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CALL TO ORDER

At ___ p.m., Deputy Speaker Rolando G. Andaya Jr. called the session to order.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). May we ask the Members to please take their seats so we can proceed.

The session is called to order.

For the first Order of Business, the first to proceed is the voting for an Interim Presiding Officer and the Majority Leader.

REP. NOGRALES (K.). Mr. Speaker, Mr. Presiding Officer, I respectfully move to designate as Temporary Presiding Officer the Hon. Rolando G. Andaya Jr. and as Temporary Majority Leader the Hon. Fredenil “Fred” H. Castro.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Okay. There is a motion, duly seconded. No objection? The motion is carried. So, Deputy Speaker Rolando Andaya is designated as Temporary Presiding Officer and Deputy Speaker Fredenil Castro as Interim Majority Leader.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). Mr. Speaker, this Representation moves that the House of Representatives hold a session, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). No objection, the motion is carried.

So, there is a motion to hold a session. No objection? *(Silence)* The motion is carried.

We are now in session. Okay.

(Audio out)

(Audio in)

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Iyan, finally. *(Applause)* Puwede pala eh, pinahirapan ninyo pa ako. *(Applause)* So, where is our designated Secretary General? Bobby! Fred, Fred, suspend mo muna, suspend mo muna, suspend mo muna, suspend, suspend.

VOICE. Suspend.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Oo.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). Mr. Speaker, I move for a three-minute suspension of the session.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Let us have a three-minute suspension of the session.

It was ___ p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At ___ p.m., the session was resumed.

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

REP. ANTONINO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we request the Page to get the Mace from the Speaker’s Office.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). The Security is hereby requested to get the Mace displayed in the Archives, in the Library. *(Applause)*

Secretary General, please direct the Security.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). Mr. Speaker, I move for a three-minute suspension of the session.

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

It was ___ p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At ___ p.m., the session was resumed.

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). Mr. Speaker, we move for another three-minute suspension of the session.

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

It was ____ p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At ____ p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). Mr. Speaker, I would like to place it on record that the Mace of the House of Representatives has been requested from the Office of the Sergeant-at-Arms to be produced in the Plenary. We have already wasted so much time and we cannot further delay the proceedings. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, we should proceed with the proceedings and if ever the Mace will arrive, then it should be displayed in the Session Hall.

Nonetheless, Mr. Speaker, the production of the Mace does not lend validity to the proceedings that will have to be conducted in the Plenary because we, the majority of all the Members present, will be exercising the authority of the Majority. The Mace or the presence of the Mace cannot take precedence over the authority of the majority of the Members in the present proceeding.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, I move that we proceed with the session.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). There is a motion to proceed with the proceedings. No objection? (*Silence*) The motion is carried.

We shall proceed on the issue of the Mace. The Mace is really symbolic of the plenary powers of the Majority. Since more than two-thirds of the Members are present, the Mace is merely symbolic. Parang pulis lang iyan, kapag naiwan ng pulis iyong tsapa sa bahay, pulis pa rin siya. (*Applause*)

Let us proceed.

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). Mr. Speaker, the records will also disclose that we have requested the production of the Mace in this Plenary Hall but notwithstanding the request and the time that has elapsed, the Mace has not been produced.

For this reason, Mr. Speaker, I move that the Secretary General, at the appropriate time, be required to explain why up to this time, the Mace has not been produced in this Plenary Hall. (*Applause*)

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). There is a motion. There being no objection, now the Secretary General has to explain the non-production of the Mace. No objection? (*Silence*) The motion is carried.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). Mr. Speaker, at this point, I move that Rep. Megan Antonino be recognized.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Congresswoman Antonino is recognized.

REP. ANTONINO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we declare the office of the Speaker vacant.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). There is a motion to declare the position of the Speaker vacant, duly seconded. No objection? (*Silence*) The motion is carried.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). Mr. Speaker, I move that Deputy Speaker Ranie Abu be recognized.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Deputy Speaker Abu is recognized.

REP. ABU. Mr. Speaker, sa pangalan po ng Nacionalista Party at ng ilang mga miyembro, at nakararaming Miyembro ng Kamara de Representante na ngayong oras na ito ay naririto at nagpapakasakit na hindi pa nakain para magkaroon ng panibagong liderato, nais kong imungkahi sa Kapulungang ito ang kanina pa pong pinag-uusapan at kanina pa pong ginugusto ng nakararami para maging Speaker ng ating Seventeenth Congress, walang iba po, ang dating Pangulo at ngayon po ay Kinatawan ng lalawigan ng Pampanga, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. (*Applause*)

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Congw. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo is hereby nominated.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). Mr. Speaker, there being no other nomination, I move that we proceed with the voting.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). May I have a motion to close the period of nomination.

