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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Pia S. Cayetano called the session to order.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). The session is now called to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Everyone is requested to rise for the singing of the National Anthem.

Everybody rose to sing the Philippine National Anthem.

PRAYER

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

Everybody remained standing for the silent prayer.

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

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

It was 3:02 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

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

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

ROLL CALL

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I respectfully move that we call the roll of Members.

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

The Secretary General is directed to call the roll of Members.

*The Secretary General called the roll, and the result is reflected in Journal No. 15, dated September 4, 2018.**

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Mme. Speaker, the roll call shows that 209 Members responded to the call.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). With 209 Members responding to the call, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Mme. Speaker, I move for the deferment of the approval of the Journal.

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

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we proceed to the Reference of Business.

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

The Secretary General will please read the Reference of Business.

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

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. 8152, entitled:
“AN ACT PROVIDING A BAN ON DUMPING OF SEWAGE SLUDGE AND INDUSTRIAL WASTE INTO THE SEA”
By Representative Sy-Alvarado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 8153, entitled:
“AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A JOB TRAINING PROGRAM FOR MATURE OR OLDER WORKERS”
By Representative Sy-Alvarado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 8154, entitled:
“AN ACT MANDATING ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS, BUREAUS, OFFICES, AGENCIES, COMMISSIONS, GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND-CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS AND, STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES TO ALLOCATE FIVE PERCENT (5%) OF THEIR ANNUAL ALLOTMENT FOR PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS”
By Representative Aquino-Magsaysay
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 8158, entitled:
“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS TO PROVIDE FIELD OFFICES FOR THE PROVINCIAL ELECTION SUPERVISOR AND ELECTION REGISTRAR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 55 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 881, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES’, AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
By Representative Siao
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 8159, entitled:
“AN ACT CONVERTING THE BASILAN STATE COLLEGE (BASSC) IN THE CITY OF ISABELA, PROVINCE OF BASILAN, INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE BASILAN STATE UNIVERSITY (BASSU), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Sangcopan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 8160, entitled:
“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE IMPOSITION OF INTEREST AND/OR PENALTY CHARGES ON UNPAID HOSPITAL BILLS AND MEDICAL EXPENSES OF PATIENTS WHO EARN AN INCOME OF THE MINIMUM WAGE OR LESS”
By Representatives Nieto, Maceda, Martinez, Sandoval, Malapitan, Calixto-Rubiano and Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 2106, entitled:
“RESOLUTION URGING FOR THE RESCISSION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ISSUED BY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SECRETARY EMMANUEL PIÑOL ALLOWING THE IMPORTATION OF 17,000 METRIC TONS OF GALUNGGONG (ROUND SCAD), BREAK AWAY FROM IMPORTATION AS BAND-AID SOLUTION FOR FOOD SECURITY, INSTEAD, ADDRESS THE FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES OF THE FISHERIES SECTOR, MAJORLY PROTECTING THE RIGHTS TO LIVELIHOOD OF SMALL FISHERFOLK SECTOR AND PROMOTING GENUINE FISHERIES AND AQUATIC REFORMS”
By Representatives Casilao, Zarate, De Jesus, Tinio, Brosas, Castro (F.L.) and Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Resolution No. 2107, entitled:
“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ISSUE OF NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY'S IMPORTATION OF 330,000 BAGS OF RICE INFESTED WITH RICE WEEVIL (‘BUKBOK’) THAT LANDED ON THE

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT AND TABACO CITY PORT, ALBAY, ITS DELAYED DISTRIBUTION AND SUPPLEMENTARY OPERATION OF FUMIGATION”

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

House Resolution No. 2108, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ZAMBOANGA CITY RICE CRISIS, THAT GENERATED PRICE SHOCKS ON COMMERCIAL RICE TO P65 TO P70 PER KILOGRAM”

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

House Resolution No. 2109, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SERIES OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL KILLINGS AGAINST FARMER-MEMBERS OF COMPOSTELA FARMER'S ASSOCIATION (CFA), NAMELY: RONNIE PANIEBO ON AUGUST 18, 2018, FARMER COUPLE GILBERT AND JEAN LABIAL, ON AUGUST 19, 2018, IN COMPOSTELA TOWN, COMPOSTELA VALLEY”

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

House Resolution No. 2110, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING HIDILYN DIAZ FOR HER EXCEPTIONAL FEAT IN WINNING THE 2018 ASIAN GAMES GOLD MEDAL IN WOMEN'S WEIGHTLIFTING 53-KG EVENT ON AUGUST 21, 2018 IN JAKARTA, INDONESIA”

By Representative Lobregat
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2111, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MS. HIDILYN DIAZ FOR HER EXCEPTIONAL FEAT IN WINNING GOLD MEDAL IN THE WOMEN'S 53-KG WEIGHTLIFTING CATEGORY DURING THE 2018 ASIAN GAMES IN JAKARTA, INDONESIA”

By Representative Dalipe
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2112, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, WITH REGARD THE READINESS OF THE MIAA TO RESPOND TO EMERGENCIES AFTER THE XIAMEN AIR INCIDENT THAT PARALYZED THE OPERATIONS OF THE NINOY AQUINO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO ENSURE THAT AIRPORT AUTHORITIES WILL BE MORE EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT IN RESPONDING TO SIMILAR INCIDENTS IN THE FUTURE”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2113, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE TRUE CIRCUMSTANCES BEHIND THE DEATH OF ALLAN RAFAEL WHILE IN POLICE CUSTODY AS WELL AS TO IDENTIFY THE PERPETRATORS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS DEATH AND BRING THEM TO THE BAR OF JUSTICE WITH THE END IN VIEW OF HOPEFULLY ENDING ABUSIVE POLICE PRACTICES AS WELL AS ENSURING THAT THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS UNDER DETENTION ARE PROPERLY OBSERVED”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2114, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING AIRWOMAN FIRST CLASS HIDILYN DIAZ FOR HONORING THE COUNTRY BY SECURING THE PHILIPPINES' FIRST GOLD MEDAL IN THE 2018 ASIAN GAMES”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2115, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING 17-YEAR-OLD FILIPINA GOLFER YUKA SASO FOR WINNING THE GOLD MEDAL IN THE 2018 ASIAN GAMES WOMEN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT AT THE PONDOK INDAH GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB IN INDONESIA”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2116, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE WOMEN'S GOLF TEAM FOR BAGGING THE GOLD MEDAL IN THE 2018 ASIAN GAMES WOMEN'S TEAM CATEGORY AT THE PONDOK INDAH GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB IN INDONESIA”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2117, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING YUKA SASO, BIANCA PAGDANGANAN AND LOIS KAYE GO OF THE PHILIPPINE WOMEN'S GOLF TEAM FOR THEIR STUNNING VICTORY IN BAGGING BOTH THE TEAM AND THE INDIVIDUAL GOLD MEDALS IN THE WOMEN'S GOLF EVENT AT THE 18TH ASIAN GAMES IN JAKARTA, INDONESIA”

By Representative Gomez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2118, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS TO MARGIELYN DIDAL FOR PLACING FIRST IN THE 2018 ASIAN GAMES WOMEN'S STREET SKATEBOARD”

By Representative Nieto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2119, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS TO GOLFER YUKA SASO FOR WINNING A GOLD MEDAL IN WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL GOLF IN THE 2018 ASIAN GAMES”

By Representative Nieto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated August 22, 2018 of Menardo I. Guevarra, Secretary, Department of Justice, transmitting a certified true copy of the Certification of Assumption to Duty and Oath of Office of Atty. Emmeline A. Villar, as Undersecretary.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Letters dated August 22 and 24, 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:

Circular No. 1011 dated 14 August 2018;
Circular Letter No. CL-2018-061 dated 16 August 2018;

Circular Letter No. CL-2018-062 dated 16 August 2018;

Memorandum No. M-2018-023 dated 3 August 2018; and

Memorandum No. M-2018-022 dated 10 August 2018.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 843), re H.B. No. 8172, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE SATELLITE OFFICE OF THE MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY LOCATED IN MAASIN CITY, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE, INTO AN EXTENSION OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6061

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability (Committee Report No. 844), re H.R. No. 292, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ILLEGAL PRACTICES IN THE BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION”

informing the House of its findings and recommendations

Sponsors: Representative Pimentel and the Members of the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Legislative Franchises (Committee Report No. 845), re H.B. No. 8175, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO SOUTHERN BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8147, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE SOUTHERN

