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CALL TO ORDER

At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Raneo “Ranie” E. Abu called the session to order.

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

NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

Everybody rose to sing the Philippine National Anthem.

PRAYER

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

Everybody remained standing for the silent prayer.

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Abu relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Rolando G. Andaya Jr.

ROLL CALL

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we call the roll.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). 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. 4, dated July 30, 2018.**

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Mr. Speaker, the roll call shows that 247 Members responded to the call.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). With 247 Members responding to the call, the Chair declares a quorum.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

ELECTION OF MR. MALING AS ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). Mr. Speaker, I move to elect Mr. Dante Roberto P. Maling as acting Secretary General. I so move.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). There is a motion to elect—will the Majority Leader please repeat the name.

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). Roberto Maling, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Roberto Maling, Bobby Maling, Roberto “Bobby” Maling—as what?

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). As the acting Secretary General. I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker.

ELECTION OF RET. GEN. PRESTOZA AS SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). Mr. Speaker, I move to elect Ret. Gen. Romeo C. Prestoza as Sergeant-at-Arms. I so move.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). There is a motion to elect Ret. Gen. Romeo Prestoza as the new Sergeant-at-Arms. Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

* See ANNEX (printed separately)

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

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

ELECTION OF REP. ANDAYA AS CHAIRMAN
OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). Mr. Speaker, I move to elect Cong. Rolando G. Andaya Jr., vice Cong. Rodolfo C. Fariñas, as Chairman of the Committee on Rules.

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

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, point of order.

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

REP. FARIÑAS. Dito po, Mr. Speaker, point of order po.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). What is the point of order?

REP. FARIÑAS. Perhaps, the nominee should not be the one presiding.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Yes, I am about to step down.

REP. FARIÑAS. Yes, Sir, para mas maganda po iyong pagka-elect sa inyo.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Yes. Thank you very much.

REP. FARIÑAS. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). I am about to step down and relinquish my post as Presiding Officer.

REP. ERICE. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). We are in the process—we have just elected a new Majority Leader. That person—myself—I am about to take my oath.

REP. ERICE. Before that oath-taking, may I have a parliamentary inquiry.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). What is the parliamentary inquiry?

REP. ERICE. Mr. Speaker, I noticed that we are electing a Sergeant-at-Arms, an acting Secretary General, a Majority Leader. Are we reconstituting the House of Representatives?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). No, we are merely reorganizing it. We have already constituted ourselves as a Congress and we are merely reorganizing.

REP. ERICE. So, we are reorganizing the House of Representatives.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Yes.

REP. ERICE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Andaya). Thank you very much.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

It was 4:15 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:21 p.m., the session was resumed with Speaker Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo presiding.

THE SPEAKER. The session is resumed. The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. VILLARIN. Mme. Speaker.

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). Mme. Speaker, I move that we proceed with the oath-taking of the duly elected ...

REP. VILLARIN. Mme. Speaker.

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). ... Sergeant-at-Arms.

REP. VILLARIN. Mme. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

REP. ANDAYA. Yes, Mme. Speaker, we are to proceed with the oath-taking of the new elected officials.

REP. VILLARIN. Mme. Speaker.

REP. ANDAYA. May we request that the session be suspended so we can ...

REP. TINIO. Point of order, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ANDAYA. What is the point of order?

REP. TINIO. Point of order.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

THE SPEAKER. The session is suspended.

It was 4:22 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:26 p.m., the session was resumed with Deputy Speaker Fredenil "Fred" H. Castro presiding.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The session is resumed.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. TINIO. Point of order, Mr. Speaker. I reiterate my point of order.

REP. ANDAYA. Yes, what is the point of order? May we know the point of order?

REP. TINIO. Yes, Mr. Speaker, I cite our Rules, particularly Rule II on Membership, Section 8. *The Majority and the Minority*, and, if I may read the rule, Mr. Speaker:

Members who vote for the winning candidate for Speaker shall constitute the Majority in the House and they shall elect from among themselves the Majority Leader. The Majority Leader may be changed, at any time, by a majority vote of all the Majority Members.

That is the rule on the selection of the Majority Leader. Now, Mr. Speaker,...

REP. GARBIN. Point of order, Mr. Speaker. Point of order.

REP. TINIO. Mr. Speaker, I am still making—I am still explaining my point of order. Mr. Speaker, if I may, I still have the floor. So, in the previous session, this Body approved House Resolution No. 2025 which inserted into the records the result of the voting for Speaker and very clearly there, in this record, the names of 184 Members of the House were listed as having voted for Congresswoman Arroyo as Speaker.

Therefore, according to our rules, Mr. Speaker, they, this 184 alone, constitute the Majority in this House. Therefore, I raise a point of order because the earlier

motion placed the nomination of the Majority Leader before the whole Body when, according to the rules, only the 184 who voted for Congresswoman Arroyo as Speaker constitute the Majority, Mr. Speaker.

That is my point of order.

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, to raise a point of order is, we are dealing with the issue at hand. The issue at hand now is the oath-taking of the newly elected officers of the House of Representatives.

Would the Honorable Tinio like to convert that into a question of privilege where he can take part of the Privilege Hour? Otherwise, may we request that we proceed with the oath-taking, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Before proceeding with the oath-taking,

REP. VILLARIN. Mr. Speaker, just a parliamentary inquiry.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). ... the Chair will rule. On the point of order of Congressman Tinio, the point of order is out of order. Therefore, the Chair sustains the position of the Majority Leader.

REP. VILLARIN. Mr. Speaker.

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, ...