REP. ANTONINO. I second the motion.

REP. NOGRALES (K.A.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we close the period of nomination.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). There is a motion to close the period of nomination, duly seconded. No objection? (*Silence*) The motion is carried.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we proceed now with the voting.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). There being no other nominee for the position of Speaker, there is a unanimous consensus that the Members have already elected the next Speaker, the Hon. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). I therefore move, Mr. Speaker, that the Secretary General be directed to call the roll and proceed with the voting.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). The Secretary General is hereby directed to call the roll.

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Yes, Congressman Atienza.

REP. ATIENZA. This Representation poses a parliamentary inquiry. Why are we going to hold an election when there is only one candidate?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). That is the stand of the Presiding Officer.

REP. ATIENZA. We propose, Mr. Speaker, that we call for a vote of *ayes* and *nays* ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Yes.

REP. ATIENZA. ... to elect our Speaker. That simplifies the whole process.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Yes, that is correct. Our Secretary General, please proceed.

Majority Leader, what would be the procedure? Although it is already a forgone conclusion, just for clarity, what will be the procedure to be adopted?

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we do it, the nominal voting.

VOTING ON THE NOMINATION OF REP. MACAPAGAL-ARROYO

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Nominal voting.

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). Yes, Mr. Speaker.

FIRST ROLL CALL

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). No objection? (*Silence*) The motion is carried.

The Secretary General is hereby called to do the nominal voting.

Please proceed.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, *reading*:

Abaya
Abayon
Abellanos

REP. ABELLANOSA. Mr. Speaker, from the Representative of the Second District of the city of Cebu. To put the leadership of this House, our House of Representatives, beyond question and beyond doubt, I vote for Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo (*Applause*)

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, *reading*:

Abu

REP. ABU. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, *reading*:

Abueg
Acharon
Acop
Acosta
Acosta-Alba
Adiong
Advincula
Agarao
Aggabao
Aglipay-Villar
Albano
Alcala
Alejano
Almario
Almonte
Alonte
Alvarez, Franz
Alvarez, Mercedes
Alvarez, Pantaleon
Amante

Amatong
Andaya
Angara-Castillo
Antonino

REP. ANTONINO. The Representative of the Fourth District of Nueva Ecija supports GMA for Speaker. (*Applause*)

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, *reading*:

Antonio
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arbison
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Aumentado
Bag-ao
Bagatsing
Baguilat
Banal
Barbers
Barzaga
Bataoil
Batocabe
Bautista-Bandigan
Belaro
Belmonte, Feliciano
Belmonte, Jose Christopher
Belmonte, Ricardo
Benitez
Bernos
Bertiz

REP. BERTIZ. GMA.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, *reading*:

Biazon
Billones
Biron
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado

REP. BORDADO. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). The Honorable Bordado.

REP. BORDADO. I am abstaining. I am abstaining, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Duly noted.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, *reading*:

Bravo, Anthony
Bravo, Maria Vida
Brosas
Bulut-Begtang
Cagas
Calalang
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Campos
Canama
Cari
Casilao
Castelo
Castro, France
Castro, Fred
Catamco
Cayetano
Celeste
Cerafica
Cerilles
Chavez
Chipeco
Co
Cojuangco
Collantes
Cortes
Cortuna
Cosalan
Crisologo
Cua
Cuaresma
Cueva
Dalipe
Datul
Daza
De Jesus
De Venecia
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Del Rosario
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo, Abdullah
Dimaporo, Khalid
Duavit
Durano
Dy
Elago
Enverga
Erice
Eriguel
Ermita-Buhain
Escudero

Espina
 Espino
 Estrella
 Eusebio
 Evardone
 Fariñas
 Fernando
 Ferrer, Juliet
 Ferrer, Luis
 Feriol-Pascual
 Floirendo
 Flores
 Fortun
 Fortuno
 Fuentebella
 Garbin
 Garcia, Gwendolyn
 Garcia, Jose Enrique
 Garcia-Albano
 Garin, Richard
 Garin, Sharon
 Gasataya
 Gatchalian
 Geron
 Go, Ana Cristina
 Go, Mark
 Gomez
 Gonzaga
 Gonzales, Alexandria
 Gonzales, Aurelio Dong
 Gonzalez, Fernando
 Gorriceta
 Gullas
 Hernandez
 Herrera-Dy
 Hofer
 Jalosjos

REP. JALOSJOS. The Representative of the First District of Zamboanga del Norte votes for GMA.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, *reading*:

