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### CALL TO ORDER

*At 3:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Sharon S. Garin called the session to order.*

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

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

*Everybody rose to sing the Philippine National Anthem.*

### PRAYER

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

*Everybody remained standing for the silent prayer.*

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, I move to suspend the session for a few minutes.

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

*It was 3:02 p.m.*

### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 3:13 p.m., the session was resumed.*

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

### ROLL CALL

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, we move to call the roll of Members.

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

The Secretary General will please call the roll.

*The Secretary General called the roll, and the result is reflected in Journal No. 13, dated August 29, 2018.\**

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Mme. Speaker, the roll call shows that 194 Members responded to the call.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). With 194 Members responding to the call, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

REP. ATIENZA. Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. ATIENZA. Mme. Speaker, Mr. Majority Leader, let me just congratulate the Secretariat. They said exactly the number of Members on the floor, 194. They deserve to be appreciated. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Congratulations to you too, Congressman Atienza.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, I move to defer the approval of the Journal of yesterday's session.

\* See ANNEX (printed separately)

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

The Majority Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, I now move that we proceed to the Reference of Business.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Secretary General will please read the Reference of Business.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 8129, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING REPUBLIC ACT 9501, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘MAGNA CARTA FOR MICRO, SMALL, AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES’ AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Unabia

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 8130, entitled:

“AN ACT SUBSTANTIALLY INCENTIVIZING FILIPINO INVENTORS WITH THE END IN VIEW OF FULLY DEVELOPING THEIR INVENTIONS THAT BENEFIT THE NATION”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 8131, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING FOOD SECURITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Panganiban

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FOOD SECURITY

House Bill No. 8132, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING MORE MINERALS CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO

ESTABLISH, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN, FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES AND IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, A DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF ELECTRIC POWER TO END USERS IN THE CITY OF ILOILO, IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO”

By Representative Tambunting

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 8134, entitled:

“AN ACT SYSTEMIZING SPECTRUM USER FEES IMPOSED AGAINST RADIO FREQUENCY BANDS, AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7925, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Cua

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 8135, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9136, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘ELECTRIC POWER INDUSTRY REFORM ACT OF 2001’ OR EPIRA, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Uybarreta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 8136, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE NUMBER OF RAYS OF THE SUN ON THE PHILIPPINE FLAG FROM EIGHT TO NINE, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8491, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FLAG AND HERALDIC CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Hernandez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 2086, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON JUSTICE AND GOOD GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE RECENT ARREST BY THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) OF THREE LAWYERS WHILE REPRESENTING THEIR CLIENT DURING A RAID IN MAKATI CITY”

By Representative Belaro  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2087, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE XIAMEN AIRLINES CRASH AT THE NINOY AQUINO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT”

By Representative Pineda  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2088, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING HIDILYN FRANCISCO DIAZ FOR WINNING GOLD IN THE WOMEN’S 53KG DIVISION IN WEIGHTLIFTING ON TUESDAY, 21 AUGUST 2018, AT THE 2018 ASIAN GAMES HELD IN THE JAKARTA INTERNATIONAL EXPO HALL A, INDONESIA”

By Representative Sambar  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2089, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE STRANDING OF AN AIRPLANE IN NAIA RESULTING IN FLIGHT CANCELLATIONS AND DELAYS, ON THE CONTINGENCY PLANS OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES DURING TIMES OF EMERGENCIES AND ON THE SUPPORT MECHANISMS PROVIDED TO STRANDED PASSENGERS, INCLUDING OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS”

By Representative Sarmiento (C.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2090, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING ALL APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE DEPARTMENT ORDER ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY REQUIRING OIL COMPANIES TO PROVIDE EURO-II COMPLIANT AUTOMOTIVE DIESEL”

By Representatives Uybarreta and Velasco  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2091, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING ALL

APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE NAIA RUNWAY MISHAP BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE FAILED LANDING OF A XIAMEN AIRLINES PLANE CAUSING SEVERE CONGESTION IN NAIA AND THE CANCELLATION AND DIVERSION OF SEVERAL FLIGHTS”

By Representative Uybarreta  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2092, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING HIDILYN DIAZ FOR WINNING OUR FIRST GOLD MEDAL IN THE 53 KILOGRAM WEIGHTLIFTING EVENT IN THE 2018 ASIAN GAMES”

By Representative Uybarreta  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2093, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE SAMAHANG BASKETBALL NG PILIPINAS FOR SENDING A BASKETBALL TEAM TO COMPETE IN THE 2018 ASIAN GAMES AND WISHING THE TEAM THE BEST OF LUCK”

By Representative Uybarreta  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated 9 August 2018 of Jose R. Fajardo, Director and Head, LAIG, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), furnishing the House of Representatives with duly certified and authenticated BSP issuances, to wit:

1. Circular Letter No. CL-2018-058 dated 2 August 2018; and
2. Circular Letter No. CL-2018-059 dated 2 August 2018.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letters dated 20 August 2018 of Jose R. Fajardo, Director and Head, LAIG, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), furnishing the House of Representatives with duly certified and authenticated BSP issuances, to wit:

1. Circular Letter No. CL-2018-060 dated 10 August 2018;
2. Circular No. 1010 dated 9 August 2018; and
3. Memorandum No. M-2018-021 (corrected copy) dated 10 August 2018.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education, the Committee on Labor and Employment and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 828), re H.B. No. 8139, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING A PHILIPPINE LABOR FORCE COMPETENCY COMPETITIVENESS PROGRAM AND FREE ACCESS TO TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (TVET)”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 5729, 5889, 5923 and 6287

Sponsors: Representatives Hofer, Ting, Nograles (K.A.) and Vargas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 829), re H.B. No. 8140, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROVINCIAL OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED) IN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3807

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 830), re H.B. No. 8141, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (PUP) IN CALOOCAN CITY-NORTH, TO BE KNOWN AS THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (PUP)-CALOOCAN CITY-NORTH CAMPUS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6931

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 831), re H.B. No. 8142, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE ISLAND OF BALANGINGI IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PIO V. CORPUZ, PROVINCE OF

MASBATE AN ECOTOURISM SITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1066

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 832), re H.B. No. 8143, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS TO PRIORITIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NECESSARY INFRASTRUCTURE TO ENSURE THE ACCESSIBILITY OF ALL TOURISM SITES IN THE COUNTRY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4253

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 833), re H.B. No. 8144, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF MATI, PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(L) AND SECTION 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980’, AS AMENDED”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5718

Sponsors: Representatives Umali, Nograles (K.A.), Veloso and Almario

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 834), re H.B. No. 8145, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING MARINE PROTECTED AREAS IN ALL COASTAL MUNICIPALITIES AND CITIES”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 48 and 2126

Sponsors: Representatives Ferrer (L.) and Nograles (K.A.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 835), re H.B. No. 8146, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BRACKISH WATER MULTI-SPECIES HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LALA, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6502

Sponsors: Representatives Ferrer (L.) and Nograles (K.A.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 836), re H.B. No. 8147, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LIBON, PROVINCE OF ALBAY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6490

Sponsors: Representatives Ferrer (L.) and Nograles (K.A.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs (Committee Report No. 837), re H.B. No. 1700, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THE OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS THE RIGHT TO EQUAL PROTECTION ON MONEY CLAIMS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE FIFTH PARAGRAPH OF SECTION 10 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8042, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10022”

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Manalo and Villarín  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 838), re H.B. No. 8151, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE SATELLITE

OFFICE OF MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY LOCATED IN CALBAYOG CITY, PROVINCE OF SAMAR INTO AN EXTENSION OFFICE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4719

Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento (C.), Nograles (K.A.) and Sarmiento (E.M.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we suspend consideration of the items under Unfinished Business as well as those under the Business for the Day, and instead take up those bills for approval on Third Reading.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7857  
ON THIRD READING

REP. MARCOLETA. For which reason, Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7857 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. Garin, S.). 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 22, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7857, entitled: AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A *TIMBANGAN NG BAYAN* CENTER IN ALL MARKETS NATIONWIDE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CHAPTER II OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7394, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “CONSUMER ACT OF THE PHILIPPINES”.

*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. 13, dated August 29, 2018.*

\* See ANNEX (printed separately)

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7857  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). With 199 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7857 is hereby approved on Third Reading.

REP. ATIENZA. Mme. Speaker, before we continue with all the important tasks of approving bills, I noticed in the roll call that there was a name “Roque” called out. Is the Roque listed in our roster the same former Cong. Harry Roque, my friend, who is now the Press Secretary of the President? Ibang Roque po ba iyon?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Roque is currently under the ...

REP. ATIENZA. Yes. It is not Harry Roque.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). It is not Harry Roque. It is Niel Roque.

REP. ATIENZA. I just wanted that on record because there is already a replacement in the able Representation of Cong. Ciriaco S. Calalang who is a colleague of ours in the Minority and that sets the record straight. Congressman Calalang has already replaced Cong. Harry Roque. Is that so, Mme. Speaker?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Yes, Congressman Atienza.

REP. ATIENZA. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). I assure you this is not the same Harry Roque. There is another Congressman Roque equally handsome as Congressman Harry Roque.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6770  
ON THIRD READING

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 6770 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. Garin, S.). 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 22, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6770, entitled: AN ACT INCREASING THE SERVICE INCENTIVE LEAVE OF EMPLOYEES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 95 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES.

*The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading\* on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 13, dated August 29, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6770  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). With 203 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 6770 is approved on Third Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7773  
ON THIRD READING

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading of House Bill No. 7773 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. Garin, S.). 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 22, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

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

\* See ANNEX (printed separately)

*Rules of the House, a second roll was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading\* on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No.13, dated August 29, 2018.*

REP. BAG-AO. Mme. Speaker, I vote “Yes” and I reserve my right to explain my vote after the voting.

#### RESULT OF THE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The result shows 196 affirmative votes, six negative votes, and no abstention.

House Bill No. 7773 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we acknowledge the presence of the guests in the gallery of our colleague, Rep. Jonas C. Cortes, from the Sixth District of Cebu.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Please rise as your names are called.

REP. MARCOLETA. They are here to witness our legislative session. We have ABC President Ernie Manatad, Brgy. Capt. Ignacio Cortes II, Brgy. Capt. Glenn Bordario, Brgy. Capt. Almario Bihag, Brgy. Capt. Nelson Rubio, Brgy. Capt. Oscar Del Castillo, Brgy. Capt. Amado Manatad, Brgy. Capt. Mario Bihag, Brgy. Capt. Michael Masinas, Brgy. Capt. Rey Cortes, Brgy. Capt. Maria Celma Sanchez and Brgy. Capt. Vidal Cabatingan.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*  
The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, the same motion applies on Third Reading.

REP. BAG-AO. Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, based on the explanation expressed earlier by the Honorable Bag-ao, I think she will explain her vote on House Bill No. 7773.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Honorable Bag-ao is recognized.

