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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Frederick "Erick" F. Abueg called the session to order.

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

NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

Everybody rose to sing the Philippine National Anthem.

PRAYER

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

Everybody remained standing for the silent prayer.

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

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we defer the calling of the roll.
I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve Journal No. 16, dated September 5, 2018.
I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we now proceed to the Reference of Business.

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

The Secretary General will please read the Reference of Business.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

The Secretary General read the following House Bills on First Reading, Messages from the Senate, Communications, Subpoena Duces Tecum and Committee Report, and the Deputy Speaker made the corresponding references:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 8180, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE SALARY OF HEAD TEACHER IN PROPORTION TO THEIR FUNCTION AND IN RELATION TO THE Payscale OF TEACHERS PROVIDED BY LAW”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 8181, entitled:

“AN ACT REFORMING AND STRENGTHENING THE COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6939, CREATING THE COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Relampagos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVES DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 8182, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO MARGARITA MELIAN ORTIGAS”

By Representative Leachon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF
GENERAL SANTOS”
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL
GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 8183, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO.
10152 OR THE ‘MANDATORY INFANTS
AND CHILDREN HEALTH IMMUNIZATION
ACT OF 2011’ ”

By Representative Tan (A.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Message dated September 3, 2018, informing the
House of Representatives that the Senate on even
date passed the following House Bills without
amendment:

House Bill No. 5554, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 9 OF
EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL WORKING
HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF DINAGAT
ISLANDS IN COMMEMORATION OF THE
BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF RUBEN EDERA
ECLEO, SR.”;

House Bill No. 8184, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RENTAL SUBSIDY
PROGRAM FOR INFORMAL SETTLER
FAMILIES (ISF) AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Belmonte (J.C.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 5688, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 21 OF
EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL WORKING
HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF CEBU AND
THE ENTIRE PROVINCE OF CEBU,
INCLUDING ITS HIGHLY URBANIZED
AND COMPONENT CITIES, TO BE KNOWN
AS ‘CEBU PRESS FREEDOM DAY’ ”;

House Bill No. 8185, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING LOCAL GOVERNMENT
UNITS TO GRANT HAZARD PAY OF TWO
THOUSAND PESOS (Php 2,000.00) PER
MONTH TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT
EMPLOYEES WHOSE WORK ENTAILS
RISK OR DANGER TO THEIR HEALTH
AND SAFETY”

By Representatives Nieto, Maceda, Martinez,
Sandoval, Malapitan, Olivarez, Calixto-
Rubiano and Lopez (M.L.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL
GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 5691, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 15
OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL
NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE
PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO
IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING
ANNIVERSARY”;

House Bill No. 8187, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH
SCHOOL IN BARANGAY AMBIONG,
MUNICIPALITY OF LA TRINIDAD,
PROVINCE OF BENGUET TO BE
KNOWN AS AMBIONG NATIONAL HIGH
SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

By Representative Cosalan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5262, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING MAY 22 OF EVERY
YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING
HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF
GUIMARAS IN COMMEMORATION OF
ITS ANNIVERSARY AS A PROVINCE”;

House Bill No. 6155, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAND
TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO)
EXTENSION OFFICE LOCATED IN
LAPU-LAPU CITY, PROVINCE OF
CEBU, INTO A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT
OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”;

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

House Bill No. 5259, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 18 OF EVERY
YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING
HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF IFUGAO,
IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING
ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE
‘IFUGAO FOUNDATION DAY’ ”;

Message dated September 3, 2018, informing the House
of Representatives that the Senate on even date
passed with amendments House Bill No. 5162,
entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE CITY OF GENERAL
SANTOS FROM THE FIRST LEGISLATIVE
DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF SOUTH
COTABATO TO CONSTITUTE THE LONE

House Bill No. 6780, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 22 OF
EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING
HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF SULTAN

KUDARAT IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY”]; and

House Bill No. 5202, entitled:

“ANACTDECLARINGMAY15OFEVERYYEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS ‘ADLAW NAN PROBINSYA NAN SURIGAO DEL NORTE’, THEREBY AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7553, ENTITLED ‘ANACTDECLARING JUNE NINETEEN OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS ‘ADLAW NAN SURIGAO DEL NORTE’ ”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated September 3, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 6331, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REAPPORTIONMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE INTO TWO (2) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Message dated September 3, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 7778, entitled:

“AN ACT REAPPORTIONING THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA INTO SIX (6) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated 23 August 2018 of Sarah Lou Y. Arriola, Undersecretary, Office of the Undersecretary for Migrant Workers’ Affairs, Department of Foreign Affairs, submitting to the House of Representatives the Report to Congress on Assistance to Nationals for the period July to December 2017 (digital format).
TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

CY 2017 Annual Report of the Bureau of Internal Revenue (USB flash drive format).

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Report of Dante Roberto P. Maling, Acting Secretary General, House of Representatives, on enrolled

bills, submitted to the Office of the President, for His Excellency’s consideration and signature, pursuant to the provision of Rule VI, Section 18, Par. (h) of the Rules of the House of Representatives:

1. House Bill No. 2849, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF VETERANS REGIONAL HOSPITAL IN BAYOMBONG, NUEVA VIZCAYA FROM TWO HUNDRED (200) TO FIVE HUNDRED (500), UPGRADING ITS SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL, CHANGING ITS NAME TO REGION II TRAUMA AND MEDICAL CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

2. House Bill No. 4274, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE SOUTHERN ISABELA GENERAL HOSPITAL IN SANTIAGO CITY, PROVINCE OF ISABELA INTO A TERTIARY GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE SOUTHERN ISABELA MEDICAL CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

3. House Bill No. 5367, entitled:

“ANACTAMENDINGSECTION1OFREPUBLIC ACT NO. 9727, REAPPORTIONING THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE INTO EIGHT (8) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS”;

4. House Bill No. 6389, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE SERVICES AND FACILITIES OF THE LA UNION MEDICAL CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF AGOO, PROVINCE OF LA UNION BY INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY TO THREE HUNDRED (300) AND ESTABLISHING A TRAUMA CENTER THEREIN, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS PERSONNEL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

5. House Bill No. 6619, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE BAGUIO GENERAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER FROM FIVE HUNDRED (500) TO EIGHT HUNDRED (800) BEDS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”; and

6. House Bill No. 6711, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE DR. PAULINO J. GARCIA MEMORIAL RESEARCH AND MEDICAL CENTER EXTENSION HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TALAVERA, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, TO A LEVEL II HOSPITAL AND INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FROM FIFTY (50) TO ONE HUNDRED (100) BEDS TO BE NOW KNOWN AS THE

TALAVERA GENERAL HOSPITAL, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM

Pursuant to Section 151, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives transmitting the Subpoena Duces Tecum dated 9 July 2018 of Atty. Nellie P. Boguen-Golez, Director, PIAB-D, Office of the Ombudsman, re: OMB-C-C-18-0136, ordering Ms. Annabelle C. Hufanda, Officer-in-Charge, Records Management Service, the submission within three (3) days from receipt hereof the Personal Data Sheet of Nicanor M. Briones (Former Partylist Representative – Agricultural Sector Alliance of the Philippines).

Pursuant to Section 151, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives transmitting the Subpoena Duces Tecum dated 9 July 2018 of Rodrigo I. Del Rosario, Senior Assistant City Prosecutor, Office of the City Prosecutor, re: XV-03-INV-18E-05002, ordering Lt. Gen. Roland M. Detabali, AFP (Ret.), Sergeant-at-Arms, the submission of copies of the Close-Circuit Television (CCTV) footages that were recorded on March 20, 2018.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Report by the Committee on Youth and Sports Development (Committee Report No. 850), re H.B. No. 8204, entitled:

“AN ACT REDEFINING THE CRIME OF GAME-FIXING AND PRESCRIBING STIFFER PENALTIES THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5032

Sponsors: Representatives Estrella, Roa-Puno, Pineda, Belmonte (R.) and Lacson

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

House Concurrent Resolution No. 20, entitled:

“CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS TO RESET TO OCTOBER 11 TO 17, 2018 FROM OCTOBER 1 TO 5, 2018 THE FILING OF THE CERTIFICATES OF CANDIDACY IN CONNECTION WITH THE MAY 13, 2019 NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS”

By Representatives Macapagal-Arroyo and Andaya

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, I move for a two-minute suspension of the session.

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

It was 3:07 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:08 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 8165

Continuation

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we resume the consideration of House Bill No. 8165, under the Calendar of Unfinished Business, as contained in Committee Report No. 842 and submitted by the Committees on Government Reorganization, National Defense and Security, and Appropriations, and for this purpose, may I ask that the Secretary General be directed to read the title of the Bill.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). The Secretary General is directed to read the aforementioned Bill.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill 8165, entitled: AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF DISASTER RESILIENCE, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, the parliamentary status of the Bill is that it is in the period of sponsorship and debate. I move that the author, the Hon. Yedda Marie K. Romualdez, be recognized.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). The Honorable Romualdez is recognized.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REP. ROMUALDEZ

REP. ROMUALDEZ. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, dear colleagues:

Storm surge, mass graves, total devastation and chaos—these were some of the words that headlined our beloved Tacloban City days after typhoon Haiyan made landfall in Eastern Visayas on that fateful day of November 8, 2013.

Until now, five years after Haiyan has passed, the pain caused by the strongest typhoon in recent history remains fresh in the hearts and minds of our constituents. Haiyan took not only our properties, our livelihood and local businesses, but also the lives of our brothers and sisters, our mothers and fathers, grandparents, and even our friends. We all lost something on that day. Some lost someone they loved. This is an unspeakable tragedy that we do not want to happen again.

It is crucial to highlight that the struggle of our people did not only happen during that very day when Haiyan made landfall. It continued even weeks after Haiyan left our region. Deadlock and delays caused by bureaucratic paralysis and poor coordination by different agencies rendered Tacloban City and most of the First District of Leyte completely helpless.

Our experience with Haiyan is a clarion call for a stronger and more robust response to disasters. All over the world, the Filipino people are known for their resilience, and it is highly imperative that our government institutions and policies must likewise embody this character of our people. While there is nothing we can do to combat nature's wrath, we need to be more equipped and ready to respond efficiently and effectively to save lives and property.

Natural disasters of increasing magnitude and frequency such as typhoon Haiyan have continued to affect our country, which is now the second most vulnerable in the world to disasters and climate change. Nearly 74 percent of the population and 80 percent of the land area were identified as vulnerable to disasters with the capital of Manila considered at extreme risk. In fact, in 2017, a 6.5 magnitude earthquake struck the province of Leyte. This "new normal" requires a more focused and in-depth attention in the way we understand, prepare for and respond to natural disasters.

Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, it is for this reason that I stand here to push for the creation of a Department of Disaster Resilience which will be primarily responsible for leading, managing and organizing the national effort to reduce disaster risk; prepare for and respond to disasters; and recover, rehabilitate and build forward better after the occurrence of disasters.