BROADCASTING NETWORK A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN, ESTABLISH AND OPERATE COMMERCIAL RADIO/TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES' ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 7876

Sponsors: Representatives Alvarez (F.) and Tugna
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Legislative Franchises (Committee Report No. 846), re H.B. No. 8176, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO RADIOWORLD BROADCASTING CORPORATION UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8219, ENTITLED, ‘AN ACT GRANTING RADIOWORLD BROADCASTING CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES’ ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 7057

Sponsors: Representatives Alvarez (F.) and Macapagal-Arroyo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Legislative Franchises (Committee Report No. 847), re H.B. No. 8177, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO RAJAH BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC. TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED FORTY-FIVE HUNDRED AND FIVE, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED EIGHTY-ONE HUNDRED AND FOUR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6953

Sponsors: Representatives Alvarez (F.) and Macapagal-Arroyo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Legislative Franchises (Committee Report No. 848), re H.B. No. 8179, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING SOLAR PARA SA

BAYAN CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN DISTRIBUTABLE POWER TECHNOLOGIES AND MINIGRID SYSTEMS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO SUSTAINABLE ENERGY”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 8013 and 8015

Sponsors: Representatives Alvarez (F.), Yap (A.) and Zamora (M.C.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Mme. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge the presence of the guests of our dear colleague, the Hon. Jeffrey D. Khonghun of the First District of Zambales, namely: the Barangay Council members and other officials of Barangay San Guillermo, San Marcelino, Zambales; and the Barangay Council members and other officials of Barangay Lucero, San Marcelino, Zambales, headed by their Punong Barangay Jerry A. Ladao and Punong Barangay Angel M. Cabbab, respectively.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). We welcome our guests from Zambales. Thank you for visiting us in the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Also, Mme. Speaker, may we also acknowledge the presence of the guests of COOP-NATCCO Party-List Representatives, the Hon. Sabiniano S. Canama and the Hon. Anthony M. Bravo PhD, namely: Roger Ramirez, Dra. Paz Ojeda, Siony Paqueo, and Jimmy L. Beray.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). We welcome our guests over there at the gallery. Thank you for visiting us. (*Applause*)

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Also, may we acknowledge the presence of the guests of our dear colleague, Rep. Bernadette “BH” Herrera-Dy of the Committee on Women and Gender Equality, namely: the Workers4EML, Philippine Legislators Committee on Population and Development (PLCPD), Nagkaisa, IndustriAll, Partido Manggagawa, Sentro, Kayumanggi, Ina ng Bayan, Associated Labor Unions (ALU), Trade Union Congress of the Philippines (TUCP), AWATU-TUCP, Akbayan Women, and Federation of Free Workers (FFW).

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). We welcome our guests, who are mostly women, to the House of Representatives. Thank you for coming to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

REP. ORTEGA (V.). We would also like to acknowledge the presence of the guests of our Congressman from the Fourth District of Pampanga, the Hon. Juan Pablo “Rimpy” P. Bondoc. They are Bataan Provincial Election Supervisor Atty. Gil Almario, Pampanga Provincial Election Supervisor Atty. Jun Guiao, Macabebe Election Officer Leonelle Yalung, Masantol Election Officer Hilda Dimaano, Apalit Election Officer Maria Lourdes D. Alfaro, Municipality of Candaba Election Officer Maria Rosario Lalic, San Luis Election Officer Catalina P. De Leon, Sto. Tomas Election Officer Imelda Manalastas, Mexico Election Officer Loralie Mendoza, Arayat Election Officer Chona Sagcal, Sta. Ana Election Officer Alma Grace Clemente, San Fernando Election Officer Peejay Rivera, Lubao Election Officer Leonilo Miguel, Bacolor Election Officer Myrna De Jesus, Guagua Election Officer Hezequias Galang, Sasmuan Election Officer Ma. Rowena M. Tala, Sta. Rita Election Officer Ardith Comin, Mabalacat City Election Officer Atty. Joie Macam, Floridablanca Election Officer Vivian Pagujinto, Porac Election Officer Lizette S. Mallari and Mabalacat Election Assistant Filomeno Eufemia Jr.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). We welcome our guests from Pampanga. Thank you for visiting us. (*Applause*)

The Majority Floor Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 4113
ON THIRD READING

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 4113 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. Cayetano). 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 29, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 4113, entitled: AN ACT INCREASING THE MATERNITY LEAVE PERIOD TO ONE HUNDRED (100) DAYS FOR FEMALE WORKERS IN THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE AND IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, AND GRANTING AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR AN ADDITIONAL THIRTY (30) DAYS WITHOUT PAY.

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. 15, dated September 4, 2018.*

REP. TY. Mme. Speaker, I voted “Yes” and I would like to explain my vote. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Yes, at the proper time.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 4113
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). With 191 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 4113 is approved on Third Reading. The Majority Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Arlene S. Brosas for her manifestation.

REP. BROSAS. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Please proceed, Representative Brosas.

REP. BROSAS EXPLAINS HER VOTE

REP. BROSAS. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Bumoboto ng “Yes” ang Representasyong ito sa ngalan ng isang dekadang walang humpay na pakikibaka ng mga kababaihang manggagawa para sa expanded maternity leave. Sa ilalim ng Fourteenth Congress taong 2008, eksaktong isang dekada na ang nakalipas mula nang unang i-file ng GABRIELA Women’s Party ang panukalang 120-day paid maternity leave for female workers in the government service and in the private sector. Isang mahaba at mabungang dekada ng pagsusulong ng panukalang batas na ito ang sinuong ng ating mga manggagawang kababaihan, kasama ang mga organisasyon, mga Kinatawan ng Makabayan at ng mga kasama natin sa Committee on Women and Gender Equality.

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

Ang layunin ng panukalang batas na ito ay hindi lamang ang pagbibigay ng panahon para sa full recovery ng isang ina, kung hindi higit pa ay magbigay ng sapat na panahon para mapangalagaan ang kaligtasan at kalusugan ng mga supling at ng mga batang bumubuhay sa mga susunod na salinlahi. Nais din tiyakin ng panukalang batas na makabalik ang mga manggagawang kababaihan bilang produktibong bahagi sa produksiyon ng ating lipunan.

Maraming salamat, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Thank you, Representative Brosas.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Mme. Speaker, may we be allowed to acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Karlo Alexei B. Nograles, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, in the gallery. They are visitors from Jiangsu Association for Friendship and International Exchanges (JAFIE), namely: Mr. Lin Xiangguo, the President; Mr. Teng Yong, Executive Vice President; Mr. Yuan Dahai, Secretary-General; Mr. Chen Hongping, Trustee; Mr. Chen Liang, Trustee; Mr. Zhang Aiping, Translator; Mr. Jiang Xiao and Ms. Gui Yuelan.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). We acknowledge the guests in front of me. Thank you for visiting us in Congress. *(Applause)*

May I proceed to recognize Representative Ty.

REP. TY. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. This Representation wishes to be part of the Bicam Committee for this House Bill No. 4113 because this Representation is the one who recommended the two amendments in this Bill under Sections 3 and 5(c). These two amendments in the sections that this Representation recommended are very crucial to make sure that our female labor force will be competitive enough to be considered and competitive to be hired from the labor force. I hope that my request will be entertained.

Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Majority Leader, is there anyone who has reserved to—before we proceed, we will have a one-minute suspension of the session to give the Presiding Officer

the opportunity to go down and congratulate our colleagues and supporters.

The session is suspended.

It was 3:42 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:45 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6769 ON THIRD READING

REP. ORTEGA (V.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 6769 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. Cayetano). 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 29, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

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

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.15, dated September 4, 2018.*

REP. ATIENZA. Mme. Speaker, before I vote—I am casting my vote, please do not rush ...

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Yes, sir.

REP. ATIENZA. ... the roll call because you are

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

calling for a nominal vote. I will cast my vote but before I do that, I would like to ask, who is the main Sponsor of this Bill? It is listed in our agenda that Cong. Emmeline Aglipay Villar is the Sponsor, but she is no longer here. Therefore, who pushed for this Bill? Tumakbo ba ng mag-isa ito sa Committee at ito po ba ay naaprobahan sa Committee at ngayon, aaprobahan naman natin dito ng walang Sponsor? Baguhin natin iyong ating talaan kung gusto nating maging maayos ang ating procedure.