REP. VILLARIN. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ANDAYA. ... I move that we proceed with the oath-taking of our newly elected officers. I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*)

REP. VILLARIN. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

REP. ANDAYA. Okay. Let us now proceed. May we call on General Prestoza to please take his oath.

REP. ERICE. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ANDAYA. We are in the process of oath-taking, Mr. Speaker. So, may we ask the Members to refrain from interrupting the proceedings.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, may we have a suspension of the session, please.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The session is suspended.

It was 4:31 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:33 p.m., the session was resumed with Speaker Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo presiding.

THE SPEAKER. The session is resumed. The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ANDAYA. Mme. Speaker, may we now proceed with the oath-taking of the new Sergeant-at-Arms in the person of Ret. Gen. Romeo Prestoza.

At this juncture, Ret. Gen. Romeo C. Prestoza ascended the rostrum and took his oath of office as Sergeant-at-Arms before the Speaker.

OATH-TAKING OF RET. GEN. PRESTOZA AS SERGEANT- AT- ARMS

THE SPEAKER. Please raise your right hand and repeat after me your oath of office.

I, ROMEO PRESTOZA, of San Nicolas, Pangasinan, having been elected as Sergeant-at-Arms, 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.

THE SPEAKER. Congratulations! *(Applause)*

THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS. Thank you very much.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

THE SPEAKER. The session is suspended.

It was 4:35 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:35 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE SPEAKER. The session is resumed.

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). Mme. Speaker, I move that the elected Majority Leader ascend the rostrum to take his oath of office.

THE SPEAKER. Hearing no objection, the Chair invites the Majority Leader to ascend the rostrum.

At this juncture, Rep. Rolando G. Andaya Jr. ascended the rostrum and took his oath of office as Majority Leader of the House of Representatives before the Speaker.

OATH-TAKING OF REP. ANDAYA JR. AS MAJORITY LEADER

THE SPEAKER. Please raise your right hand and repeat after me.

I, ROLANDO G. ANDAYA JR, of Camarines Sur, having been elected as Majority Leader, 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.

THE SPEAKER. Congratulations! *(Applause)*

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

THE SPEAKER. The session is suspended.

It was 4:37 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:38 p.m., the session was resumed with Deputy Speaker Fredenil "Fred" H. Castro presiding.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The session is resumed.

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. VILLARIN. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. VILLARIN. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). What is the pleasure of the Majority Leader?

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, may we give him the opportunity to ask his inquiry.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Cong. Tomasito “Tom” S. Villarín is recognized.

REP. VILLARIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Majority Leader, and congratulations on your election.

My inquiry is, of course, I want to read into the minutes the process of the reorganization of the House Majority and whether there was a majority caucus that was held to elect a Majority Leader, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, what we had...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Majority Leader will respond.

REP. ANDAYA...was a motion to elect a new Majority Leader and that was unanimously voted upon, with no objection, Mr. Speaker. So, that is our situation right now.

REP. VILLARIN. Yes, because the election was held today, I suppose, and it was affirmed in the plenary. Now, I would like to read into the minutes as to who now constitutes the majority. Is it the 184 who voted for the Speaker? Or is there now a new majority beyond the 184 who elected the Speaker?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Majority Leader will respond.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. ANDAYA. Can we have a one-minute suspension of the session?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The session is suspended.

It was 4:41 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:46 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The session is resumed.

REP. ANDAYA. Yes, Mr. Speaker, just to clarify the matter for all the Members, at this point in time, the Majority bloc recognizes 260 Members as part of the Majority, 17 Members as part of the Minority, seven from the Independent bloc, seven from the Independent Makabayan bloc, and one Independent in the name of Rep. Tobias “Toby” M. Tiangco, totaling 292 Members.

I hope this satisfies the question, Mr. Speaker.

REP. VILLARIN. No, Mr. Speaker. Under Section 8 of our rules, it says here that “Members who vote for the winning candidate for Speaker shall constitute the Majority in the House x x x” and per House Resolution No. 2025 as adopted, there were 184 who voted for the winning Speaker. Under Section 8, it states here as a continuation to this sentence, “and they shall elect from among themselves the Majority Leader.” So, that means the 184 elected the Majority Leader.

Also, for the record, Mr. Speaker, Majority Leader, I would like to read into the records the names of the members of the Minority who voted for the Speaker, namely: number one, Rep. Harlin Neil J. Abayon III; number two, Rep. Arlene B. Arcillas; number three, Rep. Jose “Lito” L. Atienza Jr.; number four, Rep. Aniceto “John” D. Bertiz III; number five, Rep. Anthony M. Bravo, PhD; number six, ...

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, point of order.

REP. VILLARIN. ...Rep. Ciriaco S. Calalang.

REP. MARCOLETA. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

REP. VILLARIN. I just wanted to read the names of those who voted. They are all in House Resolution No. 2025, Mr. Speaker. Would the good Majority Leader confirm that, indeed, these 14 names I had mentioned were in the Minority, but voted for the Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). There is a point of order, Majority Leader. What is the pleasure of the Majority Leader?

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker, a parliamentary inquiry is not a subject of debate.

REP. VILLARIN. It is not a subject of debate, Mr. Speaker. I just want to point out that it is in the records of the House, and I would just like to affirm...

REP. MARCOLETA. May I reiterate my point of order, Your Honor, Mr. Speaker—a parliamentary inquiry is not a subject of debate.

REP. VILLARIN. ... who are the Members that constitute the Majority, Mr. Speaker.

REP. MARCOLETA. Once the Majority Leader has already explained his rejoinder, it can no longer be a matter of debate, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, may we allow the Majority Leader to speak. I will answer the question briefly.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Proceed.