It is high time that we create a Department of Disaster Resilience that will effectively reduce our vulnerability to natural hazards and bolster our resilience to the

impact of natural disasters and climate change, with the capacity to take charge of key result areas: (a) disaster risk reduction; (b) disaster preparedness and response; and (c) recovery, rehabilitation and building forward better. As the country's primary disaster management agency, the Department of Disaster Resilience shall integrate and define what needs to be done and where it needs to be done, based on what standards, how it should be done and how well it should be done.

We need a Department of Disaster Resilience that will consolidate and support local disaster risk reduction efforts and has the full responsibility to take the lead in undertaking disaster preparedness and response in areas that are severely affected by natural disasters.

A new Department of Disaster Resilience will effectively improve the institutional capacity of the government for disaster risk reduction and management, reduce the vulnerabilities surrounding the affected local population, as well as build resilience of local communities to both natural disasters and climate change.

Finally, we need a Department of Disaster Resilience characterized by unity of command in order to streamline government disaster resilience programs and projects through closer coordination and stronger management synchronization at all levels of the country's disaster risk reduction and management system. Given its exposure to disaster risk, the Philippines cannot continue to have a focal disaster organization that only has coordinative functions. Our personal experience during Haiyan has confirmed that the complexity of large-scale disasters undermines existing policies and structures. The current DRRM structure where authority is shared, responsibility is dispersed and resources are scattered, renders it difficult to operate an appropriate and immediate response, thus, delaying critical disaster response and recovery.

It is important that we do so now, with the utmost urgency, and work together towards building a nation that is resilient to the dangers of natural disasters and the threats of climate change.

Mr. Speaker, honored colleagues, our own Yolanda story does not have to end with grief and loss. While it may take time to heal all the pain, our new-found resilience and optimism have given us the strength to move on and learn from the lessons of our past experience. With the creation of the Department of Disaster Resilience, we can look forward to the future with hope, knowing that the government is ready, better equipped and committed to exert its best effort to reduce the risks that come with natural disasters, to empower local communities to rise above the different vulnerabilities that surround them and to ensure that, in the years to come, such a tragedy will never happen again.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION
OF H.B. NO. 8165

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we suspend the consideration of House Bill No. 8165. I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, I move for a one-minute suspension of the session.

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

It was 3:16 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:18 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

ROLL CALL

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we call the roll.

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

The Secretary General will please call the roll.

*The Secretary General called the roll, and the result is reflected in Journal No. 17, dated September 10, 2018.**

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. The Speaker is present.

Mr. Speaker, the roll call shows that 208 Members responded to the call.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). With 208 Members responding to the call, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H. CT. RES. NO. 20

REP. NOEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Concurrent Resolution No. 20.

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

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

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

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Concurrent Resolution No. 20, entitled: CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS TO RESET TO OCTOBER 11 TO 17, 2018 FROM OCTOBER 1 TO 5, 2018 THE FILING OF THE CERTIFICATES OF CANDIDACY IN CONNECTION WITH THE MAY 13, 2019 NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS.

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

ADOPTION OF H. CT. RES. NO. 20

REP. NOEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Concurrent Resolution No. 20.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

House Concurrent Resolution No. 20 is adopted.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8083
ON THIRD READING

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8083 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. Abueg). 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 September 6, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8083, entitled: AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 4, 5, 20, 22, 27, 28, 34, 40, 50, 73, 112, 117, 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 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.17, dated September 10, 2018.*

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

REP. CASILAO. G. Ispiker, ang boto ko po ay “No” at nais ko pong ipaliwanag ang aking boto.

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

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). The Honorable Lagman is recognized.

REP. LAGMAN. My vote is “No” and I reserve my right to submit a written explanation of my negative vote. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. QUIMBO. I vote “No.”

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). Noted.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). We will take note of that.

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

RESULT OF THE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). The result shows 187 affirmative votes, 14 against and 3 abstentions.

House Bill No. 8083 is approved on Third Reading.

EXPLANATION OF VOTES

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). The Secretary General will please call the Members who will explain their votes.

REP. BORDADO. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). The Honorable Bordado is recognized to explain his vote.

REP. BORDADO EXPLAINS HIS VOTE

REP. BORDADO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, how I wish TRAIN 2 could really live up to its full acronym TRABAH0 or the Tax Reform for Attracting Better and High-quality Opportunities. On the contrary though, economic experts, armed with a preponderance of empirical evidences, have been warning us and the entire government about massive business shutdowns and large-scale obliteration of job opportunities as a direct consequence of the so-called TRABAH0 Law or proposed law. Mr. Speaker, call it the irony of ironies, and to think that we have to feel the full devastating impact of TRAIN 1, otherwise known as the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion Law, Mr. Speaker, I am therefore voting “No” to TRAIN 2.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. BROSAS EXPLAINS HER VOTE

REP. BROSAS. Mr. Speaker, GABRIELA Women’s Party votes “No” on House Bill No. 8083, dahil walang lohika at makatuwirang batayan na aprubahan ang panukalang TRAIN 2 na nakaangkas sa salot na TRAIN 1, na nagbunsod ng pagsirit ng presyo ng langis at iba pang batayang bilingin.

Today, the Lower House has turned its back again on the people by approving the pro-rich sequel of TRAIN 1. Binigo ng Kongresong ito ang mga nanay na nakapila sa ilalim ng init para sa NFA rice. Binigo ng

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

Kongresong ito ang mga mamimili na umaasang bababa ang presyo ng gulay at pagkain. Binigo ng Kongresong ito ang mga manggagawang nanawagan ng katiyakan sa trabaho, umento sa sahod at pagkontrol sa presyo, pero tiniyak ng kapulungang ito ang mas malaking kita ng mga pinakamalalaking korporasyon sa ilalim ng TRAIN 2. Para sa GABRIELA Women's Party, isa na namang malaking kataksilan ito sa kababaihan at mamamayan.

Instead of heeding the mounting calls of women and the people for the junking of the highly regressive TRAIN 1, this Chamber heeded the proposal of the World Bank and the IMF to continue the anti-poor reforms in the country's tax system with the approval of TRAIN 2. This measure will disproportionately benefit big foreign and local corporations with the reduction of the corporate income taxes. Habang nagdurusa ang mga ordinaryong pamilya sa hambalos ng taas-presyo, lalong lalaki pa ang paggastos sa luho ng pinakamayayamang negosyante sa bansa dahil babawasan pa lalo ng TRAIN 2 ang buwis sa bilyun-bilyong tubo ng mga korporasyon nila.

Napakalaking panlililang na ipaketeng TRABAHO Bill itong TRAIN 2, dahil ang totoo, sasagasa pa nga ito sa libu-libong trabaho. Popondohan nito sa esensya ang pagtanggap sa mga manggagawa sa porma ng cash grants at skills training. Bukod pa rito, binibigyang kapangyarihan ng panukalang batas ang Presidente na magbigay ng karagdagan pang incentives sa mga korporasyon. Wala ring klarong batayan para sabihing lilikha ng mas maraming trabaho ito dahil hindi naman nito binabago ang batayang katangian ng ekonomiya na nakaasa sa pag-e-export ng hilaw na materyales at semi-manufactures, at pag-i-import ng mas mahal na input sa produksyon tulad ng langis at finished products.

Malaking pagkakamali na nga na ipinasá ng Kapulungang ito ang TRAIN 1. Ngayon, dinodoble ng Kamara ang kasalanan nito sa sambayanang Pilipino sa pag-apruba ng TRAIN 2.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). May we remind the Lady that her time has already expired.

REP. BROSAS. Yes, I am wrapping up, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. BROSAS. Muli po, ang Kinatawang ito ng GABRIELA ay bumoto ng "No" sa TRAIN 2.

Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker.

REP. CASILAO EXPLAINS HIS VOTE

REP. CASILAO. G. Ispiker, tumutol po ang

Kinatawang ito sa panukalang batas na TRABAHO Bill o TRAIN 2. Sa likod ng pinabangong pangalan ng TRAIN 2 o TRABAHO Bill ay hindi niya kayang itago ang mabahong kontra mamamayang katangian nito, kontra mahihirap at dagdag pasanin sa mamamayang Pilipino. Gaya ng nabanggit namin sa TRAIN 1, sasagasa ito sa interes at kapakanan ng ating mamamayan.

Muli, sa pagkapasá at pagpasá nitong pangalawang pakete o TRAIN 2, sasagasaan na naman ang mamamayan. Sa SONA ni Pangulong Duterte, G. Ispiker, nito lamang Hulyo 2018, sinabi niya, "The enactment of the package 2 is what stands between today and millions of jobs in the near future." However, Mr. Speaker, sa interpelasyon ng Kinatawang ito, malinaw ang mga sagot ng ating mga kagalang-galang na Sponsor. Hindi makapagbibigay ng tiyak na bilang kung ilang milyong bagong trabaho ang kayang likhain ng panukalang batas na ito. Bagkus, sa kabaligtaran, may naibigay na bilang kung ilang milyon ang mawawalan ng trabaho dahil sa ikalawang paketeng ito. Hindi po ba ito ay isang katangiang kontra-mamamayan?

Tulad ng TRAIN 1, Mr. Speaker, walang ipinag-iba ang katangian nitong regressive kumpara sa isang prinsipyong progressive taxation. Sa pagbawas mula sa 30 percent corporate income tax patungong 20 percent sa loob ng 10 taon, sino ba ang makikinabang nito? Sa taong 2016 hanggang 2017, the corporations of the country's 16 richest family of oligarchs in the business are the ones who will benefit from the tax cuts sa corporate income. Hindi maaaring ikumpara, Mr. Speaker, ang netong kita ng mga malalaking kumpanya sa mga totoong small-medium enterprises. Napakalaki po ang agwat at hindi pupuwede uniporme ang pagpataw ng taxation na ito. Kaya, Mr. Speaker, gaya ng sinabi ko, tax those who have more, those who have capacity to pay more, instead of taxing those who have less.

Maraming salamat po, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Mr. Speaker, ang ACT TEACHERS Party-List po ay bumoto ng "No" dito sa House Bill No. 8083 o iyong tinatawag nating "TRABAHO."

Hindi mapagtatakpan ng bagong pangalan ng House Bill No. 8083 ang sangsang ng tunay na katangian nito na lumalabas sa maikling panahong inilaan ng House leadership para sa debate at deliberasyon. Ang TRAIN 2 ay anti-lokal na business at industriya, anti-MSME, anti-mahihirap, anti-edukasyon at kalusugan, at magsisilbi lamang sa mga higante at lalo pa sa mga dayuhang kumpanya.

You cannot separate TRAIN 1 and TRAIN 2

because the former was enacted to fund the lost revenues that will be caused by the latter. Sa ibang salita, Mr. Speaker, nagpataw ang gobyernong ito ng mga pabigat na buwis na pinapasan ng mga mamamayan lalo na ng mga mahihirap, at nagdudulot ng record-high inflation at taas ng presyo upang magbigay ng bilyun-bilyong insentibo sa taxes and customs duties sa mga higanteng korporasyon, lalo na ang mga dayuhang TNCs at MNCs sa ngalan ng competitiveness at foreign direct investments.