#### EXPLANATION OF VOTES

##### REP. BAG-AO EXPLAINS HER VOTE

REP. BAG-AO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Ang boto ko po ay “Yes” para sa panukalang ipagpatuloy at pagtibayin ang Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program. Kitang-kita po namin ang magandang epekto nito para sa mga mamamayan ng Dinagat Islands. Mahalagang maisabatas po ito upang mas maayos pa ang nakikitang mga problema at matiyak na ang natutulungan ay ang mga pinakanangailangan, lalo na ang aming mga pamilya sa Dinagat Islands. So, I vote “Yes” on the measure.

Thank you so much, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Thank you, Honorable Bag-ao.

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, the Hon. Emmi A. De Jesus would also want to explain her vote on the same measure.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Honorable De Jesus is recognized. Please proceed.

##### REP. DE JESUS EXPLAINS HER VOTE

REP. DE JESUS. Maraming salamat, Mme. Speaker.

Ang Representasyong ito ay naniniwala na walang sinuman sa atin ang hindi naghahangad ng pagkahango sa kahirapan ng pinakamarami nating mamamayan. Kauna-unawa na mayroon tayong isang dapat na programa na ang sagot nga, kahit pa noong aking panimulang termino dito sa Kongreso, ito ay magiging pantawid lamang sa dagat ng kahirapan. Pero ang tanong ko po, kapag sila ba ay nakatawid na doon sa kabilang ibayo ng kahirapan, ano ba ang pangmatagalang programang titiyak dito?

Sa bahagi po ng beneficiaries, kinikilala ko na ang kanilang pagtanggap dito ay tunay naman talagang nakakatulong, at kahit po sa hanay ng mga maralitang kababaihan at ang iba pa nga ay kasapi ng iba’t ibang organisasyon sa ilalim ng GABRIELA, tumatanggap po nito. Pero ang tanong po, ito bang programang ito ay dapat na gawing institusyon para maging kasagutan na doon sa paghango sa kanilang kalagayan? Malinaw na ang kailangan nating programa ay iyong magtitiyak ng isang sustenido na sagot sa kanilang mga pangangailangan. Malinaw din na ang mga pinag-uusapan natin dito sa Kongreso ay mga panukala na ang tingin namin ay lalong magpapahirap sa maraming mamamayan habang naglalagay tayo ng isang pondong malaki para dito na

\* See ANNEX (printed separately)

walang katiyakan. In fact, pinapatigas pa nito ang kaisipan o ang tinatawag na institutionalization of poverty.

Kung sinasabi nating pantawid ito, dapat nga babawasan nang babawasan ang pondo at kakaunti na lamang ang dapat na mag-a-avail. Bakit hindi natin ilagay ang pondo kung ang benepisyong nakukuha dito ay para sa pagtatapos sa eskuwela? Sa totoong buhay, graduate nga ng kolehiyo, hindi makakuha ng trabaho. Pagdating naman po doon sa serbisyong pangkalusugan na isa sa mga kondisyon, sa totoo lang, iyong budget na pinag-uusapan natin ngayon sa Kongreso sa 2019, binawasan pa po ang budget para sa health. Ito iyong mga katotohanan na dapat mas pag-isipan natin.

Sa maikling sandali po ng aking pagiging Chair ng Committee on Poverty Alleviation, ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Honorable De Jesus will please wrap up her explanation.

REP. DE JESUS. Nais ko lang pong itala, isa po sa resolusyon na naipasá namin ay ang pagkakaroon ng evaluation muna bago ipasá ang panukalang ito.

Kaya habang hindi nalulubos kung ano ang evaluation doon sa implementasyon ng Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program, at hindi pa tayo nakatitiyak ng isang pangmatagalang solusyon, ang Representasyong ito po ay isa doon sa nagtatala ng kanyang botong “No.”

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

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7773  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). With 196 affirmative votes, six negative votes and no abstention, House Bill No. 7773 is hereby approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7871  
ON THIRD READING

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7871 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. Garin, S.). 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 14, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7871, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING THE CITY OF DAVAO 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. 13, dated August 29, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7871  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). With 204 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7871 is hereby approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7891  
ON THIRD READING

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7891 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. Garin, S.). 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 14, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7891, entitled: AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MANPOWER LIVELIHOOD AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DAPA, SIARGAO ISLAND, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE TO BE KNOWN AS THE SIARGAO, SURIGAO DEL NORTE TESDA TRAINING CENTER, 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. 13, dated August 29, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7891  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). With 204 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7891 is hereby approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7978  
ON THIRD READING

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7978 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. Garin, S.). 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 14, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7978, entitled: AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ACCREDITATION CENTER IN BARANGAY CAMAMAN-AN, CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY 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. 13, dated August 29, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7978  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). With 207 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no

abstention, House Bill No. 7978 is hereby approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8055  
ON THIRD READING

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8055 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. Garin, S.). 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 22, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8055, entitled: AN ACT DIVIDING THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN INTO THREE (3) PROVINCES, NAMELY: PALAWAN DEL NORTE, PALAWAN ORIENTAL, AND PALAWAN DEL 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. 13, dated August 29, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8055  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). With 207 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8055 is hereby approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7979  
ON THIRD READING

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7979 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. Garin, S.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

\* See ANNEX (printed separately)

*Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on August 14, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7979, entitled: AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ACCREDITATION CENTER IN THE CITY OF ANTIPOLO, PROVINCE OF RIZAL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE ANTIPOLO CITY 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. 13, dated August 29, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7979  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). With 207 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7979 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7811  
ON THIRD READING

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7811 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. Garin, S.). 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 22, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7811, entitled: 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.

*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. 13, dated August 29, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7811  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). With 210 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7811 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR. Before we proceed, Mme. Speaker, I move that we acknowledge the presence of the guests of the distinguished Gentleman from the Second District of Davao del Norte, the Hon. Antonio R. Floirendo Jr.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. They are as follows: Mayor Leah Marie Moral-Romano, Pedejeel Moral, Norbelito Juriana, Joelito Juriana; and Barangay Captains Carmeo Aguiluz, Zoiloto Valle, Angelito Orillosa, Armando Degayo, Ramonito Cabasan; Councilors Yasmin Campion, Ricky Delco, Nelson Baer, Ana Cagulada, Adhem Funa, Eduardo Zapata, Melfar Aguiluz; and SK Federation Dexter Mendio.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*) The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7812  
ON THIRD READING

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7812 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. Garin, S.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

\* See ANNEX (printed separately)

*Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on August 22, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7812, entitled: AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF MARIANO MARCOS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER (MMMH & MC) IN BATAVIA 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.

*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. 13, dated August 29, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7812  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). With 210 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7812 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. SALON. Mme. Speaker.

REP. DEFENSOR. May we know, Mme. Speaker, what is the pleasure of the Gentleman.

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

REP. SALON. Yes, may I be recognized?

Yes, Mme. Speaker, this is a question of personal privilege. Just distributed today, Journal No. 12, Tuesday, August 28, 2018. On page 16, it states that the election of Majority members to various committees and this Representation was listed here as having been elected to the Committee on Agrarian Reform as a Majority member. I am still a member of the Minority and I have not transferred or signified any intention to transfer to the Majority.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, first, we shall have to lay on the table, that is, set aside temporarily the matter of personal privilege raised by the Gentleman because, in the meantime, we have to confirm it with the Secretariat, particularly the Committee on Rules. Later on, when the time comes that we approve the Journal, we shall take it out of the table, Mme. Speaker, and deal with it accordingly.

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

REP. SALON. Yes, the bottom line is that I just wanted to say that I did not transfer to the Majority, and I am still a member of this Committee.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Duly noted, Honorable Salon.

REP. SALON. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Before we proceed, Mme. Speaker, I move that we acknowledge the presence of the guests of the distinguished Gentleman from the First District of Zambales, the Hon. Jeffrey D. Khonghun. They are delegates from Barangays Burgos and Consuelo del Norte, headed respectively by Punong Barangay Jessie Soria and Punong Barangay Churchill Fabunan.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Also, Mme. Speaker, we have the guests of the distinguished Gentleman from the Lone District of Benguet, the Hon. Ronald M. Cosalan. They are as follows: Atty. Robert Basco, Peter Guibac, Mario Baucas, Abner Bodong, Harold Pamintuan, Eugenie Sab-it, and Frannie Cotde.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*  
The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Mme. Speaker, with leave of the House, I move that we include the following as additional coauthors for House Bill No. 4113: Rep. Edcel C. Lagman, Rep. Elisa "Olga" T. Kho, Rep. Geraldine B. Roman, Rep. Milagros Aquino-Magsaysay, Rep. Sol Aragones, Rep. Rosenda Ann Ocampo and Rep. Mylene J. Garcia-Albano.

\* See ANNEX (printed separately)

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7846  
ON THIRD READING

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7846 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. Garin, S.). 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 22, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, House Bill No. 7846, entitled: AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN UNDERSEA TUNNEL OR BRIDGE FROM CEBU CITY TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF CORDOVA AND A COASTAL ROAD – EXPRESSWAY TO THE MACTAN-CEBU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT 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. 13, dated August 29, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7846  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). With 210 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7846 is hereby approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we suspend the session.

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

*It was 4:44 p.m.*

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 4:49 p.m., the session was resumed.*

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

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8083  
*Continuation*

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker I move that we resume the consideration of House Bill No. 8083, as contained in Committee Report No. 818. And for this purpose, please direct our Secretary General to read the title of the measure.

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

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

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, the parliamentary status is that we are in the period of sponsorship and debate. And to sponsor this measure today, Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Lady from Nueva Ecija, the Hon. Estrellita B. Suansing.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. To interpellate ...

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, ...

REP. DEFENSOR. To interpellate ...

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, we are ready to accept questions.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, to interpellate, I move that we recognize the Gentleman from Marikina, the Hon. Romero "Miro" S. Quimbo.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Honorable Quimbo is recognized. Please, proceed.

REP. QUIMBO. Mme. Speaker, thank you.

May I inquire from the Majority Leader how I was referred to?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). As the Gentleman from Marikina, not a Majority nor a Minority, just a Gentleman.

REP. QUIMBO. Pending decision from the Supreme Court, I accede to the ruling of the Chair.

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

REP. QUIMBO. Mme. Speaker, will the honorable Sponsor be willing to take just a few clarificatory questions?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Gladly, Mme. Speaker.

REP. QUIMBO. Thank you.

Mme. Speaker, may I proceed?

Mme. Speaker, quite recently, we changed the name of the measure from "TRAIN 2." May this Representation know what it is now called?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, it is TRABAHO, Tax Reform for Attracting Better and High-quality Opportunities.

REP. QUIMBO. TRABAHO. So, kapag sinabi hong TRABAHO, ibig sabihin jobs. Tama ho ba?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Tama po, Mme. Speaker.

REP. QUIMBO. Is it the contention, Mme. Speaker, of the Sponsor that the measure will, in fact, bring about jobs, generate new jobs?

REP. SUANSING (E.). That is right, Mme. Speaker, generating jobs.

REP. QUIMBO. May I know what the estimates are relative to the measure? What jobs and what is the number of jobs are we expecting once this measure is passed?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, since we are attracting investors in the country, then, we will be increasing job opportunities.