REP. ANDAYA. Yes, we confirm, the Majority confirms that 184 voted for the lone and solitary candidate for Speaker in the reorganization of the House, not in the initial constitution of the House as enumerated under Rule II of our rules, Mr. Speaker.

That was the manifestation. May we ask ...

REP. VILLARIN. That is the number of Representatives who voted for the Speaker.

REP. ANDAYA. Yes, but there was only one candidate, so, they unanimously voted.

REP. VILLARIN. But in essence, there was an election for the Speaker because there were 12 abstentions and there were three who voted “no,” in effect saying that they did not vote for the Speaker. There were also, I think, 44 who were...

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, how can you ...

REP. VILLARIN. ... present but did not vote.

REP. ANDAYA. ... vote “no” when there was only one candidate?

REP. VILLARIN. No, as I have said, Mr. Speaker, in a votation, in an election, it is either; it could be done by affirmation but here, there was a clear division of the House and each of the Representatives was asked to cast his vote. So, in essence, there was an election, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ANDAYA. Yes.

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker.

REP. ANDAYA. Yes, we acknowledged the manifestation, Mr. Speaker, so we may now proceed.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). And the Chair ...

REP. ANDAYA. Are you done?

REP. VILLARIN. So, my manifestation is that the 14 names, the Minority who voted for the Speaker, they are now with the Majority. So, that is your opinion, Mr. Speaker, Majority Leader?

REP. ANDAYA. No, that is your manifestation, Mr. Speaker. We are only affirming that you uttered that manifestation.

REP. VILLARIN. No, but as I have said, it is in the records, Mr. Speaker, Majority Leader.

REP. ANDAYA. Yes, it is in the records that 14...

REP. VILLARIN. And you affirm that they voted for the Speaker. Whereby, based on Section 8 of our rules, they constitute the Majority, of which you earlier affirmed and even added that the 184 had been joined by several others ...

REP. ANDAYA. Yes.

REP. VILLARIN. ... to constitute now a bigger Majority of 200 plus.

REP. ANDAYA. We are now engaging in a debate. Are we now under a manifestation, or you would like to convert this into a point of order?

REP. VILLARIN. I am now on the point, Mr. Speaker, of ...

REP. ANDAYA. Yes, precisely, we are now debating, Mr. Speaker.

REP. VILLARIN. I am not debating.

REP. ANDAYA. You were given the floor for your manifestation.

REP. VILLARIN. Yes.

REP. ANDAYA. You have manifested your point.

REP. VILLARIN. It was an inquiry and you responded, and I am just saying that you have affirmed that this Minority is now with the Majority.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Majority Leader has already explained Congressman Villarín's position...

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). ... and the Chair sustains the Majority Leader. Majority Leader, proceed.

REP. ANDAYA. No, I am asking ...

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

ELECTION OF REP. MARCOLETA TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

REP. ANDAYA. Thank you very much. So, let us proceed.

On the part of the Majority, we would like to elect for the Committee on Rules, Cong. Rodante D. Marcoleta vice Rep. Juan Pablo "Rimpy" P. Bondoc, Mr. Speaker.

I so move.

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

ELECTION OF REP. ROMUALDEZ TO THE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS

REP. ANDAYA. Again, on the part of the Majority, as regards the Committee on Accounts, we move to elect Cong. Yedda Marie K. Romualdez vice Rep. Elenita Milagros "Eileen" Ermita-Buhain.

I so move.

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. ANDAYA. I move for a one-minute suspension of the session, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The session is suspended.

It was 4:52 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The session is resumed.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ANDAYA. At this point in time,...

REP. QUIMBO. Mr. Speaker.

REP. ANDAYA. ... we would like to acknowledge ...

REP. QUIMBO. Mr. Speaker.

REP. ANDAYA. ... the Minority Floor Leader,...

REP. QUIMBO. Mr. Speaker.

REP. ANDAYA. ... Danilo E. Suarez.

REP. QUIMBO. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Minority Leader, Danilo E. Suarez,...

REP. QUIMBO. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). ... is recognized.

REP. QUIMBO. Mr. Speaker, we object. Mr. Speaker, we object to...

REP. SUAREZ. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. QUIMBO. ...the statement of the Majority Leader.

REP. ERICE. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

REP. QUIMBO. We object, Mr. Speaker.

REP. SUAREZ. Mr. Speaker, my colleagues in the House, good afternoon.

REP. ERICE. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

REP. QUIMBO. Mr. Speaker.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. ANDAYA. I move for a one-minute suspension of the session, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The session is suspended.

It was 4:55 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:57 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The session is resumed.

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, may we request that we recognize the Hon. Romero “Miro” S. Quimbo for a manifestation, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Congressman Quimbo is recognized.

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

We would like to put on record, Mr. Speaker, that on the 25th of July 2018, a day after we had voted and elected the former Pres. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo as the new Speaker of the House, the members of the Minority were organized on 25 July as well as on 30 July, consisting of individuals who are on record on House Resolution No. 2025 as having abstained and voted “No”.

Let me state the individuals who joined or became part of the Minority by virtue of their vote, and these are the following: Rep. Francis Gerald A. Abaya, Rep. Kaka J. Bag-ao, Teddy Brawner Baguilat Jr., Jorge “Bolet” Banal, Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte, Gabriel H. Bordado Jr., Arlene D. Brosas, Raul A. Daza, Christopher V.P. De Venecia, Edgar R. Erice, Edcel C. Lagman, Jocelyn Sy Limkaichong, Romero “Miro” S. Quimbo, Antonio L. Tinio, Carlos Isagani T. Zarate.