REP. ROA-PUNO. May I move to suspend the session.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). The rules states that we cannot interrupt voting and so, we will continue the voting and then, we can continue the deliberation on the concern of the Honorable Atienza. He will be recognized right after ...

REP. ATIENZA. Would the Speaker like to be so technical? I am also accepting that rule, but I would like to put it on record—this is for the record—that this is a bill na walang Sponsor and yet, we are approving it.

Mme. Speaker, this Representation has not voted yet and so, I am voting now. May I be allowed to vote, Mme. Speaker?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Yes, please proceed with your vote.

REP. ATIENZA. Mme. Speaker, we are voting in the affirmative to support the intention of the Bill but with a manifestation and a reminder to the Majority. Those who are leading the Majority now should be more careful in recording and presenting whatever bills here or in the Rules Committee so that we may function according to common sense.

Kung wala na po iyong Sponsor, iyong author, huwag naman nating ilagay pa dito. May ibang mga nagtrabaho diyan—Congressman Ting worked very hard for its passage. Why do we not mention the Chairman of the Committee on Labor, but mentioning the Sponsor who is no longer around and no longer a Member of Congress—as I understand, she has already resigned—is a bit awkward, and we will continue to remind the leadership of this fallacy which we cannot allow to flourish. Para bang, sige lang, i-take up na natin, aprobahan natin maski na mali ang presentation. Darating tayo sa panahon iyong mismong content, iyong mismong laman ang may diperensiya pero tine-take up natin dito sa floor.

With that reminder and manifestation, we are putting on record our position. It is very clear—we support the intention of the Bill but we would like to remind the Majority to be more discerning in its work.

Thank you.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6769 ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). With 197 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 6769 is approved on Third Reading.

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Majority Leader, I would just like to make a quick reaction to Representative Atienza's statement. His statement is well-noted, but I would just like to put on record that when he took the floor, I was aware that there were other authors and that is why I did not feel it was a substantive basis to break the rule which states that there should be no interventions when voting is going on.

The point of the Gentleman is very well-taken. Thank you, Sir.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, may we respectfully add that the Sponsors of the said measure, the respective Chairpersons of the Committees who tackled that particular Bill were actually on the floor.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Yes, I am aware of that and that is precisely why, before the Gentleman stood up, I had already looked around earlier before the session started. It was also pointed out to me that Representative Aglipay-Villar's name was the first on the list but that, in fact, there were other Sponsors as well, which is precisely why I did not feel that there was an urgent need to do away with our rules which said that the vote must proceed.

On that note, may I ask the Majority Leader what is next on our agenda?

REP. SALO. Mme. Speaker, I respectfully move that we immediately transmit to the Senate the bills approved on Third Reading, specifically House Bill No. 4113 and House Bill No. 6769.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Secretary General is so directed.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8083

Continuation

PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we

proceed with the Unfinished Business and continue the consideration of House Bill No. 8083, contained in Committee Report No. 818, as reported out by the Committees on Ways and Means, and Appropriations.

May we request that the Secretary General be directed to read only the title of the measure.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 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. Cayetano). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mme. Speaker, our parliamentary status is that we are in the period of amendments. I move that we proceed to consider individual amendments.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. ROA-PUNO. Before we go on, Mme. Speaker, I move that the author or the Sponsor of the said Bill, the Hon. Dakila Carlo "Dax" E. Cua, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, be recognized.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). The Hon. Dax Cua is recognized.

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo from the Lone District of Camiguin for his individual amendment.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). The Honorable Romualdo is recognized.

INDIVIDUAL AMENDMENT

REP. ROMUALDO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. We would like to propose the following individual

amendment to House Bill No. 8083: On page 41, line 38, to insert a new SECTION 298 to read as follows: INCENTIVES FOR EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES. – ENTERPRISES IN THE EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY OR ENTITIES ENGAGED IN THE EXPLORATION, EXTRACTION, DEVELOPMENT OR DISPOSITION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING RESOURCES REGISTERED AS EXPORT ENTERPRISES OR QUALIFYING UNDER THE SIPP ARE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE THE INCENTIVES, PROVIDED, THAT SAID ENTERPRISES ARE ENGAGED IN THE INTERMEDIATE PROCESSING OR THE UPGRADING OF THE MINED MINERALS INTO CONCENTRATES AND/OR TRANSFORMING THEM INTO INTERMEDIATE PRODUCTS OF 100 PERCENT OF THEIR OUTPUT.

Then, to renumber the succeeding sections accordingly.

That is our amendment, Mme. Speaker, and we submit.

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

REP. CUA. Mme. Speaker, unfortunately, the Sponsor cannot accept the proposed amendment of the Honorable Romualdo.

REP. ROMUALDO. Mme. Speaker, we defer to the Sponsor and we accept his decision.

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

REP. ROMUALDO. We are done with our amendment.

Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. ROA-PUNO. I move that we suspend the session, Mme. Speaker.

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

It was 4:05 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:18 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mme. Speaker, for her individual amendments, I move that we recognize the Hon. Sharon S. Garin from the Party-List AAMBIS-OWA.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). The Honorable Garin is recognized.

REP. GARIN (S.). Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

This Representation would like to propose some individual amendments, if the Sponsor would accommodate. First would be on page 3, line 41, to insert the phrase THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 71, NOTWITHSTANDING before the word “THE.”

REP. CUA. Is that on page 3, Mme. Speaker, Your Honor?

REP. GARIN (S.). Yes, on page 3, line 41, to insert the phrase THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 71, NOTWITHSTANDING, followed by a close parenthesis [)], before the word “THE.”

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

REP. GARIN (S.). On page 4, lines 2 and 3, to delete the comma (,) and the succeeding phrase UNLESS TAXPAYER CONSENTS IN WRITING.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Rep. Sharon Garin, let us approve each amendment first as accepted by the Sponsor.

Does the Sponsor accept the amendment?

REP. CUA. Yes.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

The next amendment is on page 4, lines 2 and 3, to delete the comma (,) and the following phrase “UNLESS TAXPAYER CONSENTS IN WRITING TO SUCH DISCLOSURE.”

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On the same page, lines 36 and 37, to move the open bracket ([) after the word “abroad.”

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On page 5, line 28, to insert the phrase UNDER THE TITLE XIII OF THIS CODE after the word “INCENTIVES.”

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On page 7, line 1, to insert the phrase ON THE THIRD TO FIFTH YEAR FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT after the word “THAT.”

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. CUA. May I request for a minute suspension of the session, Mme. Speaker.

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

It was 4:21 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

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

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

REP. GARIN (S.). Mme. Speaker, I would like to withdraw the last amendment I proposed on line 1, which is to insert the phrase ON THE THIRD TO FIFTH YEAR FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT after the word “THAT, ” if the Sponsor is so amenable.

REP. CUA. Yes, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Are you withdrawing the whole amendment?

REP. GARIN (S.). No, the last amendment that I proposed.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Okay. Is it clear what the proposal now is with the Sponsor?

REP. CUA. Yes, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Is it acceptable?

REP. CUA. We accept the withdrawal of the amendment.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Sorry, it is not clear to the Presiding Officer. Is the entire amendment withdrawn or only part of the amendment?

REP. GARIN (S.). The last proposal, the last amendment that I proposed is what I would like to withdraw, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Okay.

REP. GARIN (S.). Only the last.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Yes, the last.

REP. CUA. We agree.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). That is the only amendment that we have on the floor and so, that is noted.

REP. GARIN (S.). Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

The next amendment is on page 7, line 21, to delete the phrase “Culture and Sports (DECS)” and insert the word DEPED.

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

REP. GARIN (S.). Thank you.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On page 8, line 19, to insert the phrase UNDER TITLE XIII OF THIS CODE after the word “INCENTIVES.”

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On page 10, line 35, to insert the phrase UNDER TITLE XIII OF THIS CODE after the word “INCENTIVES.”

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On page 12, line 38, to insert the phrase AS DEFINED IN THE RULES AND REGULATIONS TO BE PROMULGATED BY THE SECRETARY OF FINANCE UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMISSIONER after the word “FORMULA.”