Sinasansala ng TRAIN 2 ang constitutional mandate na progressive system of taxation dahil paliliitin ang mga buwis ng mga higanteng kumpanya sa pamamagitan ng patung-patong na income tax holiday, tax and duty incentives, and income tax deductions na nakasaad sa Bill na ito. Kahit hindi nakasaad dito, pero ibibigay ng Presidente o sasabihin ng Secretary of Finance na ito ayon sa kapangyarihang ibibigay sa kanila ng Sections 301 at 4. Pinalawak pa ang incentives noong period of amendments, bagay na hindi na idinaan pa sa masusing debate. Samantala, walang puwang ang MSMEs at maliliit na lokal na industriya sa mga insentibong ito, puwang na kailangan nila para sa paglago at pag-ambag para sa pambansang industriyalisasyon.

Sa pagpasá ng TRAIN 2, lalo pang ibubuyangyang ang bansa sa mas maigting na eksploytasyon ng ating resources at mamamayan, sa halip na gawing instrumento ang pagbubuwis para itulak ang pambansang industriyalisasyon. Ililibre sa tax ang dayuhan at mayayaman upang pagkakitaan ang bansa, samantalang napatunayan naman na hindi ito naglilikha ng trabaho at hindi nagdudulot ng sustainable growth para sa bansa.

Panghuli, Mr. Speaker, hindi ko masasang-ayunan, bilang guro at advocate para sa karapatan ng edukasyon at kalusugan, ang isang panukalang tinitingnan ang mga eskuwelahan, pati ang mga ospital, bilang behikulo para sa investment at kita, at sa halip ay institusyon para sa serbisyo. Ang pananaw na ito ay batayan ng pagsasailalim ng performance criteria ng proprietary schools and hospitals at posibilidad na matatanggal sa preferential rate o mas mababang taxes para sa kanila.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). The time of the Lady has expired.

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Wrapping up, Mr. Speaker.

Kaya, Mr. Speaker, bunga ng mga dahilang itong nabanggit, bumoboto po ako ng “No” sa TRAIN 2.

REP. ELAGO EXPLAINS HER VOTE

REP. ELAGO. Mr. Speaker, this Representation from KABATAAN Party-List votes “No” on House Bill No. 8083.

When President Duterte made a pitch for TRAIN 2 in his third State of the Nation Address in July 2018, he said that, “The enactment of the Package 2 is what stands between today and millions of jobs in the near future.” The country’s economic managers also believe that this policy would invite business into the Philippines. More businesses, according to them, means more jobs, more opportunities, and a steady inflation rate. Despite this great promise and intent, the current chronic crisis aggravated by TRAIN darkly foreshadows otherwise.

As it is, foreign and local corporations are already sitting on hundreds of billions in pesos in profits at the expense of workers’ and peoples’ rights and welfare, and all TRAIN 2 aims to do is to give them more. The lowest income of P18.1 million or 80 percent of families, meanwhile, have annual incomes of at most P365,000 to as low as a meager P17,300 or even less. A huge number of these families are working in the informal sector, or worse, jobless.

The youth, Mr. Speaker, are also at the bitter end of the stick. With the 10-percent tax increase for higher education institutions, this Representation, by the long history of endless tuition fee increases, forecasts billionaire school franchises and privately owned education institutions to impose a barrage of tuition and other school fee increases for students nationwide come the implementation of this tax hike.

We implore the administration’s economic managers and this Representation’s colleagues to rethink these steps in tax reform. The majority of the Filipino people have suffered enough from TRAIN and to pass another anti-people tax reform would mortgage our future. To pass this anti-poor tax reform would be a great disservice to Filipinos who are left with empty stomachs as the inflation rate skyrockets at present. The aforementioned reasons and the duty to serve the people are why this Representation votes “No” on House Bill No. 8083.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. VILLARIN EXPLAINS HIS VOTE

REP. VILLARIN. Mr. Speaker, AKBAYAN votes “No” on a Bill that lost its narrative of tax reform acceleration and incentives. Renaming this measure did not make the narrative right. Without exhaustive deliberations and clear-cut reliable figures to back up this measure, this Bill was doomed from the start. With the macroeconomic fundamentals going haywire and a government in a state of denial that high inflation is no cause for worry as it is a result of economic growth, this TRABAHO Bill only provides an illusion of full employment and massive investments.

Mr. Speaker, fiscal policies are not made in a vacuum but must reflect people’s realities. The only

reality now is people suffering from a regime that kills people through EJKs and taxes. With the economic and political crisis happening, this measure adds up to our people's sufferings.

Again, AKBAYAN rejects this measure.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ZARATE EXPLAINS HIS VOTE

REP. ZARATE. Ginoong Ispiker, “No” ang boto ng BAYAN MUNA sa panukalang TRAIN 2 ng administrasyong Duterte. Hindi na po tayo papayag na magkaroon ng “Sagasa, the Sequel” mula sa tax reform program na anti-mahirap at pro-mayaman na TRAIN 1.

Tanong natin, mula pa man nang simulan ang deliberasyon ng TRAIN 2, kung ano ang tinutungtungan ng TRAIN 2, kung ang TRAIN 1 ay na-train wreck? Kumbaga, nasagasaan na nga, aatasan pa para sagasaan ulit. Hindi po natin ito papayagan, G. Ispiker.

Ngayon po ay nahaharap tayo sa implasyon na pinakamataas sa loob ng isang dekada. Ang piso ay bumabagsak. Hindi po maaaring sabihin nang walang pag-iimbot na ang mga dagdag buwis ay walang ginagawang bigwas sa ating naghihingalong ekonomiya.

Ngayon ay nais nating bawasan ang corporate income tax mula sa kita sa panghuhuthot sa TRAIN 1 sa ordinaryong mamamayan. Nasaan ang progressive taxation dito, Mr. Speaker? Ang totoo, ang TRAIN Packages 1 at 2, pati na ang iba pang pahabol na TRAIN 1-B, ay mga panukalang nais lamang pigain pa nang higit ang mamamayan at maligtas sa pagbabayad ng buwis ang mga malalaking korporasyon at ang mga mayayaman.

Sa kalagayang laganap ang kahirapan, sa sitwasyong marami ang nakaranas ng gutom, paano natin maaatim na magsasabatas ng kahit anong panukalang magtataas ng kahit piso sa mga pangunahing bilihin at petrolyo? Sa kalagayang ang layo ng pagitan ng mayayaman at mahihirap sa ating bansa, paano natin malulunok ang panukalang pabababain ang buwis ng mga mayayaman at malalaking korporasyon? Sila ay yumayaman nang makailang ulit—sa katunayan ay tumatakas pa sa buwis, sa kasalukuyang iskema. Ano ang dahilan upang lubos pa silang paluwagan habang ginigipit natin ang mga ordinaryong Pilipino sa mga dagdag buwis?

Matagal nang napatunayan na hindi ang sinasabing “investments” ang sasagot sa ating mahirap na kalagayan. Ilang dekada nang bukambibig ng mga economic managers, hindi lang ng kasalukuyang administrasyon kundi noong mga nakaraang din, ang mga katagang “attract

foreign investments” o “to create jobs,” ngunit ano ang kalagayan ng ating mamamayan sa ngayon, G. Ispiker? Lubog sa kahirapan, marami ang walang trabaho, marami pa rin ang walang sariling lupa sa isang lipunang walang nagsasarili at walang maunlad na industriya at agrikultura.

G. Ispiker, kapwa ko mga Mambabatas, huwag na nating bigyan muli ng false hope ang mamamayan na dahil dito sa mga sistema ng pagbubuwis ay maiibsan ang pasanin nila sa araw-araw. Huwag na nating hagurin ang likod ng mga mamamayang masakit na ang likod sa kakakayod araw-araw sa pamamagitan ng cash transfer program.

Tutulan ang TRAIN 1 at TRAIN 2! Progresibong sistema ng pagbubuwis, ipaglaban!

Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Before we proceed, Mr. Speaker, let us first acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Honorable ...

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). The Honorable Lagman—the honorable distinguished Gentleman, Representative Lagman, is recognized.

REP. LAGMAN. I previously reserved my right to submit a written explanation of my negative vote, but I would like now to articulate my reasons. Can I be allowed to explain my negative vote?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). You may do so, Representative Lagman.

REP. LAGMAN EXPLAINS HIS VOTE

REP. LAGMAN. This TRABAHO Bill or TRAIN 2 is a deadly sequel to a disastrous TRAIN 1 for the disadvantaged and marginalized sectors of our society. Number two, no estimates were given by the sponsoring Committee or by the Department of Finance on what the projection on job generation is, if this Bill is enacted into law. Number three, there is no assurance that corporate income tax evasion and avoidance will be foreclosed or discouraged if this Bill will become a law. Number four, there is no projection on how many businesses, both foreign and domestic, will relocate with the removal of tax incentives which, in the first place, were granted as attraction to foreign investors and to make the country competitive in the investors' market.

For all of these reasons and the reasons already forwarded by those who oppose this measure, I vote “No” on this TRAIN 2 or the TRABAH0 Bill.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8083
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). With 187 affirmative votes, 14 negative votes, and 3 abstentions, House Bill No. 8083 is approved on Third Reading.

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

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, let us now acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Jeffrey D. Khonghun from the First District of Zambales. They are the persons with disabilities or PWD officers and members from Barangay New Cabalan, Olongapo City and the Barangay Council Members and other Officials of Barangay Buenavista, Castillejos, Zambales.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). To all guests of the honorable Representative Khonghun, we welcome you to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, also, let us acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Erlpe John “Ping” M. Amante from the Second District of Agusan del Norte. They are Ms. Rainbow Concha, Ms. Jassef Yzaiah Leanne Tambis, Ms. Prelyn Sandimas, Ms. Yvette Christine Concha, Steffie Tambis and Naomi Concha. They are the bronze medalists in the ASEAN Cyber Kids Camp.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). To the guests of the Hon. Ping Amante *(Applause)*, we welcome you to the House of Representatives.

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Lastly, let us now acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Christopher “Toff” Vera Perez De Venecia from the Fourth District of Pangasinan. They are the Balon Dagupan Children’s Choir and the Aramal-Tocok Cooperative. *(Applause)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). We welcome you to the House of Representatives, guests of the Honorable De Venecia.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7652
ON THIRD READING

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7652 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. Abueg). 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 September 6, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, House Bill No. 7652, entitled: AN ACT REQUIRING PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENTITIES TO PROVIDE NATIONWIDE MOBILE NUMBER PORTABILITY TO SUBSCRIBERS.

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. 17, dated September 10, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7652
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). With 216 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7652 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8155
ON THIRD READING

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8155 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on September 6, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8155, entitled: AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF THE PHILIPPINES, INC., UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5172, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7530.

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. 17, dated September 10, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8155
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). With 216 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8155 is approved on Third Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8157
ON THIRD READING

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8157 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. Abueg). 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 September 6, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8157, entitled: AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO TIRAD PASS RADIO TV BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8070, ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE TIRAD PASS RADIO TV BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND

MAINTAIN COMMERCIAL AM-FM RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 17, dated September 10, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8157
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). With 216 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8157 is approved on Third Reading. The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 6326
ON THIRD READING

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 6326 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. Abueg). 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 September 6, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 6326, entitled: AN ACT CONVERTING THE MIDSAYAP EXTENSION OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) LOCATED IN MIDSAYAP, NORTH COTABATO INTO A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 17, dated September 10, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6326
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). With 217

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 6326 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 7882
ON THIRD READING

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 7882 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. Abueg). 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 September 6, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 7882, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING THE BASILICA OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY OF MANAOAG AND ITS ENVIRONS LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MANAOAG, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN A TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 17, dated September 10, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 7882
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). With 217 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 7882 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8084
ON THIRD READING

REP. GONZALES (A.P.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8084 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. Abueg). 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 September 6, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8084, entitled: AN ACT RECTIFYING THE PERIOD TO CONSTITUTE THE SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF THE PALOMPON INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND EXTENDING THE DEADLINE FOR ITS COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION FOR CONVERSION INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY, THEREBY AMENDING SECTIONS 9 AND 25 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10599.