At the same time, we likewise admitted, upon application and based on our rules, the following: Rep. Gary C. Alejano, Rep. Ariel “Ka Ayik” B. Casilao, Rep. France L. Castro, Rep. Emmi De A. Jesus, Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago, Rep. Josephine “Nene” Ramirez-Sato and Rep. Tomasito “Tom” S. Villarín.

Pursuant to Section 8, Rule II of our Rules, we organized ourselves; we elected a Minority Leader based on the rules; and we addressed and sent the letter, as provided for in the rules, to the honorable Speaker Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. We have, likewise, informed the Sergeant-at-Arms, including the Secretariat of this action.

We want to put on record, Mr. Speaker, that as far as the Minority is concerned based on the voting last Monday, we have been organized and we are ready to work with this Majority. We make that information of record, and we noted earlier that the Majority Leader had referred to another person as the Minority Leader, to which we clearly object. We clearly object because based on the very rules upon this House was founded, the very words are so clear. Nothing can be clearer. If there is anything I learned in law school is that if the law is in your favor, you pound on the law. If the evidence is in your favor, you pound on the evidence. But if there

is nothing in your favor, particularly in this case, you pound on the table.

Recognizing somebody else as the Minority Leader clearly is against the very rules that we approved. It is clear, dearest colleagues, Mr. Speaker, as it says in Section 8 that “Members who vote for the winning candidate for Speaker shall constitute the Majority in the House.” Meaning, there are no ifs, there are no buts. It does not say that this rule is only from the point of constitution. No. This rule applies every time the vote is made. Why? Because you cannot allow somebody who campaigned for a Speaker in a leadership war, at nanalo po iyong kanyang kinakandidato, kung siya ay Minorya noon, papayagan ho ba natin na maging Minorya pa rin ho siya? Alam naman po nating lahat, hindi lang ho inaamin, na siya ay kumakampi sa nanalong Speaker. Hindi lamang siya bumoto sa nanalong Speaker, siya ay nakapirma pa, as number one, sa listahan na supportive of the Speaker.

I congratulate the former Minority Leader, I congratulate those who voted for the Speaker, and I congratulate our new Speaker. But clearly, support for the Speaker is unequivocal as far as this matter is concerned. You cannot not say that there was abandonment. There was clear abandonment. As far as we are concerned, when we speak of the Minority, the Minority is expected to be the one to exercise all the checks and balances. It is supposed to be the scalpel that removes the excesses that the body has or does not need. How then is the institution going to be able to perform these functions if the Minority cannot be trusted?

As a final point, Mr. Speaker, as I said, we have followed the very rules enunciated by the Seventeenth Congress, and the organization of the Minority is not only in accordance with the rules, it is clearly in accordance with the most recent case of Cong. Teddy Baguilat, decided by the Supreme Court in July 25 of 2017, where it clearly spelled out that, “Members of the Majority will be those who vote for the winning Speaker.”

If resolved, who are going to be the members of the Minority? Many issues, many changes had happened, but the Supreme Court clarified and it said, “Members of the Minority will be those who voted for the non-winning candidates, as well as those who abstained.” Clearly, when we elected Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo last 23 July or last 24 July, it was clear in the records, as approved through House Resolution No. 2025, that there were not just 12, there were in fact 15 who actually voted “No” or abstained. Even if we look at the rules, even if we look at jurisprudence, there can be no doubt that, as far as we are concerned, this is the minority that should be duly recognized by the leadership.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, when we elect or each time we elect somebody, or where there is a tussle for the speakership, it is clearly a defining moment. If there was any one reason many of us probably supported in this very abrupt and quick change, it was probably

because of a particular nuance that we were not happy with. Let us not start on the wrong foot. Magsisimula palang tayo sa ating bagong Speaker na inihalal natin. Ang ipinapakiusap namin, simulan po natin ng tama. As far as we are concerned, we are the duly constituted Minority and we strongly object to the statement earlier of the Majority Leader.

I so manifest and put that on record, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker.

REP. ERICE. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The manifestation of the distinguished Gentleman from Marikina City is hereby noted.

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ANDAYA. At this point in time, let us now recognize for his manifestation, Cong. Edgar R. Erice.

REP. GARBIN. Mr. Speaker.

REP. ERICE. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Congressman Erice is recognized.

REP. ERICE. Mr. Speaker, I move that the new Minority Leader take his oath of office.

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

VOICE. I object, Your Honor.

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker.

VOICE. Mr. Speaker.

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The session is suspended.

It was 5:06 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:06 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The session is resumed.

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, just to have an orderly proceeding, we will now recognize after Congressman Erice, Congressman Garbin, Congressman Atienza and then Congressman Lagman.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Cong. Alfredo A. Garbin Jr. is hereby recognized.

REP. GARBIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. QUIMBO. I think Congressman Erice was—Mr. Speaker, I think it should be Congressman Erice.

REP. GARBIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the recognition.

In order for us to arrive at a better conclusion on the correct interpretation of the rules of procedure, we have to read the Rules in its entirety, not only Section 8, Rule II.

Mr. Speaker, Rule II, Section 8 on the determination of who constitutes the Majority and Minority blocs applies during the opening of Congress and initial election of Speaker, not during the subsequent change of leadership in the existing Congress. In fact, the arrangement of the Rules of the House of Representatives is as follows: Rule I refers to Convening and Organizing the House; Rule II refers to Membership, wherein the section governing the determination of the Majority and Minority blocs is indicated; Rule III refers to the Officers of the House and their election.

