on the measure, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider the Explanatory Note of this Joint Resolution 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. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, since we are not anticipating interpellations and there being no Member who wishes to 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. DEFENSOR. 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. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, since there are 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. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Approve or adopt?

REP. DEFENSOR. ... approve House Joint Resolution No. 26 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*. (*Silence*)

APPROVAL OF H. JT. RES. NO. 26  
ON SECOND READING

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

House Joint Resolution No. 26 is approved on Second Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we take up the Unfinished Business.

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. 7773  
*Continuation*

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we resume the consideration of House Bill No. 7773, contained in Committee Report No. 752, and that we please direct our Secretary General 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 hereby directed to read the title of House Bill No. 7773 contained in Committee Report No. 752.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL.  
House Bill No. 7773, entitled: AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4Ps) TO REDUCE POVERTY AND PROMOTE HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, the parliamentary status is that we are in the period of sponsorship and debate. I move that we recognize the Hon. Tomasito “Tom” S. Villarin for the sponsorship of the measure.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Hon. Tom Villarin of AKBAYAN is recognized to sponsor the said House Bill.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. I have just been informed that for this measure, we have already closed the period of sponsorship and debate and that was not really the accurate parliamentary status. I, therefore, move for the reconsideration of opening of 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. DEFENSOR. The parliamentary status is that we are in the period of amendments. 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. DEFENSOR. Since there are no Committee or individual amendments, Mr. Speaker, 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. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 7773 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 *no*.

FEW MEMBERS. *No*.

#### APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7773 ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 7773, under Committee Report No. 752, is approved on Second Reading. (*Applause*)

The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. DEFENSOR. I move for the suspension of the session, Mr. Speaker.

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

*It was 5:40 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 5:41 p.m., the session was resumed.*

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we take up local bills on Third Reading.

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

#### NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7987 ON THIRD READING

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7987 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, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on August 9, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7987, entitled: AN ACT SEPARATING THE SITIO OF ASCOMO FROM BARANGAY PULUNG MASLE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUAGUA, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA AND CONSTITUTING IT INTO A DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY ASCOMO.

*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 voting on Third Reading\* on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 10, dated August 14, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7987  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 217 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7987 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7103  
ON THIRD READING

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7103 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for the 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, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on August 8, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7103, entitled: AN ACT CREATING A CLASS D DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PAMPLONA, CAMARINES SUR.

*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 voting on Third Reading\* on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 10, dated August 14, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7103  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 224 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7103 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. DEFENSOR. I move for a suspension of the session, Mr. Speaker.

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

*It was 5:51 p.m.*

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 5:51 p.m., the session was resumed.*

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

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7477  
ON THIRD READING

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7477 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, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on August 8, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7477, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTISPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BATAD, PROVINCE OF ILOILO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

\* See ANNEX (printed separately)

*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 voting on Third Reading\* on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 10, dated August 14, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7477  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 224 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7477 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7478  
ON THIRD READING

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7478 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, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on August 8, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7478, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTISPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARLES, PROVINCE OF ILOILO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

*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 voting on Third Reading\* on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 10, dated August 14, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7478  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 224 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7478 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7480  
ON THIRD READING

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7480 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, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on August 8, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7480, entitled: AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FISH PORT IN THE CITY OF CABADBARAN, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

*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 voting on Third Reading\* on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 10, dated August 14, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7480  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 224 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7480 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7481  
ON THIRD READING

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7481 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, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on August 8, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7481, entitled: AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FISH PORT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BUENAVISTA, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

*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 voting on Third Reading\* on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 10, dated August 14, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7481  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 224 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7481 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7482  
ON THIRD READING

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7482 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, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on August 8, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7482, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MARICULTURE DEVELOPMENT PARK LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF CARMEN, NASIPIT AND BUENAVISTA, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

*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 voting on Third Reading\* on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 10, dated August 14, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7482  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 224 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7482 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7486  
ON THIRD READING

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7486 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

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, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on August 8, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7486, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTISPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ESTANCIA, PROVINCE OF ILOILO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

*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 voting on Third Reading\* on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 10, dated August 14, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7486  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 224 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7486 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

\* See ANNEX (printed separately)

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7487  
ON THIRD READING

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7487 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

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, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on August 8, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7487, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTISPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN DIONISIO, PROVINCE OF ILOILO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

*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 voting on Third Reading\* on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 10, dated August 14, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7487  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 224 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7487 is approved on Third Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7488  
ON THIRD READING

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7488 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the said 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, printed copies of which were distributed*