REP. QUIMBO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, can I add something? There are 97,000 small, medium enterprises that will benefit from lower income tax. So, we expect them to generate jobs.

REP. QUIMBO. The 97,000 small and medium businesses, are they currently tax compliant, meaning, do they pay taxes today or are these individuals or companies or entities that we expect to become tax compliant because of the lower tax rates?

REP. SUANSING (E.). We expect them to pay taxes because we are lowering the corporate income tax.

REP. QUIMBO. May we know exactly how many jobs from the 97,000 are we going to generate?

REP. SUANSING (E.). As of now, Mme. Speaker, we do not have the figures, but we will make sure to provide the Congressman from Marikina an answer to his query.

REP. QUIMBO. Mme. Speaker, at the moment, I will suspend the questions relating to the 97,000 small and medium enterprises.

We speak of lowering the corporate income tax also for bigger companies. Would it be correct to say that we are actually lowering it to make the country more attractive and competitive?

REP. SUANSING (E.). That is right, Mme. Speaker.

REP. QUIMBO. Would you agree, Mme. Speaker, that currently the country has the highest effective tax rate for corporations in the ASEAN?

REP. SUANSING (E.). That is right, Mme. Speaker.

REP. QUIMBO. Would you likewise agree that this is one of the main reasons why companies

do not actually come to the Philippines, these high tax rates?

REP. SUANSING (E.). That is correct, Mme. Speaker.

REP. QUIMBO. So, when we do lower our tax rates—may I know exactly, over a five-year period, what is the sequence of the lowering of the tax rate? From 30 percent today, how are we going to lower it based on this Bill?

REP. SUANSING (E.). There will be a 2-percent reduction every two years within 10 years starting year 2021.

REP. QUIMBO. Mme. Speaker, may I know exactly, as each year passes, for every 200 basis points or two percent that we lower our corporate income tax, how many jobs are we going to generate?

REP. SUANSING (E.). As of now, again, Mme. Speaker, we do not have the figures on how many jobs this will generate.

REP. QUIMBO. What about on the fifth year? I can understand how that may be on the first year, the second year, but on the fifth year, lowering from 30 down to 20 percent, what is the expected or computed number of new jobs that we will generate? After all, it is called the “Trabaho Bill.”

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, as of now, it is difficult to estimate the job opportunities because there are other factors that should be considered.

REP. QUIMBO. Yes, but obviously, these factors are always, can easily be imputed and carved out and we can easily make an estimation. I think it is very important that we are able to find out how many jobs we are talking about because, after all, this is a revenue tax legislation which affects the bottom line of government. Like with TRAIN 1 or the original TRAIN, we want to be sure. If we are told that the effect will be between 3 to 4.2 percent in terms of inflation, we want to be sure that in fact it will happen. We do not want to pass something not knowing it fully well, considering that it will have an impact of at least 30 billion for each percentage that we bring down. Thirty billion is going to be lost from our coffers; we want to know what is the overall effect on the positive or plus side. Ilang trabaho iyong darating diyan sa bawat porsiyentong ibinababa natin dahil importanteng makita po natin?

Let me proceed to the other side, Mme. Speaker.  
Would the beautiful author know what effect it

will have in terms of job losses? Magkakaroon ba ng pagkakatanggal o pagkabawas ng mga trabaho?

REP. SUANSING (E.). We do not foresee, Mme. Speaker, job losses or mawawalan ng trabaho ang mga Pilipino dahil sa pagbaba ng corporate income tax. In fact, we are expecting that the savings from the reduction of income tax will go to the increase in salaries.

REP. QUIMBO. I agree, but there is another side—for the corporate income tax, para babaan mo, magtatanggal ka ng incentives.

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker ...

REP. QUIMBO. So, sa pagtanggap ng incentives, ilan ang inaasahan natin o mayroon bang mawawalan ng trabaho?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, we are not removing incentives—we are rationalizing. Meaning, an established performance criteria will be established by the BOI through the SIPP. So, Mme. Speaker, again, we are not removing incentives.

REP. QUIMBO. Mayroong mga kompanya na base sa sistemang iyan, whether you call it rationalization or you call it not removing, mayroong mga kompanya which will have a different tax incentive structure after we pass this Bill, correct?

REP. SUANSING (E.). That is right, Mme. Speaker.

REP. QUIMBO. Ang tanong ko po doon sa kanila na magkakaroon ng pagbabago sa kanilang mga incentives, kapag pinag-usapan natin ang mga ospital, kapag pinag-usapan natin ang mga educational system, kapag pinag-usapan natin ang mga business process outsourcing companies, at kapag pinag-usapan natin iyong iba't iba pang kompanyang currently may incentives, mayroon po bang magiging epekto sa kanilang employment o number of employees?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, tungkol doon sa mga ospital at saka sa mga eskwelahan na sinasabi nating matatanggal iyong kanilang incentives, as long as they qualify for the established performance criteria, ang ibig sabihin ay mayroong mga kondisyon para magkaroon sila ng incentives at as long as ma-meet po nila iyong mga criteria na iyon, hindi po matatanggal ang kanilang incentives.

REP. QUIMBO. Itabi na muna natin iyong ospital kasi that is going to be a specific discussion later at saka iyong educational systems. Definitely po, magkakaroon

po tayo ng rationalization, magkakaroon ng pag-alis at pagtanggali sa iba't ibang industriya na aalisin once the SIPP is actually passed. Kapag hindi sila naisama sa strategic investment plan, sila ay mawawalan na ng tax incentive.

Ang tanong ko po doon ay ano ang magiging epekto po niyan sa mga trabaho, kung mayroon man po, sa mga kompanyang iyon? Wala naman pong mali eh. Kapag sinabi ninyo na "the government is making a policy that we will no longer support the BPO industry," okay iyan dahil policy issue iyan eh. Nag-decide tayo na hindi na dapat suportahan ang industriyang iyan. Ang tanong ko po doon, sa bawat industriyang maaalisin po natin or expected nating maalisan ay ilan pong trabaho ang maaapektuhan? Iyan lang po ang tanong ko ho.

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, kung hindi sila makapasok doon sa criteria ay siguradong matatanggal iyong kanilang incentives. Sa ngayon po ay hindi natin ma-project or masabi kung ilan ang mawawalan ng trabaho dahil hindi po natin alam kung ilan iyong mga kompanya na hindi papasok doon sa criteria.

REP. QUIMBO. Pero mayroon nang estimation kung magkano ang mga matitipid natin sa rationalization. Mayroong estimates kung papaano makukuha ito kasi pinag-uusapan na nga natin. Sabi natin, for every 1 percent na mawawala sa corporate income tax sa pagbaba ay P28 billion to P30 billion ang mawawala. Tama po ba?

REP. SUANSING (E.). As of now, Mme. Speaker, we do not have the estimates. Ang sinasabi lang natin ay iyong sa nangyayari ngayon.

REP. QUIMBO. Let me clarify to make it shorter, Mme. Speaker. Sinabi natin, we want to lower corporate income taxes. Sabi natin, hindi natin puwedeng biglain kasi masyadong magiging mabigat. Ang impact po, sa bawat 1 porsyento, from 30, gawin mong 29 percent ang corporate income tax, ay P30 billion ang mawawala sa ating dapat makokolekta. Tama ho ba?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Tama iyan, Mme. Speaker.

REP. QUIMBO. At P60 billion, kung ito ay 2 percent, and so forth, hangga't ito ay umabot ng 20 percent.

REP. SUANSING (E.). P62 billion kapag 2 percent, Mme. Speaker.

REP. QUIMBO. So, P62 billion pero ang basic principle natin sa tax reform na ito, na ang tawag ay

TRABAHO, is that it has to be revenue neutral. Ang ibig sabihin, kung may mawawala sa kaliwang kamay by the lowering, kailangan tapalan siya with the rationalization of the fiscal incentives or tax rates, at kailangang mag-equalize iyon kasi ayaw nga nating lumubog iyong barko. Tama?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Tama iyan, Mme. Speaker.

REP. QUIMBO. So, therefore, there is an estimate. May estimate kung anong impact at kung anong mga industriya, in all likelihood, ang maaalisin natin dahil nagbabalanse iyong dalawa eh. Mawawalan ka ng 2 percent, P62 billion ang kukunin mo dito sa unang taon sa rationalization. Mayroon tayong estimate at alam natin kung anong mga kompanya o industriya ang maaapektuhan. So, ang tanong ko po doon, sa mga industriyang iyon, ilang trabaho po ang mawawala? Wala pong mali kung sinabi po natin na hindi talaga puwedeng suportahan iyan at masyado ng matagal na nakikinabang iyang industriyang iyan. Hindi baleng mawalan ng trabaho diyan, dahil mas marami naman ang magiging pakinabang ng bayan.

Ang tanong ko lang po, ilang trabaho ang mawawala?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, mayroon lang kaming estimate on how much will be lost on the part of the government kung ibababa iyong corporate income tax. Pero kung ang tanong po ni Congressman Quimbo ay kung ilang trabaho ang mawawala, as of now po ay wala po kaming estimate.

REP. QUIMBO. Bigyan ko po kayo ng kaunting across-the-board, off-the-cuff, and back-of-the-envelope computations. Sabi ng American Chamber of Commerce dito sa Pilipinas that 61 percent of all their members today, just because we are talking about and in all likelihood pass this Bill, 61 percent have said they have stopped expansion.

Sabi ng PEZA, sa taong ito, dahil sa pinag-uusapan ang Bill na ito, at alam naman natin ang investment dito, hindi naman ito sari-sari store na isang linggo matatapos ang investment. It goes to two, three, four years bago matapos ang paglagak ng pondo. In 2018, we have seen a reduction of 55.86 percent in terms of investment pledges. From P120 billion in 2017, it is down to P53 billion for the same period this year. Kalahati ang hindi na pumapasok. Hindi pa natin pinag-uusapan ang actual effect, but just the environment that it is being presented to us today, I do not think we can even call this "TRABAHO," pero baka ang itawag natin dito ay "walang trabaho."

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, iyon pong

sinasabi ni Congressman Quimbo, iyon pong mga hindi nag-expand ay hindi po natin masasabi, dahil dito sa TRABAHO. Maraming factors ang iko-consider diyan, like for example, uncertainties, but as soon as we pass this TRABAHO Bill, then doon natin makikita iyong certainties.

Ako po, doon sa sinasabi ng American Chamber of Commerce, ay hindi po iyon definite na rason kung iyong projection nila na bababa ang expansion sa Pilipinas. We still do not know, Mme. Chair, until this Bill will be passed into law and it will be implemented.

REP. QUIMBO. Mme. Speaker, the proof of the pudding is in the eating, and as far as we are concerned, the proof cannot be farther from the investors themselves. Kung ngayon pa lang po ay nagkakaroon na sila ng pagdududa o pag-aalangan sa usapin po ng paglalagay ng pondo dito sa ating bayan, lalo pang makikita natin iyong uncertainty kapag ipinasá natin ito.