Now, this implies that the initial determination of who constitutes the Majority and Minority in the House only applies when the House is initially convened. Otherwise, Rule II which determines the constitution of the Majority and the Minority, or at least Section 8 of the same Rule, will be included in Rule III, after Rule III for that matter.

In fact, Mr. Speaker, in Rule III, it says therein:

Except for the position of Speaker, any position may be declared vacant by a majority vote of the Members present, there being a quorum. The position of Speaker may only be declared vacant through nominal voting by a majority vote of all the Members.

I repeat—“majority vote of all the Members.” To say that the declaration of the seat of the Speaker as vacant under Rule III, na ito ay isang business lamang

para sa mga miyembro ng Majority ay maling-mali po dahil ang rules ang nagsasabi na it needs a majority of vote of all Members of Congress and it includes the members of the Minority.

Now, what would be the effect? Marami po ang bumoto. In fact, we admit that we in the Minority voted for the winning Speaker, but there were also those who did not vote and did not participate. What I am saying is, in Rule III, the effect is, it did not change and it will never change the membership status of each and every Member, regardless of whether you vote for the winning Speaker or you did not participate in the said proceedings.

I will give an example: the case of Congressman Cua who is the Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means—and may I go on—the case of Cong. Rey Umali who is still the Chair of the Committee on Justice; the case of Cong. Arnel Ty, a Majority Leader, who is still the Chairman of the Committee on Natural Resources; also the case of Rep. Rodito Albano who is still a member of the Commission on Appointments and a Majority Leader in our contingent.

In fact, in our regular session last July 25, former Majority Leader Rudy Fariñas still claimed to be the Majority Leader because he knew fully well that whatever participation we had, regardless of our participation in the voting, it does not change our membership status from Minority to Majority or from Majority to Minority or being Independent for that matter.

Kaya tama po iyong pronouncement kanina ng Chair at Majority Leader that what constitutes the Majority is the original Majority, and it is not only the Majority who, as they said, voted for the winning Speaker Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

Bakit po na we will strictly construe the provision against the Minority who voted for Speaker GMA and liberally construe the provisions of the rules in favor of those who did not support Speaker GMA? Ang tanong ko po, bakit ho, when Speaker GMA called for the respective Chairmen of each standing committee to appear before her office and buckle up and proceed with all the committee hearings—in fact, bukas, mayroon hearing pa ang Committee on Ways and Means under Chairperson Dax Cua—the effect is, there is no automatic change in the membership status and that, regardless of whether you voted for Speaker GMA or you did not participate in the election of Speaker GMA, it does not alter your membership status?

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Castro, F.H.). The manifestation of Congressman Garbin is hereby noted.

REP. ANDAYA. Thank you very much.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Castro, F.H.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ANDAYA. Before we proceed, we would like to move that we convert the manifestation of the Honorable Quimbo into a privilege speech to allow a full-blown debate on the matter.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Castro, F.H.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

REP. ANDAYA. Next to interpellate, the Honorable Quimbo...

REP. GARBIN. Mr. Speaker, Thank you.

REP. QUIMBO. Mr. Speaker, may I respond?

REP. ANDAYA. Yes, please. Mr. Speaker, may we recognize Cong. Romero “Miro” S. Quimbo.

REP. QUIMBO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to compliment how great a lawyer Cong. Pido Garbin is. Talagang kahit huling-huli na, kaya pang ipagtanggol.

First point, sabi po ni Atty. Garbin, Representative of AKO BICOL Party-List, sabi niya na hindi mag-a-apply ang usapin o ang basic parliamentary rules, internationally recognized even in the smallest countries of Africa, na kapag bumoto ka sa mayorya o bumoto ka sa nanalong Speaker, you are the Majority. Hindi daw nag-a-apply iyon. Nag-a-apply lamang daw po iyon kapag sa unang beses na tayo ay itinatag, at the first time we are constituted. He cites the very title of the rule, Section 8 is found in Rule II on Membership. Rule II specifies the specific rules and duties of each one. It characterizes how you become a Majority, how you become a Minority, how you transfer, kanino ka magpapaalam, saan ka pupunta, kung ikaw ba ay magiging independent, ikaw ba ay pupunta sa purgatoryo.

Lahat iyon, nakalagay dito sa Rule II on Membership. This covers everything that involves membership. Hindi totoo na ang rule na iyan ay para lamang sa constitution or when we organize ourselves for the first time, on our very first meeting. Kung totoo po iyon, ang Rule II na iyan, dapat inilagay iyan sa Rule I. Sa Rule I, nakalagay ay Convening and Organizing the House. Kung totoo po na ang rule na iyan ay nag-a-apply lamang during the convening of the House, doon sana nilagay iyan ng napakagalang na gumawa ng ating Rules na si Cong. Rudy Fariñas. Hindi po. Inilagay niya po iyan sa Rule II because precisely, it was meant to cover the decorum kung paano itatratro ang mga Miyembro.

So, that is without any doubt because if we were to apply and accept this definition na ang rules na ito ay nag-a-apply lang when we constitute ourselves for the first time,

ang magiging katanungan, what then is the rule pagkatapos? Wala na palang rule. So, ibig ninyo pong sabihin, kung tatanggapin ko ang definition, ang Majority Leader—isipin lang ninyo, mga kasama, may Majority Leader tayo. Nagkaroon ng dispute kung sino ang magiging Speaker. May sinuportahan siya. Nakipaglaban siya. Nakipagbambakan siya. Bumoto siya sa isang kandidato na hindi nanalo. Ibig mong sabihin hanggang sa kinabukasan—naging heneral ka, five-star general ka doon sa natalo, hanggang matapos ang digmaan kinabukasan, mag-aantay ka pa bago ka palitan? Hindi. Pumili ka na, e. You took a side, so when you took a side, you are choosing what character you will be here in the House of Representatives.