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. 17, dated September 10, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8084
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). With 217 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8084 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8112
ON THIRD READING

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8112 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. Abueg). 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 September 6, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8112, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING FEBRUARY 13 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF PARAÑAQUE, METRO MANILA, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY.

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. 17, dated September 10, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8112
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). With 220 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8112 is approved on Third Reading.
The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8133
ON THIRD READING

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8133 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. Abueg). 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 September 6, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8133, entitled: AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CENTRAL MINDANAO UNIVERSITY TO CONSTRUCT ADDITIONAL CLASSROOMS, LABORATORIES, AND DORMITORIES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 17, dated September 10, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8133
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). With 220 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8133 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8140
ON THIRD READING

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8140 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. Abueg). 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 September 6, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8140, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROVINCIAL OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED) IN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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. 17, dated September 10, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8140
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). With 222 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8140 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8141
ON THIRD READING

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8141

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. Abueg). 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 September 6, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8141, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (PUP) IN CALOOCAN CITY-NORTH, TO BE KNOWN AS THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (PUP)-CALOOCAN CITY-NORTH CAMPUS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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. 17, dated September 10, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8141
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). With 222 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8141 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8142
ON THIRD READING

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8142 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. Abueg). 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 September 6, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8142, entitled: AN ACT DECLARING THE ISLAND OF BALANGINGI IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PIO V. CORPUZ, PROVINCE OF MASBATE AN ECOTOURISM SITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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. 17, dated September 10, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8142
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). With 225 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8142 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8146
ON THIRD READING

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8146 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. Abueg). 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 September 6, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8146, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BRACKISH WATER MULTISPECIES HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LALA, PROVINCE OF LANAO DEL NORTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No 17, dated September 10, 2018.*

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8146
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). With 225 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8146 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 8151
ON THIRD READING

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8151 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. Abueg). 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 September 6, 2018, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 8151, entitled: AN ACT CONVERTING THE SATELLITE OFFICE OF THE MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY LOCATED IN CALBAYOG CITY, PROVINCE OF SAMAR INTO AN EXTENSION OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is reflected in Journal No. 17, dated September 10, 2018.*

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 8151
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). With 225 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 8151 is approved on Third Reading.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we direct the Secretary General to immediately transmit the bills approved on Third Reading to the Senate of the Republic of the Philippines.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). Is there

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, at this juncture, may we acknowledge the presence of some guests in the House of Representatives, specifically the Parents-Teachers Community Officers of the President Ramon Magsaysay State University, namely: Jewel May Robles, Emelie Titular, Marilou Acayan, Ninfa Sudweste, Mercedes Trinidad, Eric Galang, Alvin Abadam, Daniel Bachillar, Marjorie Famanila, Dolores Chiong, Ma. Teresa Huang, and Ruben Pacheco. They are the guests of the Hon. Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla, the distinguished Member from Zambales.

I so move, Mr. Speaker. (*Applause*)

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). To the guests of the Honorable Deloso-Montalla, welcome to the House of Representatives.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, the House and the Senate have approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 6551 and Senate Bill No. 1654, respectively, converting the Bicol Sanitarium in the municipality of Cabusao, province of Camarines Sur, into a Geriatric Medical Center to be known as the "Bicol Regional Geriatric Medical Center."

We have been informed that the Committee on Health, sponsor of House Bill No. 6551, as well as the authors thereof, is in concurrence with the provisions of Senate Bill No. 1654.

In accordance with our rules, I move that we adopt Senate Bill No. 1654 as an amendment to House Bill No. 6551.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, the House and the Senate have approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 7503 and Senate Bill No. 1455, respectively, which seek to declare the Filipino sign language as the national sign language of the Filipino deaf and the official sign language of government in all transactions involving the deaf, and mandating its use in schools, broadcast media, and workplaces.

We have been informed that the Committee on Social Services, sponsor of House Bill No. 7503, as well as the authors thereof, is in concurrence with the provisions of Senate Bill No. 1455.

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

In accordance with our rules, I move that we adopt Senate Bill No. 1455 as an amendment to House Bill No. 7503.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, the House and the Senate have approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 5881 and Senate Bill No. 1586, respectively, establishing the SOCCSKSARGEN General Hospital in the municipality of Surallah, province of South Cotabato.

We have been informed that the Committee on Health, sponsor of House Bill No. 5881, as well as the authors thereof, is in concurrence with the provisions of Senate Bill No. 1586.

In accordance with our rules, I move that we adopt Senate Bill No. 1586 as an amendment to House Bill No. 5881.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, the House and the Senate have approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 6521 and Senate Bill No. 1649, respectively, upgrading the Bataan Provincial Hospital in the province of Bataan into a level 3 teaching and training hospital to be known as the Bataan General Hospital and Medical Center.

We have been informed that the Committee on Health, sponsor of House Bill No. 6521, as well as the authors thereof, is in concurrence with the provisions of Senate Bill No. 1649.

In accordance with our rules, I move that we adopt Senate Bill No. 1649 as an amendment to House Bill No. 6521.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, we are in receipt of a message from the Senate informing the House that the Senate passed with amendments House Bill No. 5880, entitled: AN ACT UPGRADING THE AMAI PAKPAK MEDICAL CENTER IN MARAWI CITY, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL SUR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

We have been advised that the Committee on Health, sponsor of the said House Bill, as well as the authors thereof, has no objections to the amendments introduced thereto by the Senate.

Mr. Speaker, in accordance with our rules, I move that we concur with the Senate amendments to House Bill No. 5880.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

DESIGNATION OF MEMBERS TO THE CONF. CTTEE.

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we designate the following as members of the Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 4113 and Senate Bill No. 1305, which propose to increase the maternity leave period for female workers in government and private sector to 100 days and 120 days, respectively, namely: Reps. Bernadette "BH" Herrera-Dy, Pia S. Cayetano, Edcel C. Lagman, Mark O. Go, Emmi A. De Jesus, Arnel U. Ty, and Michelle M. Antonio.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Members nominated are so designated.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we designate the following as members of the Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 7449, entitled, AN ACT APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF ONE BILLION ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND PESOS (P1,161,710,000.00) AS SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 2018 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, namely: Reps. Karlo Alexei B. Nograles, Doy C. Leachon, Angelina "Helen" D.L. Tan M.D., Estrellita B. Suansing, Federico "Ricky" S. Sandoval II, Marlyn B. Alonte and Danilo E. Suarez.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Members nominated are so designated.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

DESIGNATION OF REP. EVARDONE
TO THE CONF. CTTEE.

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we designate Rep. Ben P. Evardone as member of the Conference Committee, vice Rep. Bernadette Herrera-Dy, on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 684 and Senate Bill No. 1255, on revealing the source of published news or information obtained in confidence.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

Rep. Ben P. Evardone is so designated.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, we are in receipt of a message from the Senate informing the House that the Senate passed with amendments House Bill No. 7778, entitled, AN ACT REAPPORTIONING THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA INTO SIX (6) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS.

We have been advised that the Committee on Local Government, sponsor of the said House Bill, as well as the author thereof, has no objections to the amendments introduced thereto by the Senate.

Mr. Speaker, in accordance with our rules, I move that we concur with the Senate amendments on House Bill No. 7778.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, we are in receipt of a message from the Senate informing the House that the Senate passed with amendments House Bill No. 1926, entitled, AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY POBLACION 2 IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLANUEVA, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL.

We have been advised that the Committee on Local Government, sponsor of the said House Bill, as well as the authors thereof, has no objections to the amendments introduced thereto by the Senate.

Mr. Speaker, in accordance with our rules, I move that we concur with the Senate amendments on House Bill No. 1926.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

PRIVILEGE HOUR

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, today being a Monday, and pursuant to our Rules, I move that we proceed to the Privilege Hour.

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

The Chair declares a Privilege Hour.

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, I would like to move for the recognition of the Gentleman from Party-List MAGDALO, the Hon. Gary C. Alejano, for his privilege speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). The Gentleman from MAGDALO, the Hon. Gary C. Alejano, is recognized to speak under the Privilege Hour.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. ALEJANO

REP. ALEJANO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Good afternoon to my colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I rise on an ongoing issue which has far-reaching implications to the justice system and instability in our country. On September 4, 2018, Presidential Proclamation No. 572, dated August 31, 2018, was released in public, revoking the amnesty granted to Senator Antonio Trillanes IV more than seven years ago. Accordingly, the grant of amnesty to Trillanes is void *ab initio*, a term popularized by Solicitor General Jose C. Calida. Before proceeding to shed light on the issue, let me state that this is a clear political persecution against Senator Trillanes through a unilateral decision of the President, employing baseless accusations.

I understand that the issues surrounding the revocation of the amnesty of Senator Trillanes have been reported and circulating in the media. Let me reiterate them here for the record for those who may not have been able to monitor the issues. *Punta po tayo sa basehan ng pagdeklara ng pag-revoke ng amnesty ni Senator Trillanes. The bases: una, hindi raw siya sumipot sa pag-a-apply ng kaniyang amnestiya; pangalawa, there was no admission of guilt.*

The main basis of the revocation, which is non-appearance, is asserted by virtue of the certification of a certain Lt. Col. Andrade, one of the Division Chiefs in J1, Armed Forces of the Philippines, which stated that

no record is available in her office. Further, because of the revocation, the Armed Forces and the Philippine National Police were mandated to employ all legal means to arrest Trillanes.

As to the personal appearance of Senator Trillanes in filing his amnesty application, unang-una po, I can personally attest that he filed personally and took an oath before the administering officer, sabay po kaming nag-apply. In fact, on that day, January 5, 2011, there were 19 officers who applied, kasama po si Senator Trillanes, at 12 to 20 na enlisted personnel. Nandoon po ako at kitang-kita ko po na siya po ay nag-apply at nanumpa sa kaniyang application.

Secondly, the filing on that day was widely covered by media at kahit po iyong na-report, hindi totoo, sa mga newspapers, and for that matter, allow me to play this video.

(Video presentation)

Maraming salamat po.

As to the other assertion that Trillanes did not admit guilt of the offenses committed, again, this is wrong. The amnesty application already contained the provision of admission of guilt, kasi ho akala nila iyong application ay hiwalay na dokumento sa pag-admit ng guilt. Hindi po, iisang dokumento lamang iyan at iyong admission of guilt ay nakapaloob doon sa application form. At nais ko lamang basahin ang nakalagay doon, and I quote:

I hereby acknowledge that my involvement/participation in the subject incidents in this case, the Oakwood incident and the Manila Pen incident, constituted a violation of the 1987 Constitution, criminal laws and the Articles of War. I hereby recant my previous statements that are contrary, if any, to this express admission of involvement/participation and guilt.