Hindi ko po matanggap. If only because the Sponsor is a diligent Member of Congress, certainly, I cannot accept that we do not have a computation on what effect it will have on the job market or, at least, in your employment rate once we pass this. It is something that can be computed. I have it but I want it to come from the Department of Finance.

So, it is important to us. Noong sinabihan tayo noong TRAIN 1 kung ano ang ating expectations, niyakap ng marami sa atin, kinain po natin iyan, but we are certainly seeing a different picture today. So, we want to know. Ano ang magiging epekto nito sa bawat kanto at sa bawat kumpanya na magkakaroon po ng effect ang ating TRAIN 2 or TRABAHO?

So, hindi ho siya nakakapagdagdag sa pangamba kundi bagkus ay tingin ko ay lalo pang nagpapasalimuot sa usapin po ng pagdagdag o pagbabago ng ating buwis.

May tanong po ako, Ma'am, I have yet to see it—can we be informed, Mme. Speaker, what is the performance of TRAIN 1 relative to the expected revenue?

When we passed it, I was part of the Bicam. To my recollection, we were expecting P90 billion in additional collection emanating from TRAIN 1, from excise tax, from removal of certain exemptions, from the rationalization of the personal income taxes, excise tax on oil, and on tobacco taxes. Puwede ho ba naming malaman where we are, relative to that P90 billion today?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, I can confidently answer. On the sugar-sweetened beverage excise tax, our target is P52 billion and as of June 30 of this year, we already collected P18 billion. For a total P90 billion projection for the TRAIN 1, we already collected P45 billion, Mme. Chair.

REP. QUIMBO. May we know how that is broken down based on PIT, on CIT, on excise tax on fuel,

on tobacco taxes and on SSB or sugar-sweetened beverage?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Chair, I will get the figures, but for the sugar-sweetened beverages, it is P18 billion out of P45 billion, Mme. Chair. I will give the breakdown to Congressman Quimbo.

REP. QUIMBO. Do we take it to mean, Mme. Speaker, that P45 billion was a target, but as of June, we have already collected P18 billion. Tama po ba?

REP. SUANSING (E.). What I am saying, Mme. Chair, is I can confidently answer. On the sugar-sweetened beverages, the projected revenue is P52 billion for one year and as of June 30, we have already collected P18 billion. But, for the total P90 billion projected revenue as of June of this year, we have already collected P45 billion. So, for the breakdown, Mme. Chair, may I be allowed to give the breakdown personally to Congressman Quimbo later?

REP. QUIMBO. Mme. Speaker, I would just like to move for a one-minute suspension to allow the honorable author to get the information. Anyway, I am sure it is just with the DOF, because I have not been able to see that breakdown anywhere I go in their website, in the website of the DOF or the BIR for that matter.

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

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

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

*It was 5:12 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 5:15 p.m., session was resumed.*

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

Honorable Suansing, please proceed.

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, it is difficult to give the breakdown on the TRAIN 1. What we have here, as of June of this year, we are above target by 11 percent and the Department of Finance was able to collect 49.7 percent total. So, this is the only information that we have.



REP. QUIMBO. Let me absorb that answer, Mme. Speaker. The Department of Finance is telling us that when you look at their very basic matrix collection, it speaks of the total collection of taxes. First item is the BIR. Under it is corporate income tax, personal income tax, and then they moved toward excise taxes and the like. And then they moved to the second item on customs—whether it is VAT, duties—are we being told today that we do not know what the impact of TRAIN 1 is, relative to collection?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Chair, it is very difficult to distinguish which is TRAIN and non-TRAIN, because...

REP. QUIMBO. Why? How could that be so difficult?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Because there are other factors, like for example, efficiency of the BIR and then compliance, and then, of course, the economic growth.

REP. QUIMBO. How are we to legislate if we do not know what the effects of these laws are? How are we to say that this TRAIN 2 or TRABAH0 is going to bring about the very same effect that they are presenting to us? When with TRAIN 1 that we had passed—where we took hook line and sinker everything that they told us, they cannot even tell us what the effect is? It is six months, it is seven months, it is eight months already from the time we started implementing it. How can we not be told as legislators how it is impacting the economy? How is it impacting our tax collection?

They cannot come here and tell us this is going to be the effect next year. We are going to change after x number of billions. And now that they are implementing it, they will tell us it is too difficult to determine the effect of TRAIN 1. How could that be?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, I would like to emphasize that it is difficult to distinguish what is TRAIN and non-TRAIN revenue. So, maybe what we can do, Mme. Chair, is we will give the DOF enough time to analyze each breakdown for the revenue.

REP. QUIMBO. I will not pursue it any further, because this is like trying to draw blood from a turnip. Because I think it would be unfair to the Sponsor, Mme. Speaker, if she herself is just being fed with information that is utterly disappointing. And I hope our colleagues are paying attention, when this very same Department comes to us and tells us—these are the minutest of effects. Kapag pinag-uusapan natin ang P1 excise tax on diesel, ang epekto ay P1.25, ito ang magiging epekto. Papaano nating hindi malalaman later on kung paano

ini-implement? How are we to measure ourselves kung matagumpay tayo bilang isang Kongreso kung tama ba iyong batas na ipinasá natin if there is no scorecard that we can base it from? And you know, I am tempted to say that is probably why I cannot see any of these data because the DOF does not have the data to begin with. Again, I raise the same question that if they cannot generate the data for a law that is already being implemented, what more for a proposal that they are seeking to present to us?

Let me proceed to my next point, Mme. Speaker, and this, I think, is far simpler. I laud the Sponsor for being able to answer despite the lack of data coming from the DOF. I am deeply concerned about proprietary schools as well as hospitals that are non-profit, so today, Mme. Speaker, what will be the effect of Section 7 of House Bill No. 8083 on schools as well as hospitals? Let us begin with schools, Mme. Speaker. May we know what is going to be the effect under Section 7?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, for schools, they will still enjoy as long as they qualify. Like for example, on incentives based on performance, the Commission on Higher Education has three indicators. These are: 1) level of program accreditation; 2) performance in licensure examinations; and 3) share of faculty with graduate degrees. So, as long as they meet those criteria, then they will still enjoy the incentives.

REP. QUIMBO. What happens if they did not meet the criteria?

REP. SUANSING (E.). If they did not meet the criteria, then they will not be given incentives.

REP. QUIMBO. So, if they did not meet the criteria, as you have stated, would it be fair to say, Mme. Speaker, that they are—it is a bad school? Just for lack of a better term, is it a bad school? They did not meet the criteria of the CHED; therefore, they should not get the incentives, so it is a bad school. Is that correct?

REP. SUANSING (E.). I do not want to use the word “bad” to describe that particular school, but ...

REP. QUIMBO. They did not qualify.

REP. SUANSING (E.). Yes, they did not qualify, Mme. Speaker.

REP. QUIMBO. So why do we not just close them instead? If they did not qualify based on the criteria

set by the CHED, then why will we allow them to operate? If we allow them to operate, they will pry on individuals with hard-earned money to send their kids to these schools only to find out that they are actually below par, if they do not qualify. So, why do we not just close down the schools?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, we do not need to close them down. They will not just enjoy incentives or they will not be granted incentives but they can still operate.

REP. QUIMBO. Despite the fact that they do not qualify.

REP. SUANSING (E.). They do not qualify for the incentives but they qualify to operate.

REP. QUIMBO. The difficulty there, like I said, is that with one hand, you recognize them as a school; yet, with the right hand you tell them that they are not qualified. The CHED has to perform its regulatory function in that respect.

May I know, Mme. Speaker, how many schools are going to be affected or how many are privately or will be covered under the proprietary non-profit? Ilan po ito?

REP. SUANSING (E.). As of now, we have 25,882 educational institutions: stock is 6,442, which is 25 percent; non-stock is 18,711; and partnerships is 729 institutions.

REP. QUIMBO. So, ilang porsiyento po iyong maaapektuhan nito kung hindi po sila mag-qualify, halimbawa?

REP. SUANSING (E.). As of now, Mme. Chair, those that might be affected is 6,442, which is the stock educational institution, Mme. Speaker.

REP. QUIMBO. What about the non-stock proprietary?

REP. SUANSING (E.). If it is non-stock and non-profit, they will be exempted. That is in the Constitution.

REP. QUIMBO. So, do we now take this to heart that if you are a non-stock but proprietary, because this seems to be a confusing classification, they will not be affected by TRAIN 2?

REP. SUANSING (E.). May I read, Mme. Chair. Non-stock and non-profit, in the Constitution in Article XIV, Section 4(3)—they are exempted.

For proprietary non-profit, whose unrelated activities are not more than 50 percent of gross income, they will enjoy 10 percent income tax rate. But, for proprietary private, non-profit whose unrelated activities are more than 50 percent of gross income, they will have 30 percent income tax rate. And, for proprietary, meaning, private, for profit, they will have 30 percent income tax rate.

REP. QUIMBO. So, Mme. Speaker, ang maaapektuhan lang dito is iyong proprietary non-stock, which is currently at 10 percent, iyong sinasabi po ninyo. Tama po ba?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Yes, Mme. Speaker.

REP. QUIMBO. When you read Article XIV, Section 4(3), Ma'am—can you repeat that again? If, Mme. Speaker, ...

REP. SUANSING (E.). “All revenues and assets of non-stock x x x”—do you want me to read ...

REP. QUIMBO. Yes, Mme. Speaker.

REP. SUANSING (E.). ... Article ...

REP. QUIMBO. Yes, Mme. Speaker.

REP. SUANSING (E.).

All revenues and assets of non-stock, non-profit educational institutions used actually, directly, and exclusively ...

REP. QUIMBO. Exclusively.

REP. SUANSING (E.).

...for educational purposes shall be exempt from taxes and duties.

REP. QUIMBO. Nasaan po diyan iyong 10 percent?

REP. SUANSING (E.). What I am saying is the non-stock, non-profit...

REP. QUIMBO. No, but is that in the Constitution?

REP. SUANSING (E.).

Proprietary educational institutions, including those cooperatively owned, may likewise be entitled to such exemptions, subject to the limitations provided by law including restrictions on dividends and provisions for reinvestment.

REP. QUIMBO. Go ahead, Mme. Speaker.

REP. SUANSING (E.). In the NIRC Code, Section 27, paragraph b, it states:

Proprietary educational institutions and hospitals which are nonprofit shall pay a tax of ten percent (10%) on their taxable income except those covered by Subsection (D) hereof: Provided, that if the gross income from “unrelated trade, business or other activity” exceeds fifty percent (50%) of the total gross income derived by such educational institutions or hospitals from all sources, the tax prescribed in Subsection (A) hereof shall be imposed on the entire taxable income. For purposes of this Subsection, the term “unrelated trade, business or other activity” means any trade, business or other activity, the conduct of which is not substantially related to the exercise or performance by such educational institution or hospital of its primary purpose or function. A “proprietary educational institution” is any private school maintained and administered by private individuals or groups with an issued permit to operate from the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS), or the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), or the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), as the case may be, in accordance with existing laws and regulations.