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On page 31, line 17, to delete the phrase “UNDER SECTION 6-A OF THIS CODE” and remove the opening bracket ([) before the word “and.”

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On line 18, to delete the closing bracket (]) after the word “papers.”

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On line 43, to delete the word “ALSO” after the word “THAT.”

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On page 32, line 3, to delete “RECLUSION TEMPORAL” before the word “AND” and insert the phrase IMPRISONMENT OF TWELVE (12) YEARS AND ONE (1) DAY BUT NOT MORE THAN TWENTY (20) YEARS.

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On page 33, line 38, to delete the word “ACTIVITY” and insert the phrase “PROJECTS OR ACTIVITIES UNDER THE STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PRIORITY PLAN (SIPP), with the term SIPP enclosed in parentheses [()].

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On line 42, the same page 33, to delete the phrase “INCOME OR” and insert the phrase RECEIPTS AND/OR OTHER INCOME.

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). Then on page 33, line 43, to change the word “SUBJECTED” to SUBJECT.

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On page 34, line 1, to delete the phrase “VALUE-ADDED TAX SHALL FOLLOW THE DESTINATION PRINCIPLE WHERE” and insert the word DIRECT.

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). Again, on page 34, line 3, to delete the phrase “ZERO-RATED” after the word “ARE” and insert the line SUBJECT TO VALUE-ADDED TAX (VAT) ZERO-RATING.

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On page 36, line 12, after the word “AREA,” to add the following proviso: PROVIDED, THAT FOR THE ECOZONE TO QUALIFY AS A

SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY, IT SHALL HAVE A PERMANENT CUSTOMS CONTROL OR CUSTOMS OFFICE AT ITS PERIMETER.

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On line 36, after the period (.), to add the following proviso: PROVIDED, THAT FOR THE FREEPORT ZONE TO QUALIFY AS A SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY, IT SHALL HAVE A PERMANENT CUSTOMS CONTROL OR CUSTOMS OFFICE AT ITS PERIMETER.

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On page 37, line 13, after the word “CODE,” to insert a new proviso to read as follows: PROVIDED, THAT, THE RATE OF CORPORATE INCOME TAX SHALL BE SEVENTEEN PERCENT (17%) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021; SIXTEEN PERCENT (16%) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023; FIFTEEN PERCENT (15%) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025; FOURTEEN PERCENT (14%) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2027; AND THIRTEEN PERCENT (13%) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2029.

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On line 15, to delete the word “PAID” and insert the phrase DIRECTLY REMITTED after the word “BE.”

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). Then on line 17, between the word “GOVERNMENT” and the semicolon (;), to insert the following phrase: IN 2019 AND 2020; FOURTEEN PERCENT (14%) TO THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT IN 2021 AND 2022; THIRTEEN PERCENT (13%) TO THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

IN 2023 AND 2024; TWELVE PERCENT (12%) TO THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT IN 2025 AND 2026; ELEVEN PERCENT (11%) TO THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT IN 2027 AND 2028; AND TEN PERCENT (10%) TO THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT IN 2029 AND THEREAFTER.

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On line 19 on the same page, to delete the phrase "TO BE DIRECTLY REMITTED."

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On line 24, to delete the phrase "TO BE DIRECTLY REMITTED."

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

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On line 30, to insert the phrase INDEPENDENT COMPONENT CITY (ICC) after the word "(HUC)."

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On line 33, to insert the phrase OR ICC after "HUC."

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On line 37, to add the following phrase: TEN PERCENT (10%) FOR BUILDINGS; AND TWENTY PERCENT (20%) FOR

MACHINERIES AND EQUIPMENT: PROVIDED THAT DEPRECIATION MAY BE COMPUTED USING ACCELERATED DEPRECIATION METHOD ON A RATE NOT EXCEEDING TWICE THE RATE WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN USED HAD THE ANNUAL ALLOWANCE BEEN COMPUTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS PRESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY OF FINANCE AND THE PROVISIONS OF THE NIRC OF 1991, AS AMENDED; PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT THE ASSETS IS ACQUIRED DIRECTLY FOR THE REGISTERED ENTERPRISE'S PRODUCTION OF GOODS AND SERVICES OTHER THAN ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES.

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On the same page, to delete lines 38 to 46.

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On page 38, to delete lines 1 to 5.

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On page 38, line 8, to delete the word "DIRECT" and add the phrase IN THE TAXABLE YEAR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF AN INCREASE IN DIRECT LOCAL EMPLOYMENT after the word "EXPENSE."

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On line 15, to insert the phrase THE INCREMENT OF after the word "ON."

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On page 39, line 1, to insert the phrase PROVIDED THAT THE INFRASTRUCTURE SHALL BE OPEN FOR USE BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC after the word “CONCERNED”; and to insert the word FURTHER after the word “PROVIDED.”

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On line 32, the same page 39, after subparagraph (9), to insert the following subparagraph (10) to read as follows: (10) UP TO FIFTY PERCENT (50%) ADDITIONAL DEDUCTION ON THE INCREMENT OF DOMESTIC INPUT EXPENSE INCURRED IN THE TAXABLE YEAR: PROVIDED, THAT IT IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO AND ACTUALLY USED IN THE REGISTERED EXPORT ACTIVITY OF THE REGISTERED ENTITY.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. CUA. May I request for suspension of the session, Mme. Speaker.

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

It was 4:36 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:43 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Please proceed.

REP. GARIN (S.). The amendment is on page 39, line 32: after subparagraph (9), to insert the following subparagraph (10) to read as follows: (10) UP TO FIFTY PERCENT (50%) ADDITIONAL DEDUCTIONS ON THE INCREMENT OF THE DOMESTIC INPUT EXPENSE INCURRED IN THE TAXABLE YEAR: PROVIDED, THAT IT IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO AND ACTUALLY USED

IN THE REGISTERED EXPORT ACTIVITY OF THE REGISTERED ENTITY.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.) Mme. Speaker, I would like to go back to the previous amendment that we have proposed. Mme. Speaker, let me go back to page 37, line 37: instead of “NIRC of 1991,” it should be amended to read “NIRC OF 1997.”

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). Mme. Speaker, on page 40, lines 3 and 4, to delete the phrase “FOR A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING FIVE (5) YEARS” after the word “ACTIVITY.”

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On line 6, to delete the phrase “SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES” after the word “TO” and replace it with the phrase FREEPORT ZONES.

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

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.) On line 26, to delete the word “EXPORT” after the word “REGISTERED,” Mme. Speaker.

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On line 30, to remove the phrase "VALUE ADDED TAX-ZERO RATING ON THE EXPORT SALES, OR" and replace it with the phrase VAT EXEMPTION, Mme. Speaker.

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On line 31, to delete the word "OR" after the word "IMPORTATION" and replace it with the phrase AND VAT ZERO-RATING ON, Mme. Speaker.

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On line 36, to insert the following paragraph: (2) REGISTERED ENTERPRISES WHOSE EXPORT SALES ARE BELOW THE NINETY PERCENT (90%) THRESHOLD AND ARE LOCATED WITHIN AN ECOZONE, FREEPORT, OR THOSE UTILIZING CUSTOMS BONDED MANUFACTURING WAREHOUSE: VAT EXEMPTION ON IMPORTATION AND VAT ZERO-RATING ON DOMESTIC PURCHASES OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND RAW MATERIALS USED IN THE MANUFACTURING AND PROCESSING OF PRODUCTS AND IMPORTATION OF SOURCE DOCUMENTS; PROVIDED THAT THEY COMPLY WITH THE ELECTRONIC RECEIPTS OR INVOICING UNDER SECTION 237 AND 237-A OF THIS CODE, Mme. Speaker.

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On lines 38 to 39, to remove the comma (,) after the word "FREEPORT" and delete the phrase "OR THOSE UTILIZING CUSTOMS BONDED MANUFACTURING WAREHOUSE," Mme. Speaker.

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On page 41, line 15, to insert the phrase OR ACTIVITIES after the word "PROJECTS," Mme. Speaker.

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On line 21, to insert the phrase OR ACTIVITIES after the word "PROJECTS," Mme. Speaker.

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On line 31, to insert the phrase OR ACTIVITIES after the word "PROJECTS," Mme. Speaker.

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On line 31 also, to insert the phrase PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT after the word "REGISTERED," Mme. Speaker.