Panghuli na sinabi po ni Congressman Pido. Tama, nakasaad po sa Section 13, nakasaad dito, sinasabi po dito na only the following officers ang puwedeng palitan. Sino ang naka-state po dito—ang Secretary General at iba't ibang mga officers po natin, ano po, pero nowhere pinag-uusapan doon kung papaano pinapalitan ang Minority Leader o ang Majority Leader. Lahat ng officers ng House from the Speaker, to the Deputy Speakers, the Sergeant-at-Arms, the Secretary General, they can all be replaced by a vote of the majority. Tama. Who is the exception? Ang Speaker. Sa Speaker, majority, pero kailangan ng *viva voce*, nominal voting. Magsabi ka kung saan ka tataya. Iyan ang malaking pinagkaiba. Bakit wala doon ang Minority at Majority? It is not being mentioned how the Minority Leader can be replaced. Why? Because lahat ito ay subject to the will of the Majority. You can be replaced as Secretary General, as Deputy Speaker, once there is a majority, provided there is a quorum. Bakit wala sa Minority? Because the Minority cannot be raided or dislodged by the Majority. If we were to follow his logic, sasabihin natin, “Mr. Minority Leader, puwede ka palang palitan.” Paano? “By a vote of all the members of the Majority.”

Where is the sanctity of the independence of the Minority if we were to follow that kind of skewed logic? That logic will lead to oppression and tyranny by the Majority. Puwede ka palang palitan just because bumoto ang Majority ng ating mga kasama. Sa tingin ko naman, napakalayo sa katotohanan at demokrasya. Iyan ang sinasabi nila sa atin para kumbinsihin tayo na sila pa rin ang Minority. Paano natin tatanggapin iyan, 17 sila bago magbotohan. Sa araw pa lang na ito, 23 na kami at dumadami pa. Sa numero pa lang, kitang-kitang mas lamang kami sa kanila. Hindi pa prinsipyo at pagwapuhan ang pinag-uusapan.

Ibig kong sabihin, let us start on the right foot. We have a newly elected Speaker. It has been a bloody exercise. Lahat tayo naging sugatan po dito. Nakikiusap po tayo na simulan natin sa tamang hakbang, at ang tamang hakbang na iyan ay ang pagkilala, ang pagtanggap at pagsunod sa ating mga rules.

REP. GARBIN. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ANDAYA. May we now recognize ...

REP. GARBIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ANDAYA. ... Congressman Garbin, please.

REP. GARBIN. Naiintindihan ko po ang ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). For a moment, please. Is it a reply or a rejoinder?

REP. GARBIN. A rejoinder.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). You have five minutes.

REP. GARBIN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Naiintindihan ko po ang sentimiyento ng magaling na abogado, Cong. Miro Quimbo, but what we have right now is a duly constituted House of Representatives wherein the Majority was already constituted, and the Minority, under the leadership of Danny Suarez, was also constituted when we had our First Regular Session. In fact, in the case of *Baguilat vs. Alvarez*, the status of the Minority group led now by Congressman Suarez has not changed. Kaya ho kung gusto lumipat ng grupo nina Cong. Miro Quimbo sa Minortiy, then they have to follow Section 8, Rule II of the rules of procedure. As I have said, Mr. Speaker, under the rules, the declaration of vacancy of the speakership is not just the business of the Members of the Majority. It says, “majority vote of all the Members of the House of Representatives.” Let me state this, Mr. Speaker, that in the case that I have mentioned, in *Baguilat vs. Alvarez*, ito po iyong kaso na ipinanalo namin sa Korte Suprema, citing *Defensor-Santiago vs. Guingona Jr.*—“Legislative rules of procedures, matters of procedures, their observance, are of no concern to the courts,” the Supreme Court said. It continued: “For said rules may be waived or disregarded by the legislative Body at will upon the concurrence of the Majority Members of the House of Representatives.”

Maraming salamat po, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, let us now recognize Congressman Atienza, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Cong. Jose “Lito” L. Atienza Jr. is recognized.

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

The Gentleman from Marikina continues to dumbfound all of us with his misinterpretation of the intentions of our rules. Malinaw po ang situationer ngayon, Mr. Speaker, this Chamber is properly organized—the Majority and the Minority. Siya na rin ang nagsabi na may paraan ng pagpapalit, at may paraan din ng pagsali, paglipat—Minority to Majority—Majority to Minority. Iyon po ang dapat na sinusunod natin at iyon ang dapat nating pag-usapan.

Ipinipilit nila to declare the position vacant but they are not entitled to that because they do not speak for the greater majority of this Chamber. I would like to understand him and I am trying my best to understand him—he wants to be the Minority Leader. I suggest to him, mag-apply siya sa Minority ngayon at kung siya ay tatanggapin, labanan niya ang existing, present Minority Leader because under our rules, contrary to what he has said, there are ways prescribed by the rules on how to replace a Majority Leader and a Minority Leader. Hindi po totoo iyon na wala raw prescription ang ating mga alituntunin sa pagbabago ng ating mga liderato.

At this point in time, we are in a state of limbo simply because there is a group wanting to contest the leadership of the Minority Leader—the Minority. We cannot agree to that. I have been mentioned that I should belong to the Majority, according to them. That confuses me. Why should I belong to the Majority when I am with the Minority? I have been functioning as an active Minority Leader—as the first Deputy Minority Leader. Why are they declaring the position vacant when there is no vacancy? Iyon po ang importante nating ma-settle dito sa ating usaping ito. Is there a vacancy in the Minority ranks or none? I say there is none because hindi po kasali sa nangyari noong Lunes. To say that those who voted and participated and did their task, answered the call of duty, are all automatically displaced, we cannot find logic, much less justice, in that kind of conclusion.