Then, the applicant affixed his signature. Nandoon po, pipirmahan po iyan. Lahat ng maaaring labagin sa ilalim ng Saligang Batas, criminal laws at kahit doon sa Articles of War, when it comes to members of the military, ay inaamin ho namin na mayroon po kaming kasalanan. Pero, as to the specific offenses like coup d'état and rebellion, debatable po iyan dahil legal iyan, may mga elemento ang mga kaso. So, hindi po puwedeng sabihin na aaminin kong coup d'état ang aking kasalanan dahil hindi naman talagang coup d'état ho iyon. Example lang po iyan dahil nakalagay doon sa elemento na isang pag-atake sa government installation, eh Oakwood Hotel po iyan, hindi naman government installation. So, ang issue ng specific offenses ay debatable, pero kung sasabihing mayroon bang nalabag? Yes, mayroong nalabag sa ilalim ng Saligang Batas. Kahit na jaywalking sa Makati o anti-

smoking ordinance, lahat puwedeng ma-violate, pero as to specific offenses ay debatable po iyan.

In the Verification portion of the application, the applicant affixed his signature again and both thumbprints before the administering officer. Hindi naman tatanggapin ng administering officer ang form kung kulang po ang mga entries sa application, at pagkatapos pong ma-check na kumpleto ang entries ay susumpaan mo iyan nang personal.

Ganyan po ang proseso. The form is filled up by the applicant, personally submitted to the DND Ad Hoc Amnesty Committee, then the Committee checks the completeness of the application, then the applicant personally affixes his signature and thumbprints in front of the administering officer, tapos susumpaan niya.

Nasa Committee po ang application forms at wala ho kaming maalala na may kopya ho kami ng application forms. Di ho ito katulad ng mga transmittal letters na kung saan ay mayroon po tayong receiving copies. Wala ho kaming kopya, and I understand lahat pong nag-a-apply, walang kopya. Therefore, lahat ba kami ay void ab initio—iyong mga dokumento na nasa poder nila na sila din ang nagwala?

Remember the Ad Hoc Amnesty Committee is a temporary organization, temporary po lamang as its name connotes. It was created to receive and process amnesty applications under Proclamation No. 75, issued on 24 November of 2010. It was disbanded after it served its purpose. Now, as to who among the members of the Committee and which office took the amnesty records, that is the question. Sino ba talaga ang nagdala noon? Sino ang nagdala at aling opisina? We should also note that the officers or head of offices in the Department of National Defense and the Armed Forces just come and go. The amnesty records could be kept somewhere else in the premises of Camp Aguinaldo.

I have heard in the news that a certain DND official said that the certification does not mean “walang records.” Hindi lang available at the time of certification. However, ang tanong, kung hinahanap pa lamang ang amnesty records, bakit one day after ng Certification ay pinirmahan na kaagad itong Proclamation No. 572? Hinahanap pa lamang ang mga records, ganoon kabilis ginawa. Ang Certification ay ginawa noong August 30 at ang Proclamation No. 572 ay lumabas noong August 31.

They should have exerted all efforts to locate the records within the Department before deciding on issuing a very controversial proclamation. Kulang sa tinatawag na “complete staff work” ang ating Solicitor General dahil siya po ang naghahanap nito. Hindi po nila ginawa ang kanilang assignment.

Timing—bakit ang Proclamation na ito ay inilabas noong September 4 kahit ito ay napirmahan na ng August 31? Anong significance nito? Last September 4 was the schedule of the investigation in the Senate

of the alleged multimillion worth of contracts of the security agency owned by Solicitor General Calida sa gobyerno. Therefore, nais pagtakpan ni Solicitor General Calida ang imbestigasyon na ito sa araw na iyan and he succeeded dahil hindi na pinag-usapan iyong kaniyang conflict of interest in government. Napag-usapan na lamang itong Proclamation No. 572 at ang napipintong pag-aresto kay Senator Trillanes. Maliban pa diyan, isa din itong paraan upang pagtakpan ang incompetence ng mga economic managers ng Duterte administration sa pag-aresto ng inflation, kawalan ng murang bigas at isda, at iba pa. Ang pag-aresto kay Trillanes ang kasagutan nila sa problemang ekonomiya, hindi iyong pag-aresto ng inflation.

Punta ho tayo sa mga kasong iginawad sa amin. Background lamang para maintindihan ng taumbayan, lahat ng nag-participate sa Oakwood incident in 2003 ay nakasuhan ng iba't ibang kaso sa ilalim ng Articles of War. Dahil kinasuhan ang 31 po sa amin ng coup d'état before the RTC Branch 148, lahat ng charges sa court martial ay tinanggal; otherwise, magiging double jeopardy with the imminent granting of bail on our case dahil mahina po iyong kasong coup d'état sa amin, mabibigyan ho kami ng bail. Ang ginawa po ng Armed Forces, kinasuhan ho kami ulit sa Court Martial, pero this time, administrative cases na lamang dahil magkakaroon po ng double jeopardy kung punitive Articles of War ang igagawad sa amin. As to the criminal cases filed against us before the RTC Branches 148 and 150, the DOJ was surprised that these were all dismissed in 2011. Ang hawak nilang records ay nakapetsa pa ng 2010. Ano ngayon ang tatayuan ng pag-request ng Hold Departure Order at Alias Warrant? Wala nang kaso, patay na. Anong tatayuan? Kasi iyon pong sinasabi nating Alias Warrant ay mayroon na pong dating warrant na hindi naging successful ang pag-serve at binubuhay ulit, eh wala na pong kaso.

Ngayon, sa Court Martial, sinabi ko kanina, administrative cases lamang ang ikinaso kay Senator Trillanes. Admin cases have their maximum penalty of separation from service. Walang punitive actions dito gaya ng pagkakulong. Even without amnesty which was issued in 2010, Trillanes, and even in my case, was already a civilian as early as February 2007 when he filed his certificate of candidacy for 2007 national elections where he was deemed resigned as per Section 66, Article IX of the Omnibus Election Code. It reads:

Candidates holding appointive office or positions.—Any person holding a public appointive office or position, including active members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and officers and employees in government-owned or -controlled corporations, shall be considered ipso facto resigned from his office upon the filing of his certificate of candidacy.

The Armed Forces issued General Order No. 515, dated 6 February 2007 in relation to this, kaya nga discharged na po siya noong 2007.

Trillanes was also issued command clearance which means that he has no more liabilities and accountabilities in the Armed Forces kasama ng anumang pending na kaso kahit sa Ombudsman, o sa Court Martial man. Alam ho sa mga retirado, dito nga sa ating building sa House of Representatives, may mga retirado po dito, naiintindihan po ito kahit na iyong mga aktibo. Hindi ho kami mabibigyan ng clearances. Much more, hindi ho kami mabibigyan ng aming retirement or separation benefits kapag mayroon pong pending na kaso. Ano po ang ibig sabihin nito? Wala na po siyang pending na kaso as early as 2007. The Proclamation No. 75 was issued only in 2010.

Ngayon po, doon sa issue na si Secretary Voltaire Gazmin daw ay nag-usurp ng authority. Even this issue was not included in Proclamation No. 572, ay ito po ang dahilan ng Presidente na invalid daw iyong amnestiya. Now he is questioning—the President is now questioning not only the amnesty of Senator Trillanes but the amnesty of all the officers and enlisted personnel who availed of amnesty under Proclamation No. 75, at sa tingin ko po ay maling-mali po siya. Bakit? Ang nag-grant po ng amnestiya sa loob ng Proclamation No. 75 ay si former President Aquino at hindi po si Secretary Gazmin. Siya po ang nag-release ng Proclamation No. 75, hindi si Secretary Gazmin. Secretary Gazmin was tasked or given authority under Section 2 of Proclamation No. 75 to receive, process, and approved the applications for amnesty. Napaloob na rin doon sa Proclamation No. 75 kung sino o saan ka mag-aapply ng iyong amnestiya. Ang Secretary ng National Defense, siya ang tamang taong mag-process at mag-apruba.

Kung mayroong appeal sa kanyang desisyon ay puwedeng i-appeal sa Presidente at hindi sa kanya. Kaya nag-create ng DND Ad Hoc Amnesty Committee, exactly, to perform what Proclamation No. 75 has stated them to perform. The Ad Hoc Amnesty Committee recommended the approval of the amnesty applications through a resolution to Secretary Gazmin, which he approved. Gazmin, in his letter, apprised the granting authority, in this case President Aquino, of the status of the applications. The letter na iyong ginagawang basehan ng ating Pangulo, Pangulong Duterte, clearly stated there “For His Excellency’s information.” Para lang sa kaalaman ng Pangulo, hindi ito hinihingan ng approval dahil nagbigay na ho ng approval ang Pangulo sa amnestiya. Ang tanong lang dito, sino ba ang qualified? The President granted the amnesty. The DND processed and approved the applications of the amnesty.

Ngayon, ano ang epekto nito sa ating bansa? There should be a presumption of regularity sa lahat ng proseso na ginagawa ng ating gobyerno. Kapag ang isang Pilipino ay nabigyan na ng I.D.—driver’s license, passport, voter’s I.D., PhilHealth I.D., GSIS I.D., SSS I.D., marriage contract, birth certificate, marami po iyan na ini-issue ng ating gobyerno—ay hindi na dapat hinahanap ang application forms.

Dito sa atin, kapag ikaw ba ay lilipad o lalabas ng bansa, hahanapin ba ng immigration officers ang inyong application form nang kumuha ka ng passport o enough na iyong ipapakita mo iyong passport mo na mismo? Kung ikaw ba ay nahuli ng traffic enforcer sa EDSA dahil sa violation ng traffic rules, ano ba ang hahanapin, application form ba o iyong driver’s license? Ganoon din, kapag ikaw ay nabigyan ng building permit, kapag hahanapin ng inspector iyan, hahanapin ba iyong application form at kung hindi mahanap ang application form ay imbalido na ba ang building permit na puwede ding naibigay sa iyo some 10 years ago? Puwede bang sirain iyong bahay mo dahil puwedeng hindi legal ang pagtatayo ng bahay mo?

Ganoon din sa amnesty. Ang importante ay ang certificate of amnesty at hindi iyong application forms na pilot nilang hinahanap. Actually, ang tanong ho natin dito sa kanila, kayo ang nagtago, hindi ba kayo ang mananagot diyan dahil iwinala ninyo iyong mga records? Hindi iyong grantee ng amnesty ang hinahanapan ninyo.

The unilateral decision of the President has a far-reaching effect on peace and stability in our country. Amnesty is a political tool of a government in order to erase past political crimes committed by a group of people in order for the country to foster unity, to start anew, and to have a clean slate in governance, magsimula nang bago. The root word of the amnesty is ‘amnesia’ which means forget and forgive. It is as if nothing happened, no offenses committed, no offenders committed the crime, walang-wala po.