REP. QUIMBO. Mme. Speaker, would it be fair to say that—let us just concentrate first on college, for educational institutions. Would it be fair to say that majority of tertiary higher learning institutions are predominantly private?

REP. SUANSING (E.). That is true, Mme. Speaker.

REP. QUIMBO. In fact, if you look at the data coming from CHED, 87.78 percent of college or higher educational institutions, HEIs, 87.78 percent are actually private.

Now, Mme. Speaker, what happens if these institutions or some of them do not qualify? What will be the effect on their tuition fee? If they do not qualify, they will not pay 10 percent but, in fact, pay 20 percent. Am I correct?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Again, Mme. Speaker?

REP. QUIMBO. Okay. Under Section 7, nakalagay po doon na kapag ang isang educational institution ay hindi magku-qualify based on standards imposed by CHED, sila po ay mapagkakaitan or they will no longer

be allowed to pay the 10 percent preferential tax rate, but in fact, they will pay 20 percent over a given period. Is that correct, Mme. Speaker?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Yes, Mme. Speaker.

REP. QUIMBO. Upon the effectivity of the Act, they will pay—they have two years. On the third year, they will have to pay 15 percent. And thereafter, they will have to start paying 20 percent. Is that correct?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Yes, Mme. Speaker.

REP. QUIMBO. May we know what the impact will be if they have to pay higher taxes now on the tuition fee of our children.

REP. SUANSING (E.). Of course, the impact would be there might be an increase in the tuition fee.

REP. QUIMBO. There might or there will be?

REP. SUANSING (E.). It really depends, Mme. Speaker, on the school.

REP. QUIMBO. But obviously, the school will not run on or will not be at a loss.

REP. SUANSING (E.). We are not certain yet, Mme. Speaker. That will really depend on the decision of the school.

REP. QUIMBO. Yes, but the school, Mme. Speaker, will obviously not absorb this loss. I mean, this unexpected loss or additional expense will obviously have to be passed on to their students. And again, this is one situation where I feel like that I am convinced that it will have a dramatic impact on many of our students considering that almost 9 out of 10 colleges are actually private. Meaning, a substantial number of individuals or students will end up paying a higher tuition fee because TRAIN 2 or TRABAHO is extremely high.

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, may I lead the Gentleman to Section 32 which states:

Section 32. Disposition of Incremental Revenue. Letter (g), Student Voucher. Incremental revenue from tax payment of educational institutions that fail to meet the established performance criteria shall fund a student voucher program to be implemented under the Commission on Higher Education or the Department of Education.

REP. QUIMBO. So, do I take it to mean, Mme. Speaker, that for whatever increase in tuition fee that

will happen because of TRAIN 2, it will be shouldered or it will be assuaged by virtue of a voucher system. Is that correct?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Yes, Mme. Speaker, for those who will fail to meet the established performance criteria.

REP. QUIMBO. So, let me get the picture clear. If you do not qualify, you now have to—as a school, you now have to pay 20 percent instead of 10 percent. Because of the increase in taxes, your students will now have to pay a higher tuition fee. But do not worry, students. The government will now provide you with a different system so that whatever increases in tuition you will have, we will have a voucher system that will absorb any increase in tuition. Is that correct?

REP. SUANSING (E.). That is correct, Mme. Speaker.

REP. QUIMBO. So, what happens here is, for whatever increase we collect in taxes from schools, we will now give it to CHED so that they can fund the students.

REP. SUANSING (E.). In the form of vouchers, Mme. Speaker.

REP. QUIMBO. Eh di ganoon din. Inikot lang natin. Kung anuman ang nadagdag dito, ibibigay din natin doon sa mga estudyante para ipambayad nila doon sa higher tuition fee sa isang school na hindi rin nagku-qualify.

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, ...

REP. QUIMBO. Bakit pa natin kokolektahin iyon kung ibabalik din po natin, only to reward that very same school who is not qualified.

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, ...

REP. QUIMBO. The admin cost, the leakages, the cost of administration, I mean, I cannot imagine why we will—it is like picking a hard rock and hitting ourselves with it.

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, we encourage the educational institutions to meet the performance criteria for them to qualify for the incentives. So, that is the point of this Bill, Mme. Speaker.

REP. QUIMBO. Yes, but what is going to happen is, even if they do not qualify, they will have higher tuition fees but their students can now get vouchers

from the national government, the same institution that collects those higher taxes. With one hand, you collect a higher tax because they did not qualify, but because now the tuition is higher, the very same students of this unqualified school will now be rewarded by the very same government that increased the taxes. What are we doing? Bakit natin gagawin iyon? Hinigpitan mo iyong mister mo dahil hindi, ang misis mo, dahil hindi siya—oh, I withdraw that, Mme. Speaker.

It just does not make sense. You increase the tuition fees because they did not qualify, yet you reward their students who continue to partake of this unqualified schools with the very same money that you collected from them. So, it does not in any way deter or increase or encourage the schools to correct or qualify. Why? Because their students anyway, whatever increase in tuition, babayaran din naman ng gobyerno through vouchers. I do not think that is the kind of system that we want. Mas mabuti pa pala noong una na hindi natin kinokolekta, hindi pa tayo nagpapalipat-lipat ng pondo.

So, again, the threshold question is, when we pass this, Mme. Speaker, ito ba ay para mag-generate ng dagdag na buwis? Is this a revenue measure as far as government is concerned?

REP. SUANSING (E.). May I answer, Mme. Speaker.

Then the students have the choice to transfer to schools that will not increase their tuition because they qualify in the performance criteria.

REP. QUIMBO. That is fortunate if the choice is absolute. I will venture to say that if I go to a town in Pangasinan, in Samar where I was born, the choices are not clear. You have 87.7 percent of schools private. So, kahit pa ano ang gawin mo, kung wala kang paglilipatan, maraming mga towns, maraming mga lugar, dadalawa minsan, iisa lang ang paaralan. Katulad din po ng ospital. So, kahit pa mas maganda ang isang eskwelahan pero nandoon sa kabilang baryo, you do not have the means to go there. So, choice is not free in an ideal world. Beautiful. You have the luxury, the option to choose, but that is absolutely not; it is divorced from reality. There is no effective choice as far as our students are concerned, so we simply go back. If they have many schools, many institutions, well and good. But in many places, we do not have that luxury.

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, this Bill will again encourage educational institutions to level up so that they will qualify.

REP. QUIMBO. If the objective is to level up, meaning, it is not for the purpose of raising revenue—

tama ho ako ano ha? Sabi ho ninyo na gusto po nating mag-impose ng tax because gusto nating itaas nila ang antas ng kanilang pagpapatakbo ng paaralan. Tama?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Correct, Mme. Speaker.

REP. QUIMBO. Eh bakit natin ipagkakait o ibang mga pamamaraan tulad ng buwis—hindi ho ba pupuwede na gamitin natin iyong regulatory function ng CHED? Nandoon naman po eh. Kung hindi kayo nagperform up to par, eh di dapat isara. Dapat magbukas ang gobyerno doon ng institusyon para mag-cater doon sa lugar na iyon, meaning we have enough regulatory bodies. Bakit hindi iyon ang palakasin po natin? Kasi, kapag ito po iyong ating objective na para itaas ang antas ng kalidad, hindi sa pamamaraan ng pagbubuwis, bakit? Dahil ang magiging epekto ay tataas ang tuition fee and, in the end, you do not penalize the school but you penalize the student.

Kaya sa tingin ko po ito ay hindi akma sa objectives ng ating napakagandang batas.

REP. SUANSING (E.). We are not penalizing the students, Mme. Speaker. In fact, as I said, we will provide student vouchers.

REP. QUIMBO. If increasing tuition fees is not tantamount to penalizing them, I do not know what is. But let me move on to my last few tapering points, Mme. Speaker.

Itong mga paaralan po, puwede ko bang malaman, Mme. Speaker, if the CHED was actually consulted or were the schools asked to comment or participate in the process?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Yes, they were consulted, Mme. Speaker.

REP. QUIMBO. May we know how they were consulted? What was the manner by which they participated?

REP. SUANSING (E.). We invited them in the Committee meetings, Mme. Speaker.

REP. QUIMBO. Did the CHED participate?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Yes, Mme. Speaker. I was there.

REP. QUIMBO. In the last budget hearing, the CHED expressly stated to its Chairman that their opinion was not procured. Sinabi nila hindi sila tinanong. The main implementor of the qualification standards was actually not asked to participate, and his two cents' worth was actually not solicited. It is a grave concern

for us simply because this affects major institutions, most of which are private and will be affected by this tax withdrawal. I raised that matter because it was a source of concern. Mme. Speaker, I hope that the author can tell us in the future how and why the CHED, as well as the organization of private schools, were actually not asked to deeply participate in the process.

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, I would like to inform the Gentleman that the DOF met with the COCOPEA and the schools. We have to take note that there was a change in the leadership of the CHED.

REP. QUIMBO. When was the change in leadership? I think that was last year.

REP. SUANSING (E.). But the DOF was able to meet them before the change in leadership.

REP. QUIMBO. But as legislators, actually, we were not given the opportunity to hear expressly from these individuals. But like I said, it was a point of concern which I raised, that I will not debate on considering that they themselves have already expressed their concern to Congress in the course of our Committee hearings on the budget of the CHED.

Mme. Speaker, increasing or changing the income tax regime of hospitals is again one way which will result in higher medical expenses. If these are for the indigents, it will raise the expenses of PhilHealth and, therefore, put a lot of pressure on our main social health institution. This is an area of concern which I think needs to be looked at.

Will the author tell us what impact TRAIN 2 will have in terms of medical expenses.

REP. SUANSING (E.). Again, this is the same as in the educational institutions where we expect that there would be an increase in medical charges. But again, I would like to emphasize that this Bill will encourage hospitals to meet the established performance criteria.

REP. QUIMBO. Will we provide vouchers to patients who are not able to qualify just like with schools? Will the incremental collections be utilized for that?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Yes, Mme. Speaker. Again, in Section 33, (H), it states:

Universal Healthcare. – Incremental revenue from tax payment of hospitals that fail to meet the established performance criteria shall fund the universal healthcare program to be implemented under the Department of Health (DOH).

REP. QUIMBO. Once again, I pose this very same question, is that what will in fact happen? Will medical expenses increase for patients, although they have no need to worry because anyway vouchers will be made available so you can pay the increase in medical expenses? Therefore, whatever penalty we impose on the hospitals, they will still get paid because anyway whatever increases they would have as a result of the change, because they did not qualify, the medical expense will increase. Again, it is the government, in fact, not punishing them, but rather tolerating it, and worse, rewarding them for their terrible quality of service. That is what is going to happen.

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, the benefit will be given directly to the patients and not to the hospitals.

REP. QUIMBO. But to whom will the voucher be given?

REP. SUANSING (E.). To the patients, Mme. Speaker.

REP. QUIMBO. To whom will the patients give it to?

REP. SUANSING (E.). To the hospital.

REP. QUIMBO. Exactly. So, we deprive the hospitals of the preferential tax rate. We are penalizing you because you are not qualifying so they increase their medical expenses.

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker.