*to the Members on August 8, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7488, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTISPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF AJUY, PROVINCE OF ILOILO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

*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 voting on Third Reading\* on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 10, dated August 14, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7488  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 224 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7488 is approved on Third Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7489  
ON THIRD READING

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7489 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the said 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, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on August 8, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7489, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTISPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAROTAC VIEJO, PROVINCE OF ILOILO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

*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 voting on Third Reading\* on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 10, dated August 14, 2018.*



APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7489  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 224 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7489 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7499  
ON THIRD READING

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7499 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the said 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, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on August 8, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7499, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTISPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CONCEPCION, PROVINCE OF ILOILO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

*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 voting on Third Reading\* on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 10, dated August 14, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7499  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 224 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7499 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7717  
ON THIRD READING

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7717 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the said 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, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on August 8, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7717, entitled: AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF TONDO MEDICAL CENTER IN THE CITY OF MANILA FROM TWO HUNDRED (200) TO THREE HUNDRED (300) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

*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 voting on Third Reading\* on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 10, dated August 14, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7717  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 224 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7717 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7761  
ON THIRD READING

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7761 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the said 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, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on August 8, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7761, entitled: AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TECHNICAL EDUCATION

\* See ANNEX (printed separately)

AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ACCREDITATION CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN DIONISIO, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, TO BE KNOWN AS THE SAN DIONISIO, ILOILO TESDA TRAINING AND ACCREDITATION CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

*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 voting on Third Reading\* on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 10, dated August 14, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7761  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 224 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7761 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7779  
ON THIRD READING

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7779 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the said 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, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on August 8, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7779, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ARBORETUM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGOLOAN, LANA DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE MIGHTY CAVE PARK ARBORETUM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

*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 voting on Third Reading\* on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 10, dated August 14, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7779  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 224 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7779 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7780  
ON THIRD READING

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7780 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the said measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

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, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on August 8, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7780, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MINDANAO STATE UNIVERSITY-LANAO DEL NORTE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE (MSU-LNAC) ARBORETUM IN BARANGAY RAMAIN, MUNICIPALITY OF SULTAN NAGA DIMAPORO, LANA DEL NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

*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 voting on Third Reading\* on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 10, dated August 14, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7780  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 224 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7780 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that all bills approved on Third Reading be transmitted immediately to the Senate for their action.

I so move.

\* See ANNEX (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. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I also move that the Hon. Raneo “Ranie” E. Abu be made a coauthor of House Bill No. 7881 as contained in Committee Report No. 793.

I so move.

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

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we suspend the session.

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

*It was 6:19 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 6:29 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. 7781 ON THIRD READING

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7781 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, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on August 8, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7781, entitled: ACT ESTABLISHING AN ARBORETUM IN THE PREMISES OF THE COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

OFFICE (CENRO) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KOLAMBUGAN, LANA DEL NORTE TO BE KNOWN AS THE KOLAMBUGAN ARBORETUM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

*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 voting on Third Reading\* on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 10, dated August 14, 2018.*

#### APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7781 ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 224 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7781 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7784 ON THIRD READING

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7784 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, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on August 8, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7784, entitled: AN ACT CREATING A HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS IN THE PROVINCE OF BATAAN TO BE KNOWN AS THE BATAAN HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

*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 voting on Third Reading\* on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 10, dated August 14, 2018.*

#### APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7784 ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 224

\* See ANNEX (printed separately)

affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7784 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7801  
ON THIRD READING

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7801 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, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on August 8, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7801, entitled: AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY PANACAN-2 IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NARRA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN.

*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 voting on Third Reading\* on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 10, dated August 14, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7801  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 224 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7801 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6319  
ON THIRD READING

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 6319 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, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on August 9, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6319, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EXTENSION OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUBIGON, PROVINCE OF BOHOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

*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 voting on Third Reading\* on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 10, dated August 14, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6319  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 224 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 6319 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6979  
ON THIRD READING

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 6979 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, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on August 9, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6979, entitled: AN ACT CONVERTING THE GUIMARAS LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) EXTENSION OFFICE INTO A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE.