Hindi lamang kami ang maaapektuhan, but also those other officers and enlisted personnel who have availed of the amnesty before us and those who will avail in the future. Katulad po noong nakaraan, ilang amnestiya na ba ang naipasá? Sa panahon po ni President Manuel A. Roxas in 1946, para doon sa mga Volunteer Armed Forces of Filipinos and other nationalities who operated as guerillas. In 1948 also, para doon sa mga naakusahang collaborator ng mga Japanese sa World War II, binigyan din ng amnestiya. Noong 1948, iyong miyembro ng Hukbalahap, binigyan din ng amnestiya para magsimula ho ulit para sa kapayapaan at kaunlaran ng ating bansa. At kahit sa panahon ni Presidente Ferdinand E. Marcos na binigyan din ng amnestiya ang miyembro ng Moro National Liberation Front at Bangsa Moro Army. Sa panahon ni Pres. Cory

C. Aquino, pagkatapos ng rehimeng Marcos, binigyan din ng amnestiya ang lahat ng halos nakakulong noon. Ngayon po, pati na rin sa panahon ni Pres. Fidel V. Ramos, at sa panahon ni President Joseph E. Estrada, sa panahon po ni President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo na Speaker na po natin ngayon, marami pong nabigyan ng amnestiya.

Ngayon, let us take for example those who availed of the amnesty after the 1986 EDSA Revolution. For some reasons, hindi ka gusto ng present administration, puwedeng ang kulit mo, oposisyon ka o pangit ka lamang, hindi ka type ng nakaupong administration, pupuwede bang hanapan din sila ng application forms na isinumite nila noong 32 years ago? Kung hindi mo ito maipakita, enough na ba ito para ikulong ka? This is very ridiculous.

We have different rebel groups in the country and there were negotiations that took place. Actually, in the continuing negotiations right now, can they trust the government in granting amnesty if it can be easily revoked after some time? We just passed the Bangsamoro Organic Law, part of which is the granting of amnesty to the members of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front. Can they trust the government na hindi sila babalikan pagdating ng panahon, hindi sa administrasyon na ito, after so many years, after the granting of amnesty? Dahil puwedeng relative ng isang Presidente ang pinatay ng isang MILF, puwede niya bang balikan? Ire-revoke ko ang inyong amnesty dahil hindi ko kayo type. Ito po ang epekto ng pagsira ng amnestiyang ibinibigay ng isang gobyerno sa mga rebeldeng grupo.

Maraming problemang kinakaharap ang ating bansa, gaya ng sinabi ko kanina, katulad ng sobrang taas ng bilingin dahil sa TRAIN 1, kakulangan ng supply ng murang bigas at isda, multi-billion na kontrata ng pamilya ni Secretary Bong Go, multi-million na halaga ng kontrata ni Solicitor General Calida sa kanyang security agency sa gobyerno. Iyong issue ng extrajudicial killings, pati na rin iyong multi-billion na droga na pumapasok sa Pilipinas na hanggang sa ngayon ay hindi pa kilala ng gobyerno, hanggang sa ngayon ay hindi pa nahahabol ng administrasyong ito na galit na galit sa droga. Maingay ang oposisyon sa pagpuna ng mga ito. Hindi ba dapat ang mga problemang ito ang unahing hanapan ng solusyon ng ating gobyerno kaysa tinatarget at iniipit ang mga oposisyong pumupuna sa mga problemang ito? Hindi dapat binabalikan ng Presidente ang kanyang personal na kinakagalitan using resources of the government.

If we allow this brazen attempt to violate the rights of Senator Trillanes, mawawala na po ang pagkukunwari nating lahat na tayo ay demokrasya pa. Tayo ay nasa diktadurya na because the President issued unilaterally in revoking the amnesty na kung saan hindi lamang kabahagi ang Presidente diyan, mayroong concurrence

ang Kongreso diyari. The House of Representatives during the Fifteenth Congress, kasama ang Senado at may kasama rin na judiciary actions, kaya hindi lamang ang Pangulo. Ikaw at ako ay maaaring maging biktima sa arrangement o sa situasyong ito.

Kaya, Mr. Speaker, ito ay nakababahala. If we allow these things to happen, tayong lahat, pati na rin ang ordinaryong mamamayan ay hindi po excuse sa anumang puwedeng gawin ng administrasyong ito.

With that, Mr. Speaker, my colleagues, maraming salamat po, and God bless us all.

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

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, there being no questions or interpellants to Honorable Alejano, I move that we refer the speech of the Honorable Alejano to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we suspend the Privilege Hour for a brief moment.

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

DESIGNATION OF REP. CHAVEZ TO THE CONF. CTTTEE.

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move for the designation of Rep. Cecilia Leonila V. Chavez to the Conference Committee, vice Rep. Danilo E. Suarez, on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 7449, entitled: AN ACT APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF ONE BILLION ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND PESOS AS SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

Rep. Cecilia Leonila V. Chavez is so designated.

PRIVILEGE HOUR *Continuation*

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we resume the Privilege Hour. At this juncture,

may we recognize the Hon. Sarah Jane I. Elago of Party-List KABATAAN to avail of the Privilege Hour.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Lady from KABATAAN Party-List is recognized.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. ELAGO

REP. ELAGO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise concerning the state of our state universities and colleges or SUCs.

In the past years, we have witnessed the gradual dilution of the public character of our state schools. Education has been reduced to being a lucrative business, milking the youth, and our parents dry for profit. The SUCs are actually utilized in various income-generating mechanisms including charging tuition and other fees in utilizing assets.

Since the year 2010, we have seen a steady increase in tuition rates and a sharp increase in the collection of other school fees or OSF. These collections are no less than profiteering measures driven by massive deregulation, privatization, and the nationalization of education.

Since 2016, the annual internal income of all SUCs has amounted to an average of P48 billion, around 25 percent or P12 billion of which comes from fees paid by students. Next year, Mr. Speaker, the DBM projects that the SUCs will earn a total of P30.08 billion only from internal income.

Mr. Speaker, despite the passage of the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Law, the DBM still expects the country's 112 SUCs to earn a total of P54.18 billion in combined internal income, including fees collected from students. Of the P54.18 billion, P12.93 billion will be sourced from tuition collection while P6.08 billion will be from other income collected from students.

What is worrisome, Mr. Speaker, is that our state schools might introduce new and higher fees to students who are not covered by the free tuition and other school fees grant.

In the coming academic year, just to meet the target internal income, the figures show us that the policy of charging higher fees to students remains largely intact. In the end, students stand to lose much if the government continues in this pathway towards increasing unaffordability and inaccessibility of even our state schools. Thus, it is apparent that the two million SUCs students are the real victims in the continued underfunding of the government for our SUCs.

Last August, Mr. Speaker, during the briefing for the proposed budget of the Commission on Higher Education, this Representation revealed before the Committee that 63 SUCs will again suffer hefty cuts in their budget for 2019. When totalled, the cuts in the Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses of 63 state schools would amount to P583.7 million. As for Capital Outlay, 92 state schools will incur a total of P8.96 billion budget cut, a disturbing 55.15-percent decrease compared to the 2018 Appropriations Act.

The largest decrease, Mr. Speaker, will be suffered by 35 SUCs which are set to incur 100-percent budget cut. These SUCs will receive zero funding for their Capital Outlay, while the budget for Personal Services will have no cuts for the year 2019 as compared to hefty cuts in the year 2018 where it totalled to billions of pesos.

Mr. Speaker, due to these large budget cuts and insufficient funds for our state universities and colleges, state schools might intensify the collection of tuition and other fees. Kung kulang ang ibinibigay na pondo, ang laging pinagkukunan ng kakulangan na ito ay ang koleksiyon mula sa mga estudyante ng ating SUCs on their funding public higher education. Therefore, this is tantamount to undermining the future of this nation. Wala rin pong nakikita batay sa napakalaking kalta sa pondo ng ating state universities and colleges na pagpapalawig ng kapasidad ng ating SUCs para mas marami pang mga iskolar ng bayan ang makapasok sa mga ito. Ang nangyari pa nga, lalong mas naging mahigpit ang admission and retention policies na ipinapatupad sa ating state universities and colleges.

Mr. Speaker, this current budget framework for state schools is contradictory to its intention of developing public education. For years, our students and constituents have called not only for free education, but also for greater state funding for public education, yet, a decrease, albeit minimal, such as we see in the 2019 Budget still took place. What our state schools need is a substantial increase on additional budget that could match their actual funding requirement. Greater state funding is needed for our state schools to regain their public character and provide ample support for student services and faculty development.

Mr. Speaker, we need a kind of education that will capacitate the youth as agents of social change. It is, therefore, imperative for us to collectively advance our demands to strengthen public education to serve the common good.

Sa bahaging ito, Mr. Speaker, nais kong pasalamatan ang lahat ng ating kapwa Mambabatas na sumuporta sa pahayag ng pagkakaisa para maibalik ang lahat ng kinaltas na pondo sa Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses at bigyan ng substansiyal na pagtaas ang pondo para sa Capital Outlay at ang kabuuan ng ating public education system.

Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, there being no interpellants to the speech of the Honorable Elago, I move that we refer her speech to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize Rep. Ariel “Ka Ayik” B. Casilao of Party-List ANAKPAWIS to avail of the Privilege Hour.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). The Honorable Casilao is recognized.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. CASILAO

REP. CASILAO. Maraming salamat, G. Ispiker. Magandang hapon mga kasamang mambabatas.

Ako ngayon ay narito at nagpapahayag bilang Kinatawan ng maralitang sektor tungkol sa mahalagang isyu na alam lahat ng mamamayan sa lahat ng bahagi ng bansa na tayo ay humaharap sa isang krisis—krisis sa bigas, pagkain na ngayon ay ating nararanasan, at mas malaking dagok ito sa mga maralitang sektor na karaniwan ay mga magsasakang walang lupang pag-aari, nakikisaka, mga manggagawang kontraktuwal at mga sumasahod na wala pa sa minimum, at iba pang sektor na ang laging problema ay kung saan kukunin ang kakainin sa susunod na almusal, tanghalian o hapunan.

Mr. Speaker, ang problema sa bigas, mula pa noong Pebrero, ay nakita na nating hindi natutugunan. Ano ang solusyon ng NFA noon? Mag-angkat mula sa ibang bansa. Nag-angkat sila, ngunit ano ang nangyari? Bumaba ba ang presyo ng bigas? May nabubulok at kahit dumating pa, ayon naman mismo sa kanila ay hindi nito kayang tapatan o hilahin pababa ang presyo ng bigas na patuloy pa ring tumataas ayon mismo sa Philippine Statistics Authority. Hindi na kailangang humugot pa ng mga opisyal na datos. Dati, nakikita natin sa mga tindahan: P42 o P45, primerang klase na ang P55 kada kilo. Ngayon naman ay P52, P55 o hanggang P60 kada kilo. Halos pumalo na sa P10 sa first half lang ng isang taon. Nagmahal po ang bigas, nagbawas ng pagkain, samakatuwid, tumutungo sila sa mas malalang kalagayan ng kagutuman at kahirapan.

Hindi sapat ang krisis sa kanin, sumunod ang krisis sa ulam. Ang isda, galunggong—tumaas ang presyo. Ang sagot ng gobyerno, mag-angkat na naman mula

sa ibang bansa. Ang pinalalang pagbabago ngayon ay direkta na sa palengke pangkonsumo ng mamamayan na hindi mo malaman kung ano ba ang kalidad ng imported na galunggong na ito. Malawakan na rin na nagmamahal ang mga gulay. Sabi nga ng report, luho na ang tinola ngayon sa mga mahihirap. Banggitin na lang natin ang karne, dahil ayon din sa report, hindi na nagkakarne ang mga mahihirap.