REP. QUIMBO. The patient will now have to pay higher but they will get the vouchers from the government. Again, we go back to the very same thing. Instead of disincentivizing them, we are actually rewarding them.

REP. SUANSING (E.). But, Mme. Speaker, the benefit goes directly to the patient. We are sure that the patients will use these vouchers. But if we will give the benefit to the hospital, we are not sure that this hospital will give the benefits to the patients.

REP. QUIMBO. Oo nga po, pero ang sinasabi po natin is that the vouchers are going to be given in the event that we have patients who will be affected by increases in hospital expenses. These are called buffers for shocks. You have a health shock, nagkaroon ng increase iyong kanyang usual dialysis, iyong kanyang usual treatment nagtaas dahil ang ospital ay nagbabayad ng mas mataas na income tax.

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, my colleague, hindi itinataas ng ospital iyong kanyang...

REP. QUIMBO. Correct.

REP. SUANSING (E.). ... facilities, iyong kanyang service. That is why in a way, we are, paulit-ulit na po ako, Mme. Speaker. We are encouraging them to level up so that they will be able to perform well.

REP. QUIMBO. But how do you force them to level up when the very same patients who used to pay P1 now pays P1.10?

REP. SUANSING (E.). The patient will not pay a higher service fee if the hospital will be able to meet the performance criteria. At this point, Mme. Speaker, it is so difficult to argue kung sino po iyong talo dito, iyong pasyente o ospital, kasi we are encouraging nga the hospitals and the schools na itaas ang lebel nila.

There are hospitals that operate na hindi naman maganda iyong serbisyo pero pinagtitiyagaan natin. The same way with schools, they are not performing but they are gaining profits.

REP. QUIMBO. But we do not penalize them. How do we penalize them when the very same students or the very same patients are going to be able to get vouchers so that they can pay for that higher fee?

Mme. Speaker, dati nagbabayad ng P1. In many places, there are only two hospitals. You have a barangay health station and a private hospital or a private mini-clinic. Iyong private mini-clinic, ang sagwa ng serbisyo nito, hindi ito qualified. Ang pinag-uusapan po natin, wala namang choice iyong pasyente. They will always end up going there even if the service is terrible because there is simply no other choice. So, what do we do there? Para makapagbayad sila, we make the vouchers available. I only keep on repeating this matter. Why? Because we derive—how much are we going to collect in terms of additional taxes from the rationalization on hospitals?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, we will submit as soon as the data is ready from the Department of Health.

REP. QUIMBO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. I will not belabor that point anymore. But let me put on record, once again, that data should be made available to us because we are about to approve this Bill, and we cannot just simply say that the data is still being generated because this is a matter of serious concern, it being a taxation.

One last point, Mme. Speaker, both of which are intertwined. On talks about housing, may I know what is

the status of the Pag-IBIG fund in this current proposal, the Home Development Mutual Fund or the Workers' Provident Pension Fund.

REP. SUANSING (E.). The Pag-IBIG fund is already included as an exemption, Mme. Speaker.

REP. QUIMBO. Do I take it to mean or do I get a commitment, Mme. Speaker, that Pag-IBIG, SSS, GSIS and PhilHealth, the four main pillars of our social pension funds, are on equal footing, pare-pareho po sila ng pakinabang at babayaran?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Yes, Mme. Speaker, dear colleague.

REP. QUIMBO. With that assurance, I will move sa usapin na lang po ng housing, pinag-usapan na po natin, can we find out, Mme. Speaker, what is now the rule for socialized housing?

REP. SUANSING (E.). The rule will remain where the housing companies will provide 15 percent of the total cost of the project for socialized housing.

REP. QUIMBO. What incentives do they get for this government imposition, this police power exercise? Because the government is imposing on our developers that you have to put at least, is it 30 percent?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Fifteen percent, Mme. Speaker.

REP. QUIMBO. Fifteen percent—the 15 percent of your development has to be socialized. What is the incentive that we give them in exchange for this police power exercise? Otherwise, this is deprivation of property without due process or without just compensation. Ano po ang incentives nila?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Honorable Quimbo and the distinguished Sponsor will please wind up.

REP. QUIMBO. I am winding up, Mme. Speaker. Thank you.

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

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, if they are in the SITP, then they will avail of the incentives.

REP. QUIMBO. So, they have a certainty of debt because you imposed the requirement of 15 percent, yet

you do not give them a certainty with the incentives, meaning, it depends on what is placed in the SITP. Tama?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Yes.

REP. QUIMBO. I think that is absolutely, highly unfair. It is unfair that you require a private institution or a private enterprise to perform a social function, yet at the same time, you are depriving them of their tax privileges provided by law.

REP. SUANSING (E.). We are not depriving them, Mme. Speaker. As long as they qualify for the performance criteria in the SITP, then they will be qualified for incentives.

REP. QUIMBO. What is the performance standard for housing to qualify under the SITP?

REP. SUANSING (E.). The BOI will come up with the criteria and we are not yet ready with the SITP, Mme. Speaker.

REP. QUIMBO. Mme. Speaker, I would like to express my thanks to our distinguished Sponsor. But time and again, Mme. Speaker, if there is any realization today that what we have seen is that we are getting head on with the new tax regime without specific numbers. We do not even know what the impact is in terms of jobs. We do not even know whether it will generate investments. We do not even know what impact it will have on schools, on hospitals. We do not even know what will happen to housing.

In my mind, Mme. Speaker, it is completely unacceptable. With the experience that we have had with TRAIN 1. We cannot accept passing a Bill where issues pertaining to uncertainty are admitted by themselves, that they are not even sure what will happen, we will plan for it as it comes. This is a matter of serious concern which I hope our colleagues will think about deeply.

Maraming salamat, Mme. Speaker. Maraming salamat to our distinguished Sponsor. Maraming salamat po.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, next to interpellate is the Hon. Mark O. Go. I move that the Gentleman be recognized.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Honorable Go is recognized. Please proceed.

REP. GO (M.). Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield to some questions?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Certainly, Mme. Speaker.

REP. GO (M.). I would like to ask first on the corporate income tax. It is stated in the Bill that starting 2019, upon approval of this Bill, the first reduction will be from 35 percent to 30 percent, and subsequently, every year thereafter, an additional 2 percent reduction in the corporate income tax for corporations up to about 15 percent in 2029. May I ask, how much is the total loss to the government in terms of the tax that will be reduced in terms of percentage?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, for every 2 percent decrease is P62 billion and 1 percent is P31 billion.

REP. GO (M.). In that case, the loss to the government is about P620 billion in the next 10 years if it is P62 billion per year? Is that correct?

REP. SUANSING (E.). For every two years ...

REP. GO (M.). For every two years. In that case ...

REP. SUANSING (E.). ... two percent.

REP. GO (M.). ... that will be about P30 billion or P300 billion in the next 10 years.

REP. SUANSING (E.). Yes, Mme. Speaker, Your Honor.

REP. GO (M.). How would you intend to recover that immediate loss to the government?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, this is why we are rationalizing the incentives.

REP. GO (M.). Okay.

The other one that you indicated is for non-performing proprietary schools and hospitals. You will increase the tax rate from 10 percent to 15 percent in 2021 up to 2023, and from 2024 onwards, it will be 20 percent. Is that correct?

REP. SUANSING (E.). That is correct, Mme. Speaker.

REP. GO (M.). You stipulated here schools which do not meet the performance standards. I would like to find out what will be these performance standards that should be met by the schools before they will continue to enjoy the 10-percent corporate tax or income tax?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, the three indicators given by the Commission on Higher Education, I would like to repeat, (1) the level of program accreditation; (2) the performance in licensure examinations; and (3) the share of faculty with graduate degrees.

REP. GO (M.). What about those in the elementary and high school? Is it not that when you are recognized by the Department of Education or the CHED, it is automatically assumed that the performance standards are met? You cannot operate as a school without complying with the standards set forth by either the CHED or the Department of Education. Why do you need to have additional performance standards? Probably, they might not be able to comply with this because you might be setting new standards outside of what was approved earlier.

REP. SUANSING (E.). It is the same, Mme. Speaker.

REP. GO (M.). So, why do you need then—why do we not just keep the same standards as when you asked for permit or recognition either from the Department of Education or the Commission on Higher Education?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Because, Mme. Speaker, we need to encourage the educational institutions to level up. There are schools that are not accredited. There are schools that their teachers do not have teaching or do not have graduate degrees, so we want them to level up.

REP. GO (M.). So, in that sense, you might be penalizing those who are doing well already by requiring them additional performance standards to be complied with instead of just probably helping them to do a good job, you know. Right now, as you know, many of our students are going to the public schools and universities because of the program that we have in our education system—like the free tuition fee for students entering public universities, state universities and colleges.

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, we fully understand that, the free tuition fee per state university. There are a lot of schools that are affected but we have to take note, Mme. Speaker, that they have limitations on the number of students accepted in the state universities. So, I do not think they will be affected.

REP. GO (M.). What about in the elementary and high school? Because you require also? Considering now that if you look at the salaries and wages of teachers in the private schools compared to the public



schools, definitely the salaries and wages of our teachers in public schools are higher than those in the private school. Now, if you will impose an additional 50-percent increase in terms of imposing the 10 to 15 percent tax, that would even, you know, I would say, affect their performance as a school.

REP. SUANSING (E.). I would like to restate my statement a while ago, Mme. Chair, that in Section 33, we stated there the vouchers in letter (g), which states:

Student Vouchers. – Incremental revenue from tax payment of educational institutions that fail to meet the established performance criteria shall fund a student voucher program to be implemented under the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) or the Department of Education (DepEd).

So, the students will be given vouchers directly.

REP. GO (M.). Yes. But at the end of the day, the one who will shoulder the additional tax will be the schools. The question I have is, why do you need to impose additional requirements for them to enjoy the same 10 percent tax on their income when in fact when you accredited them as educational institutions, you are in effect giving them, you know, the go signal to operate their school and, at the same time, they meet the standards already of the Department of Education or CHED?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Actually, Mme. Speaker, this is not an additional standard. This is already established. We just want that the educational institutions should comply.

REP. GO (M.). Yes. But why do you need to make that as a condition for enjoying the same tax rate of 10 percent?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Because...

REP. GO (M.). Because if they do not, you are saying that they have to pay 15 percent and 20 percent from 2021 to 2024 onwards.

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, I would like to inform my colleague that this was already established. So, we want to implement lang po.

REP. GO (M.). No, it was not established.

I know that for a fact because I have known a lot of schools in the country that enjoy the 10 percent as long as they are recognized and, at the same time, certified

by the Department of Education and/or the Commission on Higher Education.

*At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Garin (S.) relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Mercedes K. Alvarez.*

REP. SUANSING (E.). Maybe, Mme. Speaker, the CHED or the DepEd has neglected to monitor them, but this is already the requirement, Mme. Speaker.

REP. GO (M.). So, what is your intent here? Is it your intention to increase taxes as far as the schools are concerned or simply to ensure that they comply with the requirements?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, we encourage them to comply with the criteria.