REP. CUA. Mme. Speaker, may I consult if it is placed before the word "REGISTERED"?

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

It was 4:47 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

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

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

REP. GARIN (S.). Mme. Speaker, on page 41, line 31, to insert the phrase PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT before the word "REGISTERED."

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). Also on line 31, to insert the phrase PROJECTS OR after the word “REGISTERED,” Mme. Speaker.

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On line 33, to delete the phrase “SELECTED AREAS OF REGIONS III AND IV-A” and replace it with the phrase SELECTED URBANIZED AREAS ADJACENT TO METRO MANILA, Mme. Speaker.

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On page 43, line 5, to delete the word “PROJECTS” and replace it with the phrase TAX INCENTIVES; and then delete the word “(B)” and replace it with the word (E).

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). Line 28, the same page, to insert the phrase OF THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, Mme. Speaker.

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On page 44, line 7, to add the phrase FISCAL INCENTIVES REVIEW BOARD after the word “PRESIDENT,” Mme. Speaker.

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On page 45, lines 15 to 16, to insert the phrase OR ACTIVITIES and delete the phrase “BEFORE THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT,” Mme. Speaker.

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On lines 32 to 33, the same page, to delete the phrase “BOARD OF INVESTMENTS AND THE ECONOMIC MANAGERS” and replace it with the phrase FISCAL INCENTIVES REVIEW BOARD.

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On page 46, lines 1 and 2, to replace the phrase “FIVE HUNDRED MILLION US DOLLARS (US\$500,000,000.00)” with the phrase TWO HUNDRED MILLION US DOLLARS (US\$200,000,000.00), Mme. Speaker.

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On page 49, lines 5 to 8, to insert the phrase “EXPORT SALES” before the word “THRESHOLD”; then, insert the phrase PURSUANT TO THE ENHANCED VAT REFUND SYSTEM UNDER SECTIONS 106 AND 108 OF THIS CODE after the word “REFUNDED,” Mme. Speaker.

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On lines 10 and 11 of page 49, to delete the line “THE VAT REFUND MECHANISM UNDER SECTIONS 106 AND 108 OF THIS CODE SHALL APPLY.”

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Is

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On page 50, lines 21 to 23, to delete the phrase “REFUND OF INCENTIVES AVAILED AND” and insert the phrase OF TAXES, CUSTOMS DUTIES AND ANY APPLICABLE PENALTIES THEREON after the word “PAYMENT”; and delete the word “CORRESPONDING” and replace it with the word ADDITIONAL, Mme. Speaker.

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On line 27, to insert the phrase IN ADDITION TO THE FINES PENALTIES IMPOSABLE IMPOSED UNDER THIS CODE after the word “INCURRED.”

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On lines 37 to 38, to delete the phrase “ANDTOMITIGATEITSNEGATIVEIMPACT, AS WELLAS” after the word “INCENTIVES,” Mme. Speaker.

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On page 51, lines 29 to 30, to correct the spelling of the words “INVESTMENT” and “GOVERNED.”

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On line 38, after the phrase “SEC. 313,” to insert the provision title “ENHANCED TAX EXPENDITURE FUND SYSTEM.”

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Is

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

REP. GARIN (S.). On page 68, lines 1 to 2, after the word “WITHIN,” to change the phrase “THIRTY (30)” to the phrase “NINETY (90)” and insert a comma (,) after the word “FINANCE.”

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. GARIN (S.). Mme. Speaker, thank you to the good Sponsor for accommodating the individual amendments that we proposed. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Thank you, Deputy Speaker Sharon Garin.

REP. CUA. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Thank you, distinguished colleague.

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

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mme. Speaker, for his individual amendments, I move that we recognize the Hon. Romero “Miro” S. Quimbo from the First District of Marikina.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). The Honorable Quimbo is recognized.

REP. QUIMBO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. For the record, I am from the Second District, but I would gladly accommodate the reference from the Majority Leader.

May I proceed, Mme. Speaker. I have a few proposed individual amendments.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Please proceed.

REP. QUIMBO. Thank you.

Mme. Speaker, I move that we delete on page 6, line 43—let me repeat, Mme. Speaker. May I proceed first to the other items, Mme. Speaker. May I move that on page 19, we delete the lines 7 to 21.

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

May I just ask the Sponsor to identify, for the Presiding Officer's understanding, if the amendment is on the same section just so we can be sure that the amendment is consistent, even grammatically, with the previous amendments as the Chair was not able to make notes on the amendments proposed by Deputy Speaker Sharon Garin.

REP. CUA. Yes, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). This is just to be sure that we will not have a final copy that has overlapping amendments.

Thank you.

REP. CUA. That is correct, Mme. Speaker. We will flag the pertinent sections.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Please take your time to ensure that there is no overlap.

Thank you.

REP. CUA. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Please proceed.

REP. QUIMBO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

Likewise, on page 55, I propose to delete lines 27 to 45.

REP. CUA. Yes, Mme. Speaker, under the said section, we accept the proposed amendment.

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

REP. QUIMBO. Mme. Speaker, on page 56, we propose to delete the lines 1 to 44.

REP. CUA. Under the same section, we accept the amendment, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. QUIMBO. Likewise, on the same section but on a different page, page 57, we propose to delete lines 1 to 44.

REP. CUA. Again, the Sponsor accepts the amendment, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. QUIMBO. Again, Mme. Speaker, on the same section, on page 58, we move to delete lines 1 to 44.

REP. CUA. Again, Mme. Speaker, the Sponsor accepts the proposed amendment.

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

REP. QUIMBO. Mme. Speaker, on the same section, again, on page 59, I move to delete lines 1 to 4.

REP. CUA. We accept the amendment, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. QUIMBO. On the same page 59, we move to delete lines 28 to 46.

REP. CUA. We accept the amendment, Mme. Speaker.

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

Just to clarify, so you are leaving the provisions on lines 6 to 27, is that correct?

REP. CUA. Yes, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Okay. Please proceed.

REP. QUIMBO. Mme. Speaker, on page 60, still on the same section, I move to delete lines 1 to 44.

REP. CUA. We accept the amendment, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. QUIMBO. On page 61, Mme. Speaker, I move to delete lines 1 to 43, again, on the same section.

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. QUIMBO. On page 62, Mme. Speaker, on the very same section, I move to delete lines 1 to 34.

REP. CUA. The amendment is accepted, Mme. Speaker.

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. QUIMBO. Mme. Speaker, may I have a 30-second suspension of the session?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). For 30 seconds, the session is suspended.

It was 5:00 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:05 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

REP. QUIMBO. Mme. Speaker, if I may continue.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Please proceed.

REP. QUIMBO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

On page 6, I move that we delete lines 41 to 46 and replace the deleted portion with X X X.

REP. CUA. We accept the amendment, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. QUIMBO. On the same section, Mme. Speaker, on page 7, I move that we delete lines 1 to 9.

REP. CUA. We accept, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. QUIMBO. On the same page, Mme. Speaker, line 11, we move that the word "FURTHER" be deleted.

REP. CUA. We accept the amendment, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. QUIMBO. Mme. Chair, on the same page 7, same section, line 21, we move that we remove the words "Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS)" and replace the same with the words DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DEPED).

REP. CUA. Respectfully, Mme. Speaker, the said proposed amendment has already been accepted as proposed by Deputy Speaker Sharon Garin, and we did accept because it is the same.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). That is noted.

REP. QUIMBO. Mme. Speaker, in a different section, I move that we delete lines 25 to 28 on page 65.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. CUA. May I request for a suspension of the session, Mme. Speaker.

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

It was 5:07 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:08 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

REP. CUA. May I be recognized, Mme. Speaker. The Sponsor regrettably cannot accept the proposed amendment of the Deputy Speaker.

REP. QUIMBO. Mme. Speaker, may I get the response. I did not quite hear it.

REP. CUA. Mme. Speaker, hindi po namin kayang i-accommodate ang amendment ng ating kasamahan.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Is that loud and clear?

REP. QUIMBO. Yes, Mme. Speaker, with bated breath and great pain, I heard what he said. Mme. Speaker, at this point in time, since we have no further amendments, I have to extend my appreciation. Thank you very much.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Thank you, Honorable Quimbo, and Majority Leader.

REP. SUAREZ. Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Yes, the Minority Leader is recognized.