Javier
 Kho
 Khonghun
 Labadlabad
 Lacson
 Lagman
 Lanete
 Laogan

REP. LAOGAN. Mr. Speaker, this Representation votes for Congw. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.
 Thank you.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, *reading*:

Lazatin
 Leachon

REP. LEACHON. The Representative of the First District of Oriental Mindoro votes for Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, Mr. Speaker.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, *reading*:

Lee
 Limkaichong
 Lobregat
 Lopez, Benhur
 Lopez, Carlo
 Lopez, Manuel Luis
 Loyola
 Macapagal-Arroyo
 Maceda
 Madrona
 Malapitan
 Manalo
 Mangaoang
 Mangudadatu, Suharto
 Mangudadatu, Zajid
 Marcoleta
 Marcos
 Mariño
 Marquez
 Martinez
 Matugas
 Mellana
 Mending
 Mendoza
 Mercado
 Mirasol
 Montoro
 Nava
 Nieto
 Noel
 Nograles, Jericho
 Nograles, Karlo
 Nolasco
 Nuñez-Malanyaon
 Oaminal
 Ocampo
 Olivarez
 Ong, Edwin
 Ong, Henry
 Ortega, Pablo
 Ortega, Vini Nola
 Pacquiao
 Paduano
 Palma
 Pancho

Panganiban
Panotes
Papandayan
Pichay
Pimentel
Pineda
Plaza
Primicias-Agabas
Quimbo
Radaza
Ramirez-Sato
Ramos
Relampagos
Revilla
Roa-Puno
Robes
Rocamora
Rodriguez, Isidro
Rodriguez, Maximo
Roman
Romero
Romualdez
Romualdo
Roque
Sacdalan
Sagarbarria
Sahali
Salceda
Salimbangon
Salo
Salon
Sambar
Sandoval
Sangcopan
Santos-Recto
Sarmiento, Cesar
Sarmiento, Edgar Mary
Savellano
Sema
Siao
Silverio
Singson
Suansing, Estrellita
Suansing, Horacio
Suarez
Sy-Alvarado

REP. SY-ALVARADO. Mr. Speaker, para po sa isang taong makapagbubuklod sa Kapulungang ito, ang aking boto, I vote for Ma'am GMA.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, *reading*:

Tambunting
Tan, Angelina
Tan, Milagrosa

Tan, Shernee
Tejada
Teves
Tiangco
Ting
Tinio

REP. TINIO. Mr. Speaker, I vote "No" on to the speakership of Representative Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, *reading*:

Tolentino
Treñas
Tugna
Tupas
Ty
Umali
Unabia
Ungab
Unico
Uy, Juliet
Uy, Rolando
Uybarreta
Vargas
Vargas-Alfonso
Velarde

REP. VELARDE. Mr. Speaker, this Representation from BUHAY votes for President GMA.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, *reading*:

Velasco

REP. VELASCO. Mr. Speaker, the Representative of the Lone District of Marinduque votes for Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, *reading*:

Velasco-Catera
Velo
Vergara
Villafuerte
Villanueva
Villaraza-Suarez
Villarica
Villarín
Violago
Yap, Arthur
Yap, Melecio
Yap, Victor
Yu
Zamora, Maria Carmen

Zamora, Ronaldo
Zarate

REP. ZARATE. Mr. Speaker, ang Kinatawang ito ng BAYAN MUNA ay bumoboto po ng “No.”

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, *reading*:

Zubiri

SECOND ROLL CALL

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, *reading*: Second call of Members. The honorable Representatives:

Abaya
Abueg
Acharon
Acop
Acosta
Adiong
Advincula
Agarao
Aglipay-Villar
Albano
Alcala
Alejano
Almario
Almonte
Alvarez, Franz
Amatong
Antonio
Aquino-Magsaysay
Bag-ao

REP. BAG-AO. Mr. Speaker, I abstain.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, *reading*:

Baguilat
Banal

REP. BANAL. Abstain.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, *reading*:

Barbers
Bataoil
Belmonte, Jose Christopher
Billones
Bondoc
Brosas

REP. BROSAS. Mr. Speaker, ang Kinatawan po ng GABRIELA ay bumoboto ng “No” para sa Kapulungang ito.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, *reading*:

Calalang
Calderon
Caminero
Casilao

REP. CASILAO. Mr. Speaker, I vote “No.”