If we follow that kind of distorted conclusion, the former Speaker Pantaleon Alvarez was illegally sitting as Speaker of this House. Why? Because he abstained during the elections of July 25, 2016. I will never forget that. I remember that during the voting, Congressman Alvarez abstained. Did that make him automatically a member of the Minority? Congressman Suarez voted for him, Congressman Alvarez. Did that make Congressman Suarez a member of the Majority? No. Congressman Suarez followed the rules. He requested to join the Minority, stating very clearly that he merely exercised *delicadeza* in voting for his opponent.

Nasaan na po ang *delicadeza* natin ngayon? Sa palagay ko po, ito ay nakakalimutan natin. We must not insist on leadership. It must be earned and rules have to be followed. If they are insisting on rules, we

are also insisting on rules and the rules say that there is no vacancy to fill up in the Minority ranks. If they want to join us, they are most welcome, as I am sure their applications will be processed and considered. If they are belonging to the same constructive Members of Congress who would like to get things done for our people and not for ourselves, and if they are joining not because they would like to be leading but that they would like to be working with the Minority, we should welcome them with open arms. Pero kung ang purpose lamang nila ay mahalal na Minority Leader, wala pong vacancy na puwedeng mapuno.

So, we will keep on saying that—there is no vacancy because the rules are very clear. When we organized this Congress on July 25, 2016, it was very clear—the Majority was defined and the Minority was equally defined. The leadership have all been recognized. We have been functioning as such and so, their insistence on being the leader on the basis of a technicality, of a distorted appreciation of the rules, will definitely not be acceptable to a decent and law-abiding Congress of the Philippines.

So, we appeal to all the Members to appreciate what is going on, although we should really refrain from occupying the time of this Congress as this is a matter that should be resolved by the Minority and not the Majority in Congress. Sana po ay maisip din ng ating mga kasama na mayroon tayong dapat ginagawa ngayon para sa bayan at hindi iyong para sa kanilang ambisyon na sila ang mamuno. Leadership is earned, it is not imposed. Let us all be leaders, not beaters.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. QUIMBO. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. QUIMBO. Mr. Speaker, may I respond. This is in the nature of a privilege speech and so, may I respond.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). It was not; it was a mere manifestation.

REP. ATIENZA. It was a manifestation ...

REP. QUIMBO. No, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Therefore, there is no need to respond on this issue.

REP. ATIENZA. ... to counter the disinformation that has been hoisted before us.

REP. QUIMBO. Point of clarification, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ATIENZA. I am willing to debate with him anytime, anywhere, on this issue.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Edcel C. Lagman from the First District of Albay.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

REP. QUIMBO. Mr. Speaker, I have not been able to respond.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The distinguished Congressman from Albay is recognized.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker, before I start my interpellation of the distinguished Representative from Marikina City, I think we owe him that opportunity to answer the points raised by Rep. Lito Atienza because those statements of the BUHAY Party-List Representative were in the nature of an interpellation which should be answered by Rep. Miro Quimbo.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ROA-PUNO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Honorable Quimbo for his response. I so move.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Before we recognize Congressman Quimbo, I would like to ask the Congressman from Albay whether he is yielding his time to Congressman Quimbo.

REP. LAGMAN. No, Your Honor, I have my own time. Any manifestation or privilege speech before this House is subject to interpellation. I rise to interpellate and I will not yield my time.

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, just to clarify the issue.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ANDAYA. Yes, to the Honorable Lagman, please, we are just merely giving way for Congressman Quimbo to respond to the interpellation by Congressman Atienza and after his response, you will have your turn, Honorable Lagman, to interpellate Congressman Quimbo.

REP. LAGMAN. Yes, Your Honor.

REP. ANDAYA. Would the good Congressman Lagman be amenable?

REP. LAGMAN. Yes, Your Honor, that should be the way.

REP. ANDAYA. Thank you very much. So, may we move that we recognize Congressman Quimbo to respond to the questions of Congressman Atienza.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). While the Chair maintains his position that a mere manifestation is not an interpellation, the Chair yields to the motion of the Majority Leader to recognize Congressman Quimbo to reply to the manifestation of Congressman Atienza.

REP. QUIMBO. Thank you, Mr. Chair, I will be very brief.

There is no change of rules that we are seeking here, we are merely enforcing it. The rules are clear. The rules had been clarified not only in the last voting, clarified by no less than Congressman Lito Atienza when he asked then Interim Majority Leader when we organized. Kung maaalala po ninyo, itinanong ho niya, sabi niya bago tayo magkabotohan, and I quote, "Can we be clarified as to who becomes part of the Minority or Majority?" In so eloquent words, then Interim Majority Leader, Congressman Fariñas, said, "Malinaw na kapag kayo ay bumoto sa nanalo, you are part of the Majority pero kapag kayo ay bumoto sa hindi nanalo o 'di kaya ay nag-abstain, Minority kayo." And he went on that "you will organize yourselves, doon kayo mag-elect," which is apparently in the rules, hindi lang natin ino-observe. But for the first time, Congressman Fariñas asked us to follow our rules and so, we followed.