Ang inflation na 6.4 percent nitong Agosto, para sa amin, ay konserbatibo, G. Ispiker, dahil sa bigas pa lamang, halos 10 percent o 20 percent hanggang 25 percent ng presyong nasa P40 hanggang P50 kada kilo. Ayon sa PSA, pagkain ang nagpapataas sa inflation, 8.5 percent o halos 20 percent sa gulay, 12 percent sa isda. Muli, sapul nito ay ang mga mararalitang sektor na umaabot ng 60 percent to 70 percent ng kanilang kita ang ginagastos sa pagkain. Ibig lang sabihin, nagtipid sila sa pagkain, mababawasan pa ang panggastos nila sa ibang mga pangangailangan.

Kung pakikilingan ang gobyerno, laging sinisisi ang supply na hindi inaabot ang demand. Mula sa amin, kasama ang mga sektor ng mga magsasaka, ang mga konsyumer, ang sinisisi namin ay neoliberal na patakaran ng liberalisasyon sa agrikultura, at ang pagpapatupad ng Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion o TRAIN Law.

Kanina, kasama po ang Kinatawang ito sa isang protesta ng mga magsasaka, maralitang tagalungsod, manggagawa, mga producer at consumer doon sa Mendiola, sa paanan ng Malacañang. Ang panawagan: “Defend Philippine Agriculture,” na noong Pebrero ay “Defend Philippine Rice Industry.”

Ang NFA, sa Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022, ay planong bawasan ng mandato, mula sa integrated growth development na mandato nito sa PD No. 4, ay isasalpak na lamang ang buffer stocking, na ipapatupad ng kahit hindi pa naamyendahan ang mandato nito. Sa madaling salita, Mr. Speaker, hinahayaan ng NFA ang mga malalaking private trader na kuponin ang inaning palay ng ating mga magsasaka. Noong 2017, halos zero percent o 0.001 percent o 27,000 metric tons lamang sa mahigit 19 million metric tons ang procurement rate nito. Ngayon, maraming panahon na, o zero percent pa rin ang stock nitong bigas, kaya nga nagmamakaawa tayo sa pagdating ng mga imported na bigas. Liberalized ang industriya ng bigas o laissez faire o sa kanta ng pelikulang Frozen, “Let It Go.” Ang ibig lang sabihin nito, Mr. Speaker, malaya ang pribadong sektor sa pambabarat sa palay, malaya sa profiteering sa bigas.

Ang kalayaang ito ng mga pribadong sektor ang nagpahamak ngayon sa buong bansa, Mr. Speaker. Sinisisi ng gobyerno ang supply. Ang usapin ay sino ba ang may kontrol sa supply? Kung sino ang may kontrol sa supply, siya ang may kontrol sa pagtakda ng presyo. Kaya sa malawakang krisis sa bigas na ito, sa manipestasyon na bumabagsak na ang food

security sa bansa, sino ang may kasalanan? Sa mata ng mamamayan, ang gobyerno ang nagkasala.

With all the mandate, the resources, the annual national government subsidy na bilyun-bilyong piso, the machinery, hindi nasubaybayan ang supply ng bigas kaya predetermined na hindi nasubaybayan ang presyo.

Pinabayaan na sa merkado ang bigas. Nauna nang pinabayaan ang palay sa produksyon. Ang probinsya ng Nueva Ecija, rice granary ng bansa, ibinalitang walang murang bigas na mabibili ang mga mahihirap na sektor. Hindi ba’t isang malaking kabalintunaan ito, Mr. Speaker? Ang lawak ng palayan ngunit hindi nagmúra ang bigas dahil nga liberalisado. Ang palay ay pag-aari ng mga trader at panginoong maylupa kahit hindi pa ito inaani, dahil nga nangutang lang ang mga magsasaka hanggang sa maging bigas ang mga ito, at sila ang may desisyon kung saan at kailan ito idi-distribute sa merkado. Walang suporta ang gobyerno. May ilang bayan sa mga probinsya na walang irigasyon, kahit na malapit sa Pantabangan Dam. Nandiyan pa ang PhilRice, at sa darating na anihan, siguradong hindi malaman ng mga magsasaka kung saan ilalagak ang kanilang ani, dahil nga walang pampublikong patuyuan o warehouse na sa kinalaunan, ibebenta nila ang palay kahit basa pa, sa barat na presyo, at ang makikinabang nito ay ang mga pribadong trader. Dagdag dito, ang NFA ay may buying price na P17 kada kilo, mula pa ito noong 2009.

Mga kapwa Mambabatas, 2018 na. Nagkapatungpatong na ang mga inflation rate nang ilang taon, ngunit hindi nagbago ang buying price ng NFA—napako ito sa P17 kada kilo. Palusot ng NFA, walang nagbebenta na magsasaka dahil mababa ang presyo, pero ayon mismo sa mga magsasaka, hindi. Kahit na ang Philippine Statistic Authority, may mga palay-producing provinces na nagbebenta ng P17 kada kilo at mayroon ngang mas mababa pa—P15 kada kilo, P16.50 kada kilo.

Sa isda, para sa maliliit na mangingisda, ang Fisheries Code ay “martial law” sa municipal fisherfolk; “kalayaan” naman sa mga commercial fishing vessels. Kahit pa itinakda na municipal fishing water ang 15-kilometer mula sa baybay, kung ito ay mas malalim sa 7 fathom o 42 feet, malayang nakakapasok ang commercial fishing vessel. Kung ang municipal fisherfolk na humuhuli lang na hindi lalampas ng halos tatlong tonelada, na ang iba ay namimingwit, o mga maliliit na lambat ang kanyang gamit, ang commercial vessel ay may capacity ng 3,000 kilo hanggang 150,000 kilo na umuubos sa isda sa ganoong espasyo.

Itinulak din ng Fisheries Code ang aquaculture na bago. Noong 1998 ay 35 percent lang ang kabuuang produksyon sa bansa, pero nitong 2012 ay 52 percent na ang municipal fishing na bumagsak sa 33 percent patungong 26 percent. Ano ba ang gusto natin, Mr.

Speaker? Pati galunggong ba ay kinakailangan nang i-aquaculture? Mga maliliit na mangingisda na sektor na may pinakamataas na poverty incidence na 40 percent, o kumikita lamang ng P190 kada araw.

Ngayong taon, ang liberalisasyon ng agrikultura ay ginatungan pa ng TRAIN Law. Bakit naman sinasabi ito? Ang pagsasaka sa palay ay gumagamit ng produktong langis. Ang pangingsda ay gayundin, ginagamitan din ito ng langis. Ginagamit ito sa distribusyon, at iba pa, sa proseso ng kanilang produksyon. Ipinagtanggol ng gobyerno ang TRAIN Law noong Mayo. Ang pagsirit ng presyo ng langis ay hindi daw dahil dito, dahil daw sa paggalaw sa pandaigdigang merkado. Kung gayon, kasalanan ito ng Oil Deregulation Law.

Ang krusyal na usapin ng krisis na kinakaharap natin, Mr. Speaker, ay mangangailangan ng mahabang usapin, kung kaya, inirerehisto ng Kinatawang ito ang panawagan ng mga maralitang sektor bilang kagyat na solusyon sa ating kinakaharap: una, bilang urgent, ang price control sa bigas. Ang palay na binili ng P17 hanggang P23 kada kilo ay dapat pumalo lamang ng P34 hanggang P46 kada kilo sa merkado. Kung ilalapat ang rule of thumb ng mga private trader at maging ng NFA, kaya ang mga presyo sa ganitong pagtakda. Kaya ang mga presyo ngayon ay nagpapakita ng manipestasyon ng profiteering o manipulation o pagsasamantala, dahil ibinebenta ang bigas ngayon nang mas mataas pa sa dapat na halaga lamang nito. Kahit pa patungan nila ang pinakamagandang bigas ng P5, dapat ay umabot lamang ito sa pinakamahal na P51 kada kilo. Hindi kailangan ng state of calamity o martial law para dito, Mr. Speaker, dahil nakasaad na ito sa Republic Act No. 7581 o Price Act of 1992, na kung ang presyo ay sobrang taas at hindi na makatuwiran ay maaaring mag-isyu ang isang Pangulo.

Kasunod ay iwaksi ang liberalisasyon sa agrikultura, palakasin ang papel ng National Food Authority sa industriya ng bigas, bilhin ang kalakhan ng palay sa presyong paborable sa mga magsasaka sa kagyat ay P20 kada kilo, at ibenta ang bigas nang mura para sa mga maralitang konsyumer. Mga kapwa Mambabatas, ito mismo ang mandato ng NFA, ngunit kailangan pang itulak sa pahayag kong ito.

Karugtong nito, palakasin ang suporta ng gobyerno sa agrikultura, puspusin ang libheng irigasyon para lumaki ang produktibidad, at umabot ang bansa sa 100 percent self-sufficiency para sa food security, at maganda ay may pasobra pa. Sa pangisdaan, ibasura ang Fisheries Code at ipatupad ang tunay na reporma sa pangisdaan, kung saan itinataguyod ang karapatan ng maliliit na mga mangingisda at sustainable na fishery sector.

Siyempre, walang industriya sa bigas na mapag-uusapan kung pinalayas na ang mga magsasaka sa kanilang sakahan. Iginigiit ng mga magsasaka ang

tunay na reporma sa lupa, libheng pamamahagi ng lupa at proteksyon o security of tenure nila sa lupa. Alam nating lahat na ang palagiang kandidato sa land-use conversion ay ang mga produktibo at napaunlad nang mga sakahan ng palay.

Malamang, nakalimutan na ni Pangulong Duterte ang kanyang ipinangako noong Pebrero 2016, sa harap mismo ng mga magsasaka. Kaya muli, ating nire-remind si Pangulong Duterte: tunay na reporma sa lupa at makatotohanang rural development, ngayon na!

Karugtong, defend Philippine agriculture and rice industry. Defend food security and self-sufficiency.

Stop liberalization of agriculture, pull out from the World Trade Organization Agreement on Agriculture.

Magandang gabi at maraming salamat, G. Ispiker, at mga kapwa Mambabatas.

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

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, having no interpellants, I move that we refer the speech of the Honorable Casilao to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate actions.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize Rep. Arlene D. Brosas of Party-List GABRIELA to avail of the Privilege Hour.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). The honorable Rep. Brosas is recognized.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. BROSAS

REP. BROSAS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Nangunguna na naman ang Pilipinas sa Asya. Nangunguna hindi sa kung anumang dapat ipagmalaki ng bawat Pilipino sa mundo, nangunguna dahil sa pagsirit ng inflation na nagdudulot ng pahirap sa mamamayan.

Kung tayo sa Metro Manila ay ramdam ang hagupit ng 6.4 percent na inflation, ang pagbasak ng halaga ng piso, haba ng pila at mahal na NFA rice, pagtaas ng presyo ng sili at halos lahat ng batayang bilihin at serbisyo, mas malala ang nararamdaman ng mga kapatid nating katutubo, lalung-lalo na sa mga patuloy na dumaranas ng martial law at matinding militarisasyon sa mga Lumad communities.