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, *reading*:

Castro, France
Catamco
Cerafica
Cojuangco
Cortes
Crisologo
Cua
Cueva
Datul
Daza
De Jesus
De Venecia
De Vera
Defensor
Del Rosario
Dimaporo, Khalid
Elago
Erice
Eusebio

REP. EUSEBIO. Mr. Speaker, I am for the change in the leadership of this House, but it is the commitment of the Liberal Party to provide checks and balances which are necessary for a deliberative Body like the Congress. So, I abstain.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, *reading*:

Evardone
Fariñas
Ferrer, Juliet
Fuentebella
Garcia, Gwendolyn
Go, Ana Cristina
Gomez
Gonzaga
Gonzales, Aurelio “Dong”
Gonzalez, Fernando
Gorriceta
Gullas
Hofer
Labadlabad
Lagman

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Temporary Presiding Officer,

without sanitizing my vote, in what appears to me to be irregular proceedings, I abstain.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, *reading*:

Lee
Limkaichong
Lobregat
Lopez, Benhur
Loyola
Mariño
Marquez
Matugas
Mellana
Mending
Mercado
Mirasol
Nogralles, Jericho
Nolasco
Oaminal
Ocampo
Pacquiao
Papandayan
Pimentel
Plaza
Quimbo
Radaza
Ramirez-Sato
Ramos
Revilla
Rocamora
Rodriguez, Maximo
Sacdalan
Sahali
Salimbangon
Sangcopan
Santos-Recto
Sarmiento, Cesar
Sema
Singson
Tan, Milagrosa
Teves
Tiangco
Tolentino
Ty
Umali
Unabia
Velo
Villarica
Villarin
Yu

At this juncture, the Mace arrived and was placed in its proper position at the rostrum. (Applause)

REP. DAZA. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker. *(Applause)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Before we recognize Congressman Daza, let us wait for these two sweethearts to, you know... *(Applause)* So, we are now complete. We now have the Mace.

REP. DAZA. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Congressman Daza, please.

REP. DAZA. Yes, now that the Mace has been restored to its proper place, may I ask how my vote was recorded?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). You have not yet voted, Congressman Daza. Please proceed.

REP. DAZA. Yes. Compliant with this time to my party, the Liberal Party, I vote to abstain.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Noted. The Secretary General is directed to note his vote as abstention. Please proceed.

Before we proceed, just a clarification from the Makabayan bloc, three of your members have voted “No.” We will take that as an abstention. Would I be correct? It is either you vote for the candidate or you do not vote. The question is not a “Yes” or a “No.” And will your votation now be counted as part of the attendance? Congressman Tinio, who priorly, when we called your name, the members of the Makabayan bloc were absent and now you are participating. Does that now mean that you are added to the attendance?

REP. TINIO. Yes, Mr. Speaker, and our ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). So, add the three now—add the three Members of the Makabayan bloc as part of the attendance which is now up to 200 and ...

WOMAN’S VOICE. ... forty-four.

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). Two hundred forty-four.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Two hundred forty-four. Please proceed, Congressman Tinio, with the explanation of your “No” vote.

REP. TINIO. Mr. Speaker, my understanding of the vote is whether or not the Members support the sole candidacy of Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo as Speaker, being the sole nominee for the position. Our “No” vote clearly signifies our stand that we do not support the speakership of Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. So, it is not an abstention, Mr. Speaker, it is a “No” vote.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). It is a “No” vote and “No” to the nomination of Congw. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, which is misplaced at this time. Out of order. Please proceed.

Majority Leader.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). The result of the votation is as follows: with 184 affirmative votes and 12 abstentions, Congw. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo is hereby elected as the new Speaker of the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). Take oath na. Take oath na iyon, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Majority Leader.

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). Former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, having been declared as the newly elected Speaker of the House, this Representation moves that we proceed with the oath-taking of the duly elected Speaker. *(Applause)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). May we request ...

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). For this purpose, Mr. Speaker, we request that Speaker Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo be accompanied by the following party leaders: For the NPC, Rep. Jack Duavit; for the Nacionalista Party, Deputy Speaker Raneo Abu; for the NUP, Rep. Megan Antonino will act for and on behalf of this Representation; for the Liberal Party, we request former Speaker Sonny Belmonte; for the PDP-Laban, Rep. Albee Benitez; for Lakas, Rep. Yedda Romualdez; for the Party-List Group, Deputy Speaker Sharon Garin. And for this purpose, Mr. Speaker, we designate, Rep. Dennis Laogan, being the youngest Congressman of the Seventeenth Congress, to administer the oath of office. *(Applause)*

Speaker Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, accompanied by the following party leaders: Rep. Michael John R. Duavit, Deputy Speaker Raneo “Ranie” E. Abu, Rep. Magnolia C. Antonino, Rep. Feliciano Belmonte Jr., Rep. Alfredo “Albee” B. Benitez, Rep. Yedda Marie K. Romualdez, Deputy Speaker Sharon S. Garin, ascended the rostrum and took her oath of office as Speaker of the House of Representatives before Rep. Dennis C. Laogan.