REP. SUAREZ. I have a manifestation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Please proceed.

ELECTION OF REP. CANAMA AS MEMBER OF THE MINORITY

REP. SUAREZ. I respectfully nominate the Hon. Sabiniano S. Canama, Representative of Party-List COOP-NATCCO, as a new and additional member of the Minority bloc of the Seventeenth Congress.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8083

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mme. Speaker, we would like to suspend the consideration of House Bill No. 8083 momentarily to accommodate the Minority Leader.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

Please proceed, Minority Leader.

ELECTION OF CERTAIN MINORITY MEMBERS AS ASST. MINORITY LEADERS

REP. SUAREZ. Mme. Speaker, I respectfully nominate the following additional members in the Minority bloc as Asst. Minority Leaders: the Hon. Benhur B. Lopez Jr., the Hon. Francisco Jose F. Matugas II, the Hon. Salvador B. Belaro Jr., and the Hon. Gerald Anthony "Samsam" V. Gullas Jr.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8083

Continuation

PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we resume the consideration of House Bill No. 8083 on Second Reading.

I move that we recognize the Hon. Mark O. Go for his individual amendments. I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The consideration of the Bill is in order and the Hon. Mark Go is recognized.

REP. GO (M.). Thank you, Mme. Speaker. I move for the approval of the following amendments: On page 6, and this was already stated by my colleague, I propose that we delete lines 43 to 46; and on page 7, lines 1 to 9.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

REP. CUA. Mme. Speaker, the said lines noted by our colleague have already been deleted and therefore, his amendment is no longer in order.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). His amendment is noted. There is no need to propose it again, but it will be noted.

REP. GO (M.). Thank you. On page 37, line 19, change "1.5 percent" to THREE (3) PERCENT, Mme. Speaker.

REP. CUA. Mme. Speaker, we regret that we decline the amendment of our colleague.

REP. GO (M.). The same amendment on line 24, to delete "1.5 percent" and change it to THREE (3) PERCENT.

REP. CUA. Mme. Speaker, unfortunately, we cannot accept the proposal of our colleague.

REP. GO (M.). On line 31, to change "three percent" to SIX (6) PERCENT.

REP. CUA. Mme. Speaker, we respectfully decline the amendment of our distinguished colleague.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. GO (M.). Can I have a one-minute talk with our Sponsor, if I may.

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

REP. GO (M.). Thank you.

It was 5:13 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

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

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

REP. CUA. Mme. Speaker, after consulting with our distinguished colleague in expressing his noteworthy opinion, much as much we would like to accommodate, we respectfully decline but with the caveat of possibly elevating such amendments of the Hon. Mark Go if ever this measure reaches the bicameral conference.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Thank you, the Hon. Mark Go. Please proceed.

REP. GO (M.). Thank you, Mr. Sponsor, Mme. Speaker.

On page 51, line 11, after the word “IT-BPO,” to insert OTHER INDUSTRIES and delete “INDUSTRY.”

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). What is that—what industry?

REP. GO (M.). Mme. Speaker, on line 11, after the word “IT-BPO,” to insert the phrase AND OTHER INDUSTRIES and to delete the word “INDUSTRY.”

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). To delete, okay. What does the Sponsor say?

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. CUA. May I have a minute suspension of the session, Mme. Speaker.

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

It was 5:16 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:18 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

REP. CUA. Mme. Speaker, in reviewing the amendment of our distinguished colleague, however laudable the proposal may be, we have to respectfully decline the same.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Do you have any other amendments, the Hon. Mark Go?

REP. GO (M.). Yes. On the same line 11, after the word “BE,” to insert the words MANAGED BY TESDA. So, it would read: “THE FUND SHALL BE MANAGED BY TESDA” on line 11, on the same page 51.

REP. CUA. Mme. Speaker, the suggestion is laudable, but we must respectfully decline. I think such concept belongs better under the IRR of the Bill.

REP. GO (M.). So, we will include that in the IRR?

REP. CUA. That will be upon the jurisdiction of the crafters of the IRR, Your Honor, Mme. Speaker.

REP. GO (M.). Okay. On the last page, the same page 51, line 12 this time, to delete the words “FORMAL ACADEMIC OR” and after the word “TRAINING,” to insert the words AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.

REP. CUA. Mme. Speaker, with due respect, we respectfully decline the amendment.

REP. GO (M.). Okay, Mme. Speaker. It would seem that the Sponsor is not open to the proposed amendments and so, I end proposing my individual amendments at this point.

Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Thank you, Rep. Mark Go.

The Majority Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mme. Speaker, for his individual amendments, I move that we recognize the Hon. Arnel U. Ty of Party-List LPGMA.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Representative Ty is recognized.

REP. TY. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

My individual amendment is on Section 27, line 20 up to line 28. It indicates the Corporate Income Tax: from January 1, 2021, the original Bill states TWENTY EIGHT PERCENT (28%), to change it

to TWENTY SEVEN PERCENT (27%); January 1, 2023, from TWENTY SIX PERCENT (26%), change to TWENTY FOUR PERCENT (24%); and January 1, 2025, from TWENTY FOUR PERCENT (24%), change to TWENTY PERCENT (20%). Then, we delete the phrase “THAT THE PRESIDENT MAY ADVANCE THE SCHEDULED REDUCTION IN THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX RATE WHILE ADEQUATE SAVINGS ARE REALIZED FROM THE RATIONALIZATION OF FISCAL INCENTIVES, AS CERTIFIED BY THE SECRETARY OF FINANCE.”

I so move.

REP. CUA. Mme. Speaker, we respectfully decline the proposal of our distinguished colleague.

REP. TY. Mme. Speaker, I would like to avail of Section 56 on the five-minute rule to convince the good Sponsor for my proposed amendment.

As you can see, Mme. Speaker, our other neighboring countries have already the rate of 20 percent, and if he will not adjust or equal the playing field in the region, we cannot be competitive. If I can give examples, Thailand is 20 percent, Vietnam is 20 percent, Singapore is 17 percent, Taiwan is 17 percent, Hong Kong is 16.5 percent, and Macau is 12 percent. How can we compete if our law indicates that we can compete with them for the 20-percent rate only in 2029? That is the reason I would like to convince our good Sponsor to at least reconsider my proposals, and I move for the Chair to consider my motion for a reconsideration.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. CUA. Mme. Speaker, the argument is very compelling, but the Sponsor would like to strike a balance between fiscal prudence and competitiveness, thus, we respectfully decline the appeal for reconsideration of our distinguished colleague.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). What does the Gentleman say?

REP. TY. Mme. Speaker, that is sad, and I just want to say my piece, that at least I have given my opinion, and time will come when these amendments that this Representation is suggesting will be realized.

Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Majority Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. ATIENZA. Mme. Speaker, Majority Floor Leader.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Rep. Joselito “Lito” L. Atienza Jr. is recognized.

REP. ATIENZA. We realize the importance of what is being discussed. As expressed by Congressman Ty, importante po ang batas na ito but obviously and clearly, our Members have already tired out because they are no longer around.

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. ROA-PUNO. I move to suspend the session for a few minutes.

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

It was 5:26 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:30 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we once again recognize the Hon. Lito Atienza for his—is it okay?

Mme. Speaker, I move to recognize the ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). So, the motion is withdrawn?

REP. ROA-PUNO. I do not think he made it, Mme. Speaker, so, we are okay? There was no motion, Mme. Speaker.

I move that we recognize the Hon. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo for his individual amendments.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). The Honorable Romualdo is recognized.

REP. ROMUALDO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. We would like to propose additional amendments to the Bill.

On page 13, line 30 after the word “Code” and the colon (:), to insert the following provision to read: PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT A GENERAL

PROFESSIONAL PARTNERSHIP AND THE PARTNERS COMPRISING SUCH PARTNERSHIP MAY AVAIL OF THE OPTIONAL STANDARD DEDUCTION ONLY ONCE, EITHER BY THE GENERAL PROFESSIONAL PARTNERSHIP OR THE PARTNERS COMPRISING THE PARTNERSHIP.

We also move, Mme. Speaker, to put opening and closing brackets ([]) on the same proviso.

REP. CUA. We accept the amendment, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Subject to style, with the opening and closing brackets?

REP. ROMUALDO. Yes, subject to style, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. ROMUALDO. Our next amendment, Mme. Speaker, is on page 12, we propose to delete lines 3 to 30.