REP. GO (M.). If you implement this, how much tax will you be able to collect in addition to the existing tax to be paid? Would you know? I am sure you made a calculation on how much additional tax it will generate.

REP. SUANSING (E.). As of now, Mme. Chair, we do not have the projected tax revenue because we still do not know who will not comply and who will. So, as soon as this Bill becomes a law and be implemented, then, that is the time that we will be able to project the tax revenue.

REP. GO (M.). Okay. On the regional operating headquarters, right now, the tax collected is 10 percent of their income. You propose to increase this in 2021, at 28 percent.

REP. SUANSING (E.). That is correct, Mme. Speaker.

REP. GO (M.). How much do you expect to collect in addition—I mean, with this increase from 10 to 28 percent?

REP. SUANSING (E.). We will provide as soon as the data is available, Mme. Speaker.

REP. GO (M.). What about the resident foreign corporation? You are increasing from—no, reducing, just like the other local companies, from 30 percent to 26, 24, 22, 20, up to 2029. How much is the projected reduction in the revenue of the government as far as these companies are concerned?

REP. SUANSING (E.). We do not have the details yet as to the breakdown for each.

REP. GO (M.). So, we do not know exactly how much additional revenue loss as well as income for the other proposals that are indicated in this Bill at this point.

REP. SUANSING (E.). For the total in this Bill, we have, Mme. Speaker, but for each item, we do not have the projected revenue, Mme. Speaker. But if the Gentleman would like to know the total in this Bill, then we will provide you with the data.

REP. GO (M.). Okay. In terms of the grants you want to—actually you said, you stated here that you would like to modernize the fiscal incentives given to companies in the country, and you would like to establish a uniform incentives scheme applicable to all investment promotion agencies or the IPAs. As we call them, and currently, like those in the PEZA companies, they enjoy a 5 percent tax on their gross income, and you would like to get rid of this, remove this 5 percent, and you want them to follow the same tax rate for the other companies, from ...

REP. SUANSING (E.). That is correct, Mme. Speaker.

REP. GO (M.). How much are we going to generate? I am sure—you know, I have talked to a lot of companies and they are objecting to this particular provision. How much are we going to generate here in terms of tax with this reduction—I mean, the removal of the 5 percent on the gross income?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, as to details, we do not have, but if my colleague will allow me, then, we have a projected tax revenue for the total Bill.

REP. GO (M.). So, hindi natin alam kung anong impact nito sa individual business or industry. Hindi ba dapat kailangan nating malaman iyon para alam natin kung magkano ang total nating makokolekta at mababawasan sa gobyerno in terms of taxes, Mme. Speaker?

REP. SUANSING (E.). As of now, Mme. Chair, we do not have.

REP. GO (M.). Okay, siguro sa summary na lang, plus or minus, total bottom-line tax collection, are we going to generate with this—the new term or the new name TRABAHO, although it is TRAIN 2? How much is the bottom-line net tax to the government?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, this is revenue neutral, so as of now, we do not have the ...

REP. GO (M.). Are you sure it is—we do not know kung magkano? So, even the individual tax measure that we amended here in this proposed Bill, we do not know exactly how much we are going to lose in terms of the collection of taxes? How much we are going to earn or I am just asking now what is the bottom-line impact?

*At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Alvarez (M.) relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Sharon S. Garin.*

REP. SUANSING (E.). We only have the total if you will allow me.

REP. GO (M.). How much?

REP. SUANSING (E.). For the first—for reducing it from 30 to 28 percent in year 2021, we will lose P62 billion. And, for the next two years, which is 2023, that will be 26 percent, that is P155 billion. And, for the next two years, which will be reduced to 24 percent, that is in year 2025, P291.42 billion. And, in the next level, which is in 2027, 22 percent na lang ang corporate income tax, that is P487.41 billion. And, for the last year, which is 2029, CIT will be reduced to 20 percent, that is P764.26 billion.

REP. GO (M.). Okay, so that will be the lost income of the government as a result of the reduction of the tax rate from the current 35 to 20 percent up to 2029.

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, from 30 percent.

REP. GO (M.). Yes, 30 percent, okay.

What about—that is why I asked earlier, how do we compensate this, and these are the other provisions that you would like to be amended in our existing tax laws? How much are we going to generate from all these increase in tax rates so that we can now say that at the end of the day, we will be able to raise more taxes minus, of course, the total? More than P700 billion in losses that we will have as a result of the ...

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, we are not—again, this is revenue neutral. We are limiting the tax incentives to non-redundant. We do not have any projection yet as to how much we will collect because we do not know which companies or institutions will retain their incentives or will be qualified for incentives.

REP. GO (M.). Wala ho tayong rough estimate lang or tentative number that we can say that with these changes that we are going to make in our tax laws we will be able to generate x-billions of pesos, so that

we can compensate the loss in taxes as a result of the reduction of the tax rate from 30 to 20 percent, Mme. Speaker?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, mahirap po kasing i-project kung magkano po iyong kokolektahin po natin in terms of removing the incentives or rationalizing the incentives.

REP. GO (M.). So...

REP. SUANSING (E.). Kasi po, hindi natin alam kung anong mga kompanya ang magkakaroon ng incentives at anong mga kompanya ang matatangalan ng incentives.

REP. GO (M.). Hindi ho ba mahirap iyon? Hindi natin alam kung magkano ang makokolekta natin, pero alam natin kung magkano ang mababawas sa ating income. Itong P700 billion plus na sinabi ninyo, tapos eh hindi natin alam kung papaano natin maco-compensate ito. Eh hindi ba mas mahirap yata iyon? Hindi tayo sigurado. Ang mangyayari niyan, kulang naman ang pera natin para pondohan iyong budget natin. Hindi ba mas maganda alam natin kung magkano iyon?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, sa ngayon po, maraming incentives, ano. Mayroon pong mga companies na nag-e-enjoy up to 29 years, mayroon namang hindi nag-e-enjoy, mayroon namang 5 hanggang 15 years. Sa ngayon po, ang nawawala sa gobyerno ay P301 billion. So, iyon po ang gusto nating bawiin.

REP. GO (M.). So, iyon ho ang gusto ninyong bawiin at kolektahin sa mga kompanya kung mai-implement natin itong ating bagong ipinapanukala ngayon?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Hopefully po. Hopefully, Mme. Speaker, iyon ang ating makokolekta.

REP. GO (M.). P300 billion every year o ano po iyon?

REP. SUANSING (E.). In 2015. That was 2015 data, Mme. Speaker.

REP. GO (M.). So, P300 billion annually? That is what we expect to collect so that we can compensate iyon pong more than P700 billion na considered loss natin because of the reduction of the tax rate from 30 to 20 percent up to 2029. Is that correct, Mme. Speaker?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Not the entire P301 billion, because doon po sa mga kompanya na nag-e-enjoy ng incentives ngayon ay magkakaroon pa rin sila

ng incentives as long as they meet the established performance criteria. So, we are not sure that we will collect the P301 billion, but mayroon po tayo doon na kung hindi mag-qualify doon sa criteria, then mawawala po iyong incentives.

REP. GO (M.). Pero mayroon po kayong—I am sure, you have an estimate—sabihin na nating low estimate, medium at saka iyong max na estimate. Mayroon ho ba kayong range?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, ...

REP. GO (M.). So that we can be assured that this is a good measure. Kasi kung hindi tayo siguradong makokolekta at gagastos tayo rito dahil dito sa pagbaba ng rate ng income tax from 30 to 20 percent, eh bakit pa natin aaprubahan ang ating panukalang batas na iyan kung hindi tayo sigurado at hindi natin alam anong mangyayari. I am sure mayroon ho kayong data niyan. Ayaw pa—siguro hindi pa kayo ready or I do not know—I am sure mayroon na ang Department of Finance dito. Si Mr. Chua alam niya iyan.

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, we do not have. Ulitin ko po. Hindi pa po natin alam kung sino ang mga kompanya na will continue to enjoy the incentives. At hindi rin po tayo definite kung sino po ang hindi na mag-a-avail ng incentives. Kaya po wala po kaming projection. We only have kung ano po ang nawala sa gobyerno noong 2015 because of the incentives.

REP. GO (M.). Alam po ninyo mayroon namang listahan ng, let say, iyong mga kompanya sa PEZA. Alam natin kung sino ang nag-e-enjoy ng tax incentive—10 years, 15 years, 20 years. Alam natin iyong mga kompanyang iyan at na-calculate na natin—if we will move to this new tax measure—alam na natin kung magkano ang makukuha natin sa bawat kompanya. At puwede natin i-assume iyan na iyong minimum na makukuha natin at saka iyong maximum, kasi po kung hindi natin alam e medyo nakakaano iyon, nakakanerbiyos kumbaga. Kasi hindi natin alam kung magkano makokolekta natin, pero sure tayo na kapag tayo ay nagbaba ng buwis from 30 to 20 percent, alam nating kabawasan iyon sa buwis ng ating gobyerno. Hindi po ba, Mme. Speaker?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, gusto ko lang pong sabihin na iyon pong mga companies sa PEZA, for example, hindi po natin alam ngayon kung sino po sa kanila will continue to enjoy the incentives. Hindi po natin sila mapo-project. Mahirap ho kasi na sabihin natin na, “Ah ito, magfe-fail ito doon sa performance criteria. Ito ay papasok.” So, mahirap hong i-project iyong revenue. Pero for sure po, hindi po

papayag ang Department of Finance na wala po tayong pambalanse doon sa mawawala dahil ire-reduce po natin iyong corporate income tax.

REP. GO (M.). So ang ibig ninyo pong sabihin na you are expecting to collect more than what we will give away in terms of itong pagbaba ng buwis sa corporate income tax nila.

REP. SUANSING (E.). That is for sure, Mme. Speaker.

REP. GO (M.). Mga ilan pong porsiyento iyan?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, mahirap hong i-project dahil po iyong mga kumpanyang ito ay puwede po silang mag-come up with new innovations o hindi kaya ay may expansion so hindi po natin puwedeng i-project, maliban pa doon sa sinabi ko nga po na hindi tayo definite kung sino iyong mga kumpanya na mag-e-enjoy, continue enjoying the incentives, at sino ang hindi.

REP. GO (M.). But you have a list of all these companies operating in the different parts of the country—either under the Board of Investments or under PEZA—mayroon po kayong listahan ng mga kumpanyang ito at alam ninyo of their current incentives that they enjoy, and how many years they will enjoy these incentives, mayroon po kayo?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Yes, Mme. Speaker, we have that information.

REP. GO (M.). Okay. If you have that information, eh napakadali pong gumawa ng assessment diyan batay dito. Eh, baka ayaw lang po ninyong sabihin iyong exact amount.

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, I am being very truthful in this august hall. We do not have that information because, again po, mahirap pong i-project kung sino ang papasok sa incentive at sino ang hindi papasok sa incentive. So, hindi po namin alam kung magkano ang ating kokolektahin.

REP. GO (M.). Hindi po ba nakakatakot iyon, na aaprubahan natin itong Bill na ito at hindi natin alam kung magkano ang ating makokolekta pero sigurado tayo na tayo ay mababawasan ng buwis sapagkat ibababa natin iyong tax rate from 30 to 20 percent?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker.