OATH-TAKING OF SPEAKER MACAPAGAL-ARROYO

REP. LAOGAN. So, please raise your right hand and repeat after me for your oath of office.

“I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO of Pampanga, having been elected as Speaker, hereby solemnly swear that I will well and faithfully discharge to the best of my ability the duties of my present position and of all others I may hereafter hold under the Republic of the Philippines; that I will support and defend the Constitution of the Philippines; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the laws, legal orders, and decrees promulgated by the duly constituted authorities of the Republic of the Philippines; and that I impose this obligation upon myself voluntarily, without mental reservation or purpose of evasion.

So help me God.” *(Applause)*

THE SPEAKER. Thank you, thank you.

REP. LAOGAN. Ma’am, congratulations po. Congratulations, Ma’am.

THE SPEAKER. Thank you, thank you.

REP. LAOGAN. Ma’am, it is a bigger honor and privilege the second time around.

THE SPEAKER. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

REP. ABELLANOSA. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker—Mme. Speaker, may I just be allowed to make a point of inquiry.

I voted for you but to put these proceedings beyond question, I would just like to ask or to ask for reconciliation on the number of attendance in the roll call which was announced at the start to be something like 238 or 236, although the votes—184 for GMA and 12 abstentions—will total only to 196. So, for the purpose of making these proceedings beyond question, may we ask for a reconciliation.

THE SPEAKER. The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). Mme. Speaker, may this Representation be allowed to address the clarification requested by the Congressman.

Mr. Speaker, so as not to delay further the proceedings, may we request the Secretary General to reconcile or to reexamine the number of votes and the attendance during the roll call and submit the reconciliation to Congressman Abellanosa, Mme. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. So ordered.

REP. ABU. Mr. Speaker, Majority Leader. Mr. Speaker, Majority Leader.

THE SPEAKER. Congressman Abu.

REP. ABU. Ah, Mme. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. Oo. Congressman Abu.

REP. ABU. May I move that the Secretary General be directed to inform the Senate of the Philippines and the Office of the President of the election of the new Speaker of the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

VOICE. I second the motion.

THE SPEAKER. Is there a second to the motion?

FEW MEMBERS. Second, second, second the motion.

THE SPEAKER. Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none; the same is approved. The Secretary General is so directed.

REP. LAGMAN. Mme. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. Congressman Lagman.

REP. LAGMAN. It would be very hard for the Secretariat to make a reconciliation because the attendance was called and recalled, if ever it was recorded, before the entry of the members of the Secretariat. So will they have any record of that attendance which was previously called, even before there was a motion to have an official session? Just for the information of the Body, Mme. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. Noted.

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). Mme. Speaker, I move that the manifestation of Congressman Edcel be noted. Be that as it may, the Secretary General should be directed to make the reconciliation and present it to Congressman Abellanos.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. There is a motion. Is there a second to the motion?

REP. ANTONINO. I second the motion.

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

The Secretary General again is so directed.

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). Mme. Speaker, I move

to adjourn and we resume tomorrow at four o'clock in the afternoon. I so move, Mme. Speaker. *(Applause)*

THE SPEAKER. There is an objection.

VOICE. Suspended.

THE SPEAKER. The session is suspended.

It was ___ p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At ___ p.m., the session was resumed with Deputy Speaker Rolando G. Andaya Jr. presiding.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Karlo Alexei B. Nograles.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). The Hon. Karlo Nograles is recognized.

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). In the meantime, Mr. Speaker, as we recognized Congressman Nograles, this Representation would like to withdraw his earlier motion that we adjourn and resume tomorrow at four o'clock in the afternoon.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, I withdraw that motion. I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). There is a motion to withdraw the motion.

Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The motion is approved.

Congressman Nograles, please.

REP. NOGRALES (K.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we elect as Interim Sergeant-at-Arms, Mr. Danilo A. Lesaca.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). There is a motion to elect as an Interim Sergeant-at-Arms Mr. Danilo ...

REP. NOGRALES (K.). ... A. Lesaca.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). ... A. Lesaca.

REP. NOGRALES (K.). I so move.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The motion is approved. (*Applause*)

So, for clarity, our Interim Secretary General is Mr. Bobby Maling and the Interim Sergeant-at-Arms is Mr. Danilo A. Lesaca.

(*Applause*)

Thank you very much.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the session.

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

It was ___ p.m.