Noong June 27 to July 2 at August 1 to August 5, ang Representasyong ito, kasama ng iba't ibang sector, ay pumunta sa Mindanao para sa dalawang solidarity and fact-finding missions sa mga lalawigan ng Mindanao. Malaking bilang at matitinding mga kaso ng human rights violation, kabilang ang red-tagging, sapilitang pagpapasuko sa mga sibilyan, pagkamatay ng mga bata, pambabastos sa mga kababaihan, at pagkawasak ng mga kabuhayan ng mamamayan ang ilan lamang sa mga samu't saring usapin na lumutang sa nasabing misyon.

This Representation spent weeks with the Lumads in Mindanao. The solidarity mission recorded worsening poverty and economic disempowerment brought about by landlessness and limited access to agricultural resources and livelihood due to intense militarization in their community. The Lumad's ancestral lands were snatched from them by the Consunji's DMCI, large-scale mining projects, and so-called reforestation program approved by the government. Most women and their families have had no lands to till but their own backyard.

Ang naaani sa isang buwan ng mga kababaihan at kanilang pamilya ay nabebenta nila sa halagang P500 hanggang P100,000 na budget na ng buong pamilya—hanggang P1,000, wala pong P1,000—hanggang P1,000 na budget ng buong pamilya para sa buong buwan. Kailangang pagkasyahin ng isang pamilya ang P17 to P34 na arawang kita para maitaguyod ang maghapon. Ito ay nagresulta sa pagliban sa pagkain, malnutrisyon, at sa malaon ay matinding kagutuman.

Kasabay sa bagahe ng kababaihang Lumad sa kawalan ng lupang masasaka ay ang patuloy na pagtaas ng presyo ng mga bilihan na dala ng TRAIN. Hindi lang taga-Maynila at mga kalapit na siyudad ang apektado ng TRAIN, kahit mga katutubo ay nasagasaan na din ng TRAIN ng administrasyong Duterte.

Ang presyo ng bigas noong July sa Kalamansig, Sultan Kudarat ay tumaas mula P39 per kilo patungong P50 per kilo. Hindi alam ng mga pamilya kung paano pagkasyahin ang kakarampot na kita sa araw-araw.

Dahil sa sitwasyon ng kahirapan, kahit ang mga katutubo natin ay napipilitang maghanap ng ibang pagkukuhanan ng panggastos araw-araw. Ang karamihan ay lumalapit sa mga pautang na may mataas na interest, pera o isang sako ng bigas na may mahigit sa 300 percent na interest. Dito natin narinig ang kwento ng mga kababaihan ng Barangay Hinalaan, Datu Ito Andong, Sangay, at Sta. Clara, na nanghihiram ng isang sakong bigas sa halagang P2,000 hanggang P2,100 pero kailangan nilang bayaran ito katumbas ng dalawang sako ng kape na may market value na P8,400.

Nasadlak sa ganitong kalakal ang mga katutubo dahil sa pang-aagaw ng lupa ng DMCI sa tulong ng gobyerno, o di kaya ay pagpalayas ng mga military na imbes na protektahan ang mamamayan ay dumadahas dito, at kung nahihibang pa ay sumisira pa ng kanilang mga pananim.

Kung ang 7 percent inflation ay nagpasadsad sa buhay ng mga mamamayan sa Metro Manila, isipin na lang po natin ang 7.9 percent na inflation sa SOCCSKSARGEN o ang 8.1 percent inflation sa ARMM.

Maaaring sabihin ng mga economic managers ng administrasyon na walang epekto ang martial law at patuloy na militarisasyon sa Mindanao, ngunit ibang-iba ang kuwento na inilhad ng mga kababaihang katutubong Lumad.

Nangunguna na naman ang Pilipinas sa Asya, nangunguna sa patuloy na kahirapan. Hindi lamang ang ekonomiya ang namamatay kundi ang mamamayan din. Ang mga patakaran ng administrasyong ito ang pumapatay sa mga Pilipino.

Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, there being no interpellants, I move that we refer the speech of the Honorable Brosas to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate actions.

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we suspend the session for one Congressional minute.

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

It was 6:36 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:39 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we terminate the Privilege Hour.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). Is there

any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none, the same is approved.

REP. NOGRALES (J.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of Representative Casilao, delivered on the third of September 2018, to the Committee on Rules for appropriate action.

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

MOTION TO DECLARE VACANT POSITIONS IN CERTAIN COMMITTEES

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move to declare vacant the position of member No. 5 in the Committee on Agriculture and Food.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move to declare vacant the position of member No. 4 in the Special Committee on East ASEAN Growth Area.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move to declare vacant the position of member No. 6 in the Committee on Natural Resources.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES

REP. ANDAYA. May 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. 17, dated September 10, 2018.

COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS

As Vice Chairperson:
Rep. Lorna C. Silverio, vice Rep. Maria Valentina G. Plaza

As member:
Rep. Manuel Luis T. Lopez, vice Rep. Glona G. Labadlabad

COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

As Vice Chairperson:
Rep. Bellaflor J. Angara-Castillo, vice Rep. Isagani S. Amatong

As member:
Rep. Isagani S. Amatong, vice Rep. Bellaflor J. Angara-Castillo

COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

As Vice Chairperson:
Rep. Christopher “Toff” Vera Perez De Venecia, vice Rep. Ron P. Salo

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BICOL RECOVERY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

As Vice Chairperson:
Rep. Arnulfo P. Fuentesbella, vice Rep. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr.

As member:
Rep. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr., vice Rep. Arnulfo P. Fuentesbella

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

As member:
Rep. Francis Gerald A. Abaya, vice Rep. Arthur C. Yap

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EAST ASEAN GROWTH AREA

As member:
Rep. Isagani S. Amatong, vice Rep. Salvador B. Belaro Jr.

COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

As Vice Chairperson:
Rep. Maria Vida Espinosa-Bravo, vice Rep. Kaka J. Bag-ao

As member:
Rep. Kaka J. Bag-ao, vice Rep. Maria Vida Espinosa Bravo.

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS AND PRIVILEGES

As Chairperson:
Rep. Delphine Gan Lee, vice Rep. Danilo E. Suarez

COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY

As Vice Chairperson:
Rep. Aurora Enerio Cerilles, vice Rep. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr.

As members:
Rep. Jennifer Austria Barzaga, vice Rep. Gary C. Alejandro
Rep. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr., vice Rep. Aurora Enerio Cerilles

COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

As Vice Chairperson:
Rep. Sol Aragonese, vice Rep. Francis Gerald A. Abaya

As member:
Rep. Francis Gerald A. Abaya, vice Rep. Sol Aragonese.

COMMITTEE ON INTER-PARLIAMENTARY RELATIONS AND DIPLOMACY

As member:
Rep. Elisa "Olga" T. Kho, vice Rep. Glona G. Labadlabad

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

As Vice Chairperson:
Rep. Ma. Theresa V. Collantes, vice Rep. Kaka J. Bag-ao

As member:
Rep. Kaka J. Bag-ao, vice Maria Theresa V. Collantes

COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

As member:
Rep. Elenita Milagros "Eileen" Ermita-Buhain, vice Rep. Manuel Monsour T. Del Rosario III

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

As member:
Rep. Vicente "Kulit" J. Alcala, vice Rep. Rodel M. Batocabe

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

As Vice Chairperson:
Rep. Lorna P. Bautista-Bandigan, vice Rep. Aurelio "Dong" D. Gonzales Jr. and

As member:
Rep. Aurelio "Dong" D. Gonzales Jr., vice Rep. Lorna P. Bautista-Bandigan

COMMITTEE ON RULES

As Deputy Majority Leader:
Rep. Rogelio J. Espina, MD., vice Rep. Gerald Anthony "Samsam" V. Gullas Jr.

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we amend our Rules by inserting a new paragraph, letter (I), in Rule IX, Section 28, under Standing Committees, to read as follows:

(I) COMMITTEE ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT, 25 MEMBERS. – ALL MATTERS DIRECTLY AND PRINCIPALLY RELATING TO DISASTER AND CALAMITIES, WHETHER NATURAL OR MAN-MADE, AS WELL AS POLICIES, PLANS, PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS RELATED TO DISASTER RISK AND VULNERABILITY REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT INCLUDING DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESILIENCY, RELIEF AND RESCUE, RECOVERY, REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we elect the following as members of the Committee on Disaster Management:

As Chairperson:
Rep. Geraldine B. Roman, and

As members:
Rep. Leopoldo N. Bataoil,
Rep. Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla, and
Rep. "Kuya" Jose Antonio R. Sy-Alvarado.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we amend our Rules by inserting a new paragraph (I), in Rule IX, Section 33, under Special Committees, to read as follows:

(I) SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS, 20 MEMBERS. – ALL MATTERS DIRECTLY AND PRINCIPALLY RELATING TO THE NEEDS AND WELFARE OF SENIOR CITIZENS AS WELL AS POLICIES AND PROGRAMS THAT WILL ENHANCE THEIR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN SOCIETY.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we elect the following as members of the Special Committee on Senior Citizens:

As Chairperson:

Rep. Imelda R. Marcos, and

As Vice Chairpersons:

Rep. Milagros Aquino-Magsaysay,

Rep. Francisco G. Datol Jr., and

Cong. Romero “Miro” S. Quimbo (*Laughter*)

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). Is there any objection?

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw the last motion, Vice Chairpersons shall only be Reps. Milagros Aquino-Magsaysay and Francisco G. Datol Jr., excluding Rep. Miro Quimbo.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we amend our Rules by inserting a new paragraph (MM), in Rule IX, Section 28, under Standing Committees, to read as follows:

(MM) COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT, 25 MEMBERS. – ALL MATTERS DIRECTLY AND PRINCIPALLY RELATING TO THE COORDINATION OF EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AND CONGRESSIONAL ACTION SPECIFICALLY

THE REVIEW OF THE EXECUTION AND EFFECTIVENESS OF LAWS PURSUED THROUGH THE LEGISLATIVE EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL, AND THE CORRESPONDING IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS THEREOF.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we amend the jurisdiction of the Committee on National Defense and Security, and delete the phrase “and disaster relief and rescue” from the appropriate section of the Rules of the House.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we amend the jurisdiction of the Committee on Population and Family Relations, and delete the phrase “and care of the elderly” from the appropriate section of the Rules of the House.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, in line with the creation of the new committees, I move that we renumber the affected subsections accordingly.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

Rep. Cecilia Leonila V. Chavez, as member No. 5

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EAST ASEAN
GROWTH AREA

Rep. Salvador B. Belaro Jr., as member No. 4

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

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES
AND PRIVATIZATION

Rep. Luis N. Campos Jr., as member No. 4

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Rep. Rodel M. Batocabe, as member No. 6

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

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, there being no more Business for the Day, I move to adjourn the session until three o'clock in the afternoon, tomorrow, Tuesday, September 11, 2018.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abueg). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The session is adjourned until tomorrow, September 11, 2018, Tuesday, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

It was 6:50 p.m.