*The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules*

\* See ANNEX (printed separately)

*of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading\* on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 10, dated August 14, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6979  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 224 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 6979 is approved on Third Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7734  
ON THIRD READING

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7734 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on August 9, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7734, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (PUP) IN QUEZON CITY, NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION, TO BE KNOWN AS THE PUP-QUEZON CITY CAMPUS, MANDATING THE PUP TO OFFER GRADUATE, UNDERGRADUATE AND SHORT-TERM VOCATIONAL COURSES THEREAT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

*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 voting on Third Reading\* on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 10, dated August 14, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7734  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 224 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7734 is approved on Third Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7786  
ON THIRD READING

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7786 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on August 9, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7786, entitled: AN ACT DIVIDING BARANGAY SAN VICENTE IN THE CITY OF SAN PEDRO, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA INTO EIGHT (8) DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAYS SAN VICENTE, PACITA I, CHRYSANTHEMUM, ROSARIO, PACITA II, FATIMA, SAN LORENZO RUIZ, AND MAHARLIKA.

*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 voting on Third Reading\* on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 10, dated August 14, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7786  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 224 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7786 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7818  
ON THIRD READING

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7818 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, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on August 9, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7818, entitled: AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE ACROSS THE CAGAYAN RIVER BETWEEN BARANGAY CENTRO, SOLANA, CAGAYAN TO BARANGAY BAGAY, TUGUEGARAO CITY, CAGAYAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

*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 voting on Third Reading\* on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 10, dated August 14, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7818  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 224 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7818 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7827  
ON THIRD READING

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7827 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

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, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on August 9, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7827, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF BILIRAN A MINING-FREE ZONE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR.

*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 voting on Third Reading\* on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 10, dated August 14, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7827  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 224 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7827 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7828  
ON THIRD READING

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7828 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, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on August 9, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7828, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING A PARCEL OF LAND OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN AS AGRICULTURAL LAND FOR TOWNSITE PURPOSES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SALVADOR BENEDICTO, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL.

*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 voting on Third Reading\* on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 10, dated August 14, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7828  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 224 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7828 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

\* See ANNEX (printed separately)

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7844  
ON THIRD READING

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7844 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, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on August 9, 2018 pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7844, entitled: AN ACT RENUMBERING THE SURIGAO DEL NORTE FIRST AND SECOND DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICES TO CORRESPOND WITH THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS IN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE.

*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 voting on Third Reading\* on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 10, dated August 14, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7844  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 224 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7844 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7845  
ON THIRD READING

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7845 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, printed copies of which were distributed*

*to the Members on August 9, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7845, entitled: AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD NETWORK CONNECTING BARANGAY GRIJALVO IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN FERNANDO AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF BULA, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR INTO A NATIONAL ROAD.

*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 voting on Third Reading\* on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 10, dated August 14, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7845  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 224 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7845 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7847  
ON THIRD READING

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7847 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, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on August 9, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7847, entitled: AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD FROM THE FIRST DISTRICT (NORTH) TO THE SECOND DISTRICT (SOUTH) OF CEBU CITY.

*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 voting on Third Reading\* on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 10, dated August 14, 2018.*

\* See ANNEX (printed separately)

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7847  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 224 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7847 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7866  
ON THIRD READING

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7866 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, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on August 9, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7866, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (PUP) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALAUAN, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA, TO BE KNOWN AS THE PUP-CALAUAN CAMPUS, MANDATING IT TO OFFER GRADUATE, UNDERGRADUATE AND SHORT-TERM TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL COURSES THEREAT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

*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 voting on Third Reading\* on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 10, dated August 14, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7866  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 224 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7866 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7869  
ON THIRD READING

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7869 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, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on August 9, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7869, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FISH PORT IN BARANGAY ICHON, MUNICIPALITY OF MACROHON, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

*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 voting on Third Reading\* on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 10, dated August 14, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7869  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 224 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7869 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7877  
ON THIRD READING

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7877 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, printed copies of which were distributed*



to the Members on August 9, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7877, entitled: AN ACT DIVIDING BARANGAY MUZON IN THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, PROVINCE OF BULACAN INTO FOUR (4) DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY MUZON PROPER, BARANGAY MUZON EAST, BARANGAY MUZON WEST AND BARANGAY MUZON SOUTH.

*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 voting on Third Reading\* on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 10, dated August 14, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7877  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 224 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7877 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7901  
ON THIRD READING

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7901 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, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on August 9, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7901, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF NORTH COTABATO A MINING-FREE ZONE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

*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 voting on Third Reading\* on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 10, dated August 14, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7901  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 224 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7901 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that all bills approved on Third Reading be immediately transmitted to the Senate for their action.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. DE VENECIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adjourn the session until August 15, Wednesday, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

I so move.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The session is adjourned until August 15, 2018, Wednesday, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

*It was 7:03 p.m.*

\* See ANNEX (printed separately)