REP. CUA. On what page again? What is that?

REP. ROMUALDO. On page 12, to delete lines 3 to 13.

REP. CUA. We accept the amendment, Mme. Speaker.

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. ROMUALDO. May I move for a few minutes suspension of the session, Mme. Speaker.

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

It was 5:32 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:34 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

REP. ROMUALDO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Just before we continue, may I ask the Sponsor if the last amendment is correct in terms of chronology because my understanding is that the amendment deleted line 3 on page 12, but there is a line 44 on the previous page at the heading to that. Is it correct to say that you are leaving that?

REP. CUA. Yes, Mme. Speaker, that is correct because the deletion of lines 3 to 13 will mean that the three Xs will retain the current provision of the Tax Code.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Just to be clear, on page 11, Section 34 (A) (1) is retained and then “xxx” and then, subparagraph “(B).”

REP. CUA. Yes, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Okay. Please proceed.

REP. ROMUALDO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

Our next amendment in on page 34, line 21, to add the phrase INCLUDING OUTSOURCED SERVICES USED TO PRODUCE FINAL EXPORT GOODS after the word “ENTERPRISE.”

REP. CUA. We accept the amendment, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. ROMUALDO. Our next amendment is on page 38, line 8, to delete the phrase “INCREMENT OF DIRECT” and add the phrase IN THE TAXABLE YEAR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF AN INCREASE IN DIRECT LOCAL EMPLOYMENT after the word “EXPENSE.”

REP. CUA. We accept the amendment, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. ROMUALDO. On page 42, line 5, after the abbreviation “IPAs,” to delete the phrase “FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE IPAS SHALL SUBMIT TO THE FIRB THE FOLLOWING: (A) TO EXERCISE OVERSIGHT FUNCTIONS OVER IPAs.”

REP. CUA. We accept the amendment, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. ROMUALDO. On the same page 42, Mme. Speaker, we propose to delete lines 9 to 34.

REP. CUA. We accept the amendment, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. ROMUALDO. On the same page 42, line 9, we propose to insert the following paragraph: B) TO REQUIRE THE IPAs TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING: (1) LIST OF REGISTERED ENTERPRISES ANNUALLY WITH CORRESPONDING FIRM LEVEL DATA AS MANDATED UNDER THE TAX INCENTIVES MANAGEMENT TRANSPARENCY ACT OR TIMTA LAW; (2) APPROVED AMOUNTS OF INVESTMENTS AND EMPLOYMENT GENERATION AND OTHER BENEFITS ON A FIRM-LEVEL BASIS ANNUALLY; AND (3) APPROVED AMOUNT OF TAX INCENTIVES, BOTH INCOME AND NON-INCOME TAX-BASED INCENTIVES, ON A FIRM-LEVEL BASIS ANNUALLY.

To also insert letter C), subparagraph (1) FOR PROJECTS OR ACTIVITIES THAT POSE RISKS TO THE ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH, AND ECONOMIC STABILITY AND PROJECTS OR ACTIVITIES THE APPROVAL OF WHICH ENCOUNTERS A DEADLOCK IN THE IPAs' BOARD, THE FIRB: 1) SHALL FORMULATE POLICIES ON TAX INCENTIVES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CODE; 2) SHALL REVIEW IPAs' COMPLIANCE WITH THE POLICIES AT WORK IN THIS CODE PROVIDED THAT THE FIRB MAY CANCEL OR SUSPEND THE POWER OF IPAs TO GRANT INCENTIVES FOR VIOLATIONS OF SUCH POLICIES; 3) SHALL APPROVE THE GRANT OF INCENTIVES ON THE ABOVE INSTANCES; AND 4) ON THE ABOVE INSTANCES MAY SUSPEND OR CANCEL THE TAX INCENTIVES GRANTED TO REGISTERED ENTERPRISES WHICH ARE NOT COMPLIANT WITH THE CONDITIONS ON THE AVAILMENT OF TAX INCENTIVES AS WELL AS THE POLICIES SET FORTH BY THE IPAs.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

REP. CUA. We accept the amendment, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Is

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

REP. ROMUALDO. On page 43, line 5, we propose to delete the word "PROJECTS" and replace the same with the words TAX INCENTIVES; and then delete "(B)" and replace it with (E).

REP. CUA. Mme. Speaker, the amendment has previously been proposed by another colleague.

REP. ROMUALDO. Okay, thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). And accepted.

REP. CUA. And accepted, yes. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). So, we will just note that Representative Romualdo also made a similar proposal.

REP. CUA. Thank you.

REP. ROMUALDO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. On the same page 43, line 28, we propose to insert the phrase OF THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. CUA. I move for a few a minutes suspension of the session, Mme. Speaker.

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

It was 5:41 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:42 p.m. the session was resumed.

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

REP. ROMUALDO. Mme. Speaker, we withdraw our previous amendment because it has already been proposed by another Member and accepted by the Sponsor.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). That is noted.

REP. ROMUALDO. May we proceed, Mme. Speaker, to our last amendment. On page 40, line 36, we propose to insert a paragraph to read: (2)

REGISTERED ENTERPRISES WHOSE EXPORT SALES ARE BELOW THE NINETY PERCENT (90%) THRESHOLD AND ARE LOCATED WITHIN AN ECOZONE FREEPORT OR THOSE UTILIZING CUSTOMS BONDED MANUFACTURING WAREHOUSE COMMA (,) VAT EXEMPTION ON IMPORTATION, followed by a COLON (:).

I am sorry, Mme. Speaker. After the COLON (:), to insert the phrase VAT EXEMPTION ON IMPORTATION AND VAT ZERO RATING ON DOMESTIC PURCHASES OR CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND RAW MATERIALS USED IN THE MANUFACTURING AND PROCESSING OF PRODUCTS AND IMPORTATION OF SOURCE DOCUMENTS: PROVIDED, THAT THEY COMPLY WITH THE ELECTRONIC RECEIPTS OR INVOICING UNDER SECTION 237 AND 237-A OF THIS CODE.

REP. CUA. We accept the amendment, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. ROMUALDO. Mme. Speaker, we have no more amendments and we thank the Sponsor for accepting them.

Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mme. Speaker, may we recognize, again, the Honorable Romualdo for one additional amendment.

I so move Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). The Honorable Romualdo is recognized.

REP. ROMUALDO. Mme. Speaker, I apologize. It is just a matter of correcting the paragraphs because of the insertion of our previous amendment. We proposed that the original paragraph (2) be renumbered as paragraph (3), accordingly.

REP. CUA. We accept the amendment, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. ROMUALDO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Sponsor.

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mme. Speaker, there being no other Member who wishes to introduce individual amendments and no more Committee amendments, I move that we close the period of amendments.

I so, move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The period of amendments is hereby closed.

REP. LAGMAN. Mme. Speaker.

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on the measure on Second Reading.

REP. LAGMAN. Mme. Speaker

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). Representative Atienza, sorry, Rep. Edcel C. Lagman is recognized. I thought I heard the voice of Representative Atienza

REP. LAGMAN. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. In view of the numerous amendments proposed and approved with respect to House Bill No. 8083, I think it is imperative that before we vote on Second Reading, a clean copy of the Bill should be printed, reflecting the numerous amendments, for the perusal of the Members of the House.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mme. Speaker, I move for a few minutes suspension of the session.

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

It was 5:46 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:49 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, we take note of the manifestation of the Hon. Edcel Lagman as we assure him that a clean copy of the Bill will be distributed on the floor even before the Third Reading, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Cayetano). That is noted.

REP. LAGMAN. Mme. Speaker, there are numerous precedents in this House where printed copies had been circulated for the perusal of the Members of the House before a vote on Second Reading is conducted. It will be too late in the day if we wait for the printed copy of the Bill for Third Reading. The Members of the House should be apprised of all these numerous amendments as approved before we call for a vote on Second Reading. I think that should be the proper procedure. Considering further that this Bill is not a certified measure, so, time is not of the essence.