REP. GO (M.). Alam po natin iyon, maliwanag iyon, sinabi ninyo kanina iyong exact amount na

ibibigay natin tapos sasabihin ninyo magbibigay kayo ng coupons, magbibigay kayo ng tulong sa pabahay. Eh, alam ninyo na iyong gagastusin ninyo pero hindi ninyo pa alam ngayon ang inyong kokolektahin. Hindi po ba nakakatakot iyon?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, we do, my dear colleague. Alam po namin kung magkano po ang nawala sa atin because of those incentives, P301 billion, at ito po ay siguradong may makokolekta tayo. At kanina po, nabanggit ko po sa inyo na kapag bumaba ng 2 percent in year 2021, eh P62 billion lamang po ang mawawala sa gobyerno. Doon naman po siguro sa P300 billion ay malaki naman po siguro ang makokolekta natin.

Mme. Speaker, once we are ready with the figures then we will provide Congressman Go with the information.

REP. GO (M.). Okay, Mme. Speaker, at this point, I think I will accept iyong ganoon. Pero, ang highest, kumbaga, P301 billion, ang lowest ay hindi naman puwedeng zero iyan, baka kalahati niyan or something. Iyon po ba ay monthly, I mean, annually iyon, di ba, annually po iyong P301 billion?

REP. SUANSING (E.). Yes, that is the data of 2015.

REP. GO (M.). Okay, I think, at this point, Mme. Speaker, I would like to end my interpellation.

Thank you very much, Mme. Speaker. And, Mme. Sponsor, thank you.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move to suspend the consideration of House Bill No. 8083.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7848 ON THIRD READING

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7848 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. Garin, S.). 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 22, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7848, entitled: 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.

*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. 13, dated August 29, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7848  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). With 215 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7848 is hereby approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7881  
ON THIRD READING

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7881 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. Garin, S.). 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 22, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7881, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING VERDE ISLAND PASSAGE A MARINE PROTECTED

AREA (MPA) AND ECOTOURISM ZONE 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. 13, dated August 29, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7881  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). With 215 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7881 is hereby approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8006  
ON THIRD READING

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8006 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. Garin, S.). 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 22, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8006, entitled: AN ACT CONVERTING THE OROQUIETA AGRO-INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL (OAS) IN THE CITY OF OROQUIETA, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL, INTO A STATE COLLEGE TO BE KNOWN AS THE MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL STATE COLLEGE (MOSC), REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4941, 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. 13, dated August 29, 2018.*

\* See ANNEX (printed separately)

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8006  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). With 215 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8006 is hereby approved on Third Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8069  
ON THIRD READING

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8069 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. Garin, S.). 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 22, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8069, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTISPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN BARANGAY BINDUYAN, CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, 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. 13, dated August 29, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8069  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). With 215 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8069 is approved on Third Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8070  
ON THIRD READING

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8070 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). 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 22, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, House Bill No. 8070, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTISPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PIODURAN, PROVINCE OF ALBAY, 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. 13, dated August 29, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8070  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). With 215 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8070 is hereby approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8071  
ON THIRD READING

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8071 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. Garin, S.). 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 22, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8071, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTISPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF OAS, PROVINCE OF ALBAY 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. 13, dated August 29, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8071  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). With 215 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8071 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H. JT. RES. NO. 26  
ON THIRD READING

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Joint Resolution No. 26 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). 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 22, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

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 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. 13, dated August 29, 2018.*

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). With 213 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Joint Resolution No. 26 is approved on Third Reading.

That is our 18th Third and final Reading for today.

The Majority Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that the Secretary General be directed to transmit copies of the measures approved on Third Reading.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. NOEL. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve Journal No. 12, dated August 28, 2018.

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

RECONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL  
OF H.B. NO. 6769 ON SECOND READING

REP. ANDAYA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we take up House Bill No. 6769, under the Calendar of Business, contained in Committee Report No. 507, and direct the Secretary General to read only the title of the measure.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6769, entitled: AN ACT EXPANDING THE PROHIBITION OF DISCRIMINATORY ACTS

\* See ANNEX (printed separately)

AGAINST WOMEN ON ACCOUNT OF SEX, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES".

#### PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

REP. ANDAYA. Mme. Speaker, the parliamentary status of the Bill is that its approval on Second Reading has been reconsidered. I move that we reconsider the termination of the period of amendments.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we reconsider the perfecting amendments introduced thereto and revert House Bill No. 6769 to its original version, as contained in Committee Report No. 507.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we close the period of amendments.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve on Second Reading House Bill No. 6769, as amended.

#### VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 6769, as amended, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

#### APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6769, AS AMENDED, ON SECOND READING

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

*ayes* have it; House Bill No. 6769 is hereby approved, as amended, on Second Reading.

#### RATIFICATION OF CONF. COMM. RPT. ON H.B. NO. 6202

REP. ANDAYA. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 6202.

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

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

The Secretary General is directed to read only the title of the measure.

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6202, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SOUTH COTABATO STATE COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SURALLAH, PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO, INTEGRATING THEREWITH THE SURALLAH NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SURALLAH, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

REP. ANDAYA. Mme. Speaker, in accordance with our rules, I move that we ratify the said Conference Committee Report.

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

The Conference Committee Report is ratified.

#### RATIFICATION OF CONF. COMM. RPT. ON H.B. NO. 6314

REP. ANDAYA. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 6314.

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

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

\* 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 Conference Committee Report have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the title of the measure without prejudice to inserting the text of the report in the Congressional Record.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6314, entitled: AN ACT GRANTING STREAMTECH SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGIES INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES.

REP. ANDAYA. Mme. Speaker, in accordance with our rules, I move that we ratify the said Conference Committee Report.

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

The Conference Committee Report is ratified.

RATIFICATION OF CONF. COMM. RPT.  
ON H.B. NO. 5635

REP. ANDAYA. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 5635.

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

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

The Secretary General is directed to read only the title of the measure.

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5635, entitled: AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO BRIGHT STAR BROADCASTING NETWORK CORPORATION UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7295, ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE BRIGHT STAR BROADCASTING NETWORK CORPORATION A

FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

REP. ANDAYA. Mme. Speaker, in accordance with our rules, I move that we ratify the said Conference Committee Report.

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

The Conference Committee Report is ratified.

RATIFICATION OF CONF. COMM. RPT.  
ON H.B. NO. 4136

REP. ANDAYA. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 4136.

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

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

The Secretary General is directed to read only the title of the measure.

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 4136, entitled: AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO MANILA BROADCASTING COMPANY UNDER REPUBLIC ACT 7816, ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE MANILA BROADCASTING COMPANY A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

REP. ANDAYA. Mme. Speaker, in accordance with our rules, I move that we ratify the said Conference Committee Report.

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

\* See MEASURES CONSIDERED (printed separately)

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

The Conference Committee Report is ratified.

RATIFICATION OF CONF. COMM. RPT.  
ON H.B. NO. 5716

REP. ANDAYA. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 5716.

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

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

The Secretary General is directed to read only the title of the measure.

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5716, entitled: AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO VANGUARD RADIO NETWORK COMPANY, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7529, ENTITLED “AN ACT GRANTING VANGUARD RADIO NETWORK COMPANY, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE ISLAND OF LUZON AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8069.

REP. ANDAYA. Mme. Speaker, in accordance with our rules, I move that we ratify the said Conference Committee Report.

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

The Conference Committee Report is ratified.

RATIFICATION OF CONF. COMM. RPT.  
ON H.B. NO. 5349

REP. ANDAYA. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 5349.

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

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

The Secretary General is directed to read only the title of the measure.

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5349, entitled: AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO NOTRE DAME BROADCASTING CORPORATION UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8109, ENTITLED “AN ACT GRANTING THE NOTRE DAME BROADCASTING CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES FOR RELIGIOUS, EDUCATIONAL, AND CULTURAL AS WELL AS FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.”

REP. ANDAYA. Mme. Speaker, in accordance with our rules, I move that we ratify the said Conference Committee Report.

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

The Conference Committee Report is ratified.

RATIFICATION OF CONF. COMM. RPT.  
ON H.B. NO. 5745 AND S.B. NO. 1233

REP. ANDAYA. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of the Conference Committee Report on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 5745 and Senate Bill No. 1233.

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

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

The Secretary General is directed to read only the titles of the measures.

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 5745, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE COCONUT FARMERS AND INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND AND PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND UTILIZATION; and Senate Bill No. 1233, entitled: AN ACT CREATING THE COCONUT FARMERS AND INDUSTRY TRUST FUND, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND UTILIZATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

REP. ANDAYA. Mme. Speaker, in accordance with our rules, I move that we ratify the said Conference Committee Report.

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

REP. CASILAO. Objection.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Chair hears none; ...

REP. CASILAO. Objection, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). ... the motion is approved.

REP. CASILAO. Objection.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Yes.

REP. CASILAO. There is an objection, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ANDAYA. What is the objection?

REP. CASILAO. Well, if the Conference Committee Report on the Coco Levy Fund is what we are currently ratifying, for the record, this Representation strongly objects to the ratification of the Report.

REP. ANDAYA. Okay. Let the Secretary General note his objection.

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

ELECTION OF REP. NUÑEZ-MALANYAON AS VICE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATION

REP. ANDAYA. On the part of the Majority, Mme. Speaker, we would like to elect for the Committee on Appropriations as Vice Chairperson, Rep. Corazon T. Nuñez-Malanyaon vice Rep. Carmelo “Jon” B. Lazatin II. I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Likewise, Mme. Speaker, I move that we insert in the *Congressional Record* the letter of Rep. Tobias “Toby” M. Tiangco, declining his membership in the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries on the part of the Majority, for him to remain as an independent Member of the House. I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

WITHDRAWAL OF ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES

REP. ANDAYA. Mme. Speaker, I move for the withdrawal of the election of Reps. Harlin Neil J. Abayon III and Raymond Democrito C. Mendoza as members of the Committee on Accounts. I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mme. Speaker, I move for the withdrawal of the election of Rep. Orestes T. Salon as member of the Committee on Agrarian Reform. I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Likewise, I move for the withdrawal of the election of Rep. Shernee Abubakar Tan as Vice Chairperson of the Committee on Appropriations.

\* See ANNEX (printed separately)

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. ANDAYA. I move for the withdrawal of the election of Rep. Tobias “Toby” M. Tiangco as member of the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. ANDAYA. I move for the withdrawal of the election of Rep. Rodel M. Batocabe as member of the Committee on Civil Service and Professional Regulation.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. ANDAYA. I move for the withdrawal of the election of Reps. Michelle M. Antonio, Rodel M. Batocabe, and Jesulito A. Manalo as members of the Committee on Justice.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

#### ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. ANDAYA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adjourn the session until three o’clock in the afternoon of Monday, September 3, 2018.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the session is adjourned until Monday, September 3, 2018, at four o’clock in the afternoon.

*It was 7:03 p.m.*