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

REP. MARCOLETA. Mme. Speaker, by practice, a clean copy is not available on Second Reading. It is always before the Third Reading, and we will make sure or we committed already to the Honorable Lagman that he will get a copy, and not only he but all Members will get their own copy earlier, even before the Third Reading. As he said, Mme. Speaker, there are a lot of amendments already taken on the floor and it is not practical to be able to print a copy just for his use, Mme. Speaker. We have to be very realistic and practicable. We have the commitment, Mme. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Mme. Speaker, we are not asking the impossible. We are not asking that a clean copy be distributed tonight. The Committee will have the time to have this Bill printed in clean form, reflecting the amendments. I have been here in this Chamber even before the Sr. Deputy Majority Leader and I could attest to the fact that the practice in more important measures is that a clean copy is printed to reflect the amendments before a vote on Second Reading is taken. That is the established practice in this Chamber. It will be too late if we will wait for the printed copy on Third Reading because the Members of this House should have time to understand and be apprised of the proposed and approved amendments.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

It was 5:53 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:59 p.m., the session was resumed with Deputy Speaker Sharon S. Garin presiding.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 8083, as amended, on Second Reading.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). There is a motion for the approval of House Bill No. 8083, as amended, on Second Reading.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

APPROVAL OF H. B. NO. 8083, AS AMENDED, ON SECOND READING

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

House Bill No. 8083, as amended, is hereby approved on Second Reading.

Congratulations!

REFERRAL OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS ON INQUIRIES IN AID OF LEGISLATION

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

House Resolution No. 1892, entitled: A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED FALSIFICATION OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS BY UNIMASTER CONGLOMERATION INC. AND POWERTRAC INC., to the Committee on Public Works and Highways; and

2. House Resolution No. 2067, entitled: A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE(S) TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROCLAMATION NOS. 96 (S. 2001), 518 (S. 1990), AND 825 (S. 1996), to the Committee on Housing and Urban Development.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mme. Speaker, we are in receipt of a Message from the Senate informing the House that the Senate passed with amendments House Bill No. 7522, entitled: AN ACT REAPPORTIONING THE PROVINCE OF AKLAN INTO TWO (2) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS. We have been informed that the Committee on Local Government, Sponsor of House Bill No. 7522, as well as the author thereof, has no objections to the amendments introduced thereto by the Senate.

Mme. Speaker, in accordance with our rules, I move that we concur with the Senate amendments to House Bill No. 7522.

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

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we proceed to the Additional Reference of Business, and may we direct the Secretary General to read the same.

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 the Additional Reference of Business.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 8161, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION, SUPERVISION AND PROFESSIONALIZATION OF THE PRACTICE, LICENSING AND REGISTRATION OF SANITARIANS”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 8162, entitled:

“AN ACT TO RECRUIT, HIRE, AND TRAIN ADDITIONAL SCHOOL-BASED GUIDANCE COUNSELORS,

PSYCHOLOGISTS, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS AND MENTAL HEALTH PERSONNEL”

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

House Bill No. 8163, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO MULTI-MEDIA TELEPHONY, INC. (PRESENTLY KNOWN AS ABS-CBN CONVERGENCE, INC.) UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7908, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE MULTI-MEDIA TELEPHONY INCORPORATED, A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO PAGING SYSTEM IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8332”

By Representatives Nograles (K.A.) and Nograles (J.J.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 8164, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BACARRI, MUNICIPALITY OF PARACELIS, PROVINCE OF MOUNTAIN PROVINCE TO BE KNOWN AS WELLIE MACLINIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Mangaoang
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 8166, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD NETWORK CONNECTING BARANGAY PULANGYUTA IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SIQUIJOR AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JUAN, PROVINCE OF SIQUIJOR INTO A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Rocamora
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 8167, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION DATABASE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER
AND SAFETY

CHANGE OF REFERRAL OF
CERTAIN MEASURES

House Bill No. 8168, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF ARREARS IN THE VETERANS PENSIONS AND BENEFITS MANDATED PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7696, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT STANDARDIZING AND UPGRADING THE BENEFITS FOR MILITARY VETERANS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS
AND WELFARE

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mme. Speaker, I move for the change of referral of the following measures:

House Bills No. 1863 and 5519 – declaring malunggay (moringa) as “The National Vegetable of the Philippines,” from the Committee on Revision of Laws, to the Committee on Agriculture and Food; and

House Resolutions No. 2101 and 2102 – congratulating and commending Yuka Saso, Bianca Pagdanganan and Lois Kaye Go for winning Gold in the Women’s Team Golf Tournament on Sunday, 26 August 2018, at the 2018 Asian Games, from the Committee on Youth and Sports Development, to the Committee on Rules

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

House Bill No. 8169, entitled:

“AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FROM JANUARY ONE TO DECEMBER THIRTY-ONE, TWO THOUSAND AND NINETEEN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Nograles (K.A.), Macapagal-Arroyo, Andaya, Zamora (M.C.), Aggabao, Tejada, Olivarez, Sandoval, Garin (R.), Salceda, Biazon, Dimaporo (M.K.), Lopez (C.), Sy-Alvarado, Villafuerte, Jalosjos, Amante, Cuaresma, Duavit, Nuñez-Malanyaon, Dy, Cojuangco, Del Mar, Vargas, Antonino, Lobregat, Sambar, Almonte, Calixto-Rubiano, Cari, Celeste, Cerafica, Gonzalez, Primicias-Agabas, Ramos, Sacdalan, Villarica, Abellanosa, Cua, Aragonese, Abaya, Sahali, Suansing (E.), Alonte, Bagatsing, Bernos, Fernando, Gonzales (A.P.), Malapitan, Nava, Nieto, Nolasco, Pacquiao, Robes, Pimentel, Suansing (H.), Veloso, Mangaoang, Savellano, Acharon, Bulut-Begtang, Maceda, Lopez (M.L.), Sagarbarria, Yu, Marquez, Gasataya, Enverga, Yap (M.), Durano, Dimaporo (A.), Garcia (J.E.), Laogan, Estrella, Manalo, Ungab, Fortuno, Cosalan, Amatong, Catamco, Adiong, Deloso-Montalla, Gorriceta, Limkaichong, Roman, Sarmiento (E.M.), Vargas-Alfonso, Bataoil, Mellana, Pancho, Silverio, Uy (J.), Zubiri, Brosas, Canama, Lacson, Quimbo, Go (M.), Mangudadatu (S.), Cagas, Lagman and Espino

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we include the additional coauthors of House Bills No. 1700, 8100, 8101, 8102, 8121, 8143, 8144, 8145, 8146, 8147 and 8155 as contained in the lists to be submitted by the Committee on Rules.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mme. Speaker, before we go on, we would like to acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Scott Davies S. Lanete, M.D. in the gallery. They are the municipality mayors from the Province of Masbate headed by the Hon. Rizalina Lanete and Mr. Joshur Judd Lanete, together with the members of the local government of the different municipalities in the Province of Masbate.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. ROA-PUNO. I move that we suspend the session, Mme. Speaker.

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

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

It was 6:05 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:06 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

WITHDRAWAL OF CERTAIN MEMBERS ELECTED TO COMMITTEES

REP. ANDAYA. Mme. Speaker, on the part of the Majority, I move for the withdrawal of the election of Rep. Alberto T. Ungab as member of the Committee on Mindanao Affairs vice Rep. Ruwel Peter S. Gonzaga.

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. Lianda B. Bolilia as Vice Chairperson of the Committee on Games and Amusements vice Rep. Rodolfo T. Albano III.

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

ELECTION OF REP. BOLILIA TO THE CTTEE. ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS

REP. ANDAYA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we elect Rep. Lianda B. Bolilia as member of the Committee on Games and Amusements vice Rep. Rodolfo T. Albano III.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES

REP. ANDAYA. Mme. Speaker, I move for

the election of the following Members to various Committees:

The Majority Leader read the names of the House Members elected to the various Committees, per Journal No. 15, dated September 4, 2018.

COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

As members:

Rep. Strike B. Revilla, ranked as member no. 7

Rep. Jesulito A. Manalo

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

As member:

Rep. Randolph S. Ting

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 Minority Leader is recognized.

REP. SUAREZ. Mme. Speaker, on the part of the Minority, I move that we elect Rep. Arlene B. Arcillas as a member of the Committee on Legislative Franchises vice Rep. Harlin Neil J. Abayon III.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adjourn the session until tomorrow, Wednesday, September 5, at 3:00 p.m.

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

The session is adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, September 5, at 3:00 p.m.

It was 6:08 p.m.