We abandoned iyong ating traditions na kung sino iyong pangalawang pinakamataas becomes the automatic Minority Leader, because tama si Congressman Fariñas. Malinaw sa rules na ang Minority will elect among themselves. Hindi lang ho tama ang sinabi niya dahil mismo ang Korte Suprema ay nagsabi na tama ang ginawa ng House. Those who voted for the losing candidate or those who abstained form part of the Minority. Hindi sinabi doon na ang rules ay mag-a-apply lang sa simula. Walang ganoon kasi, otherwise, walang magiging rule sa kahit anong change of leadership kung i-a-apply lang ho natin iyan sa simula. So, we are not changing it. What, in fact, they are trying to change is, they are changing it after the results had already come out.

At the very least, noong 2016 when we started, bago nagkabotohan, nilinaw muna, sinabi ni Congressman Fariñas, "malinaw ha, kapag stepping ka sa basketball, outside ka, turnover." Dito, stepping na stepping, na

biglang sinasabi time out iyan. Ang ibig sabihin, time out, hindi iyan stepping; hindi naman puweding palitan ang rules, tapos na iyong laro. Hindi naman namin matatanggap ho iyon. Pangalawa, sabi nila, “Mag-apply kami sa Minority.” Sa tingin ba ninyo, tatanggapin kami, pagkatagal-tagal na naming gustong mag-apply pero hindi kami tinatanggap? Why will they accept us? We are more than they are. So why then, in heaven’s name, will they allow themselves to be dislodged? So, that is obviously the greatest, the simplest, but it is a trap nonetheless. Panghuli, we are in a state of limbo, as they say, only because of their own act. Gusto na nating simulan ang trabaho. Matagal na pong humahanap ng resolusyon sa lahat ng ating usapin. Ang sinasabi nga po natin, simulan natin. If it is ambition, gusto ko ring manalamin sila, tumingin sila sa salamin at tingnan nila kung sino kaya ang mas ambisyoso sa ating lahat, iyong sumusunod sa rules o iyong hindi sumusunod sa rules? Totoo, leadership is earned. I agree, but I also need to say that leadership is never bought.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ANTONINO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Eugene De Vera—sorry, the Honorable Lagman.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The distinguished Congressman from Albay, Congressman Lagman, is hereby recognized.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker, would the distinguished Gentleman from Marikina City yield to many interpellations?

REP. QUIMBO. With the deepest of honors, Cong. Edcel Lagman.

REP. LAGMAN. Would the distinguished Gentleman agree that the resurrection of the Hon. Danilo Suarez as Minority Leader is a patent heresy?

REP. QUIMBO. In so many words, yes.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker, Representative Suarez and his group dug their own grave as Minority when they campaigned and voted for the new Speaker, former President and Pampanga Representative, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. Their resurrection to their former status as Minority is utterly nil and inconceivable. Would you agree with that statement, Your Honor?

REP. QUIMBO. One hundred percent, Congressman Lagman.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker, the group of Representative Suarez should not be allowed to perpetuate the anomalous charade of having been the institutional Minority after they sought and received the anointment of then Speaker Alvarez and the super Majority as the Majority’s Minority. Would you agree to that statement?

REP. QUIMBO. That is correct.

REP. LAGMAN. The pertinent rule of the House is unequivocal: “Members who vote for the winning candidate for Speaker shall constitute the Majority.” Would the distinguished Gentleman from Marikina City confirm this?

REP. QUIMBO. Yes, absolutely.

REP. LAGMAN. Representative Suarez and his group do not deny that they voted for Speaker Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, as reflected in no less than House Resolution No. 2025 which sought to validate the election of Speaker GMA, and to which was attached the record of those who voted for the new Speaker, which included Suarez and his group; and those who voted against and those who abstained. Is that correct?

REP. QUIMBO. That is correct.

REP. LAGMAN. Since Representative Suarez and his group vigorously campaigned for Speaker Macapagal-Arroyo, and their signatures in the manifesto endorsing the election are indelible, would the distinguished Gentleman from Marikina City contend that this group does not have any iota of legitimacy to vie or even be installed as the Minority?

REP. QUIMBO. I cannot fathom, find any possible legal explanation on how somebody who admittedly campaigned and worked for the installation of the new Speaker will remain as Minority Leader. I cannot find any legal or moral justification.

REP. LAGMAN. The pertinent rule, as amended and confirmed by the Supreme Court in *Baguilat vs. Alvarez* was that those who abstained from voting for the Speaker belong to the Minority, just like the 12 members of the Liberal Party who abstained on record and subsequently, their allies in the Minority. Would you agree to that statement?

REP. QUIMBO. The record is very clear.

REP. LAGMAN. Do you have any idea, distinguished Gentleman from Marikina, how come

Representative Suarez and his group are now being considered as the Minority?

REP. QUIMBO. I can only surmise, Congressman Lagman, Mr. Speaker, that it is a clear intent on their group to stay and position themselves in a critical position, critical for the workings of the House. I am certain that whatever their intentions are, these are not good for the new leadership because they are tainted as far as the integrity of the House is concerned. If we start on the very first day na ang Minorya natin kaagad ay walang kredibilidad, hindi pinaniniwalaan, pero hindi dahil hindi sila magagaling, hindi dahil hindi sila tapat, hindi dahil sa sila ay hindi nagsasabi ng totoo, o dahil magagaling at mababait silang tao, ngunit hindi magiging katanggap-tanggap na ang campaign manager ay mismong magiging bantay, magiging Minority. Iyan naman ang isang bagay na, sa tingin ko, ay hindi nagdadala ng pagtitiwala sa ating Kamara.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker, the posturing of Representative Suarez and his group that only the position of the Speaker was declared vacant and consequently, all other positions including that of the Minority Leader remained the same, is destitute of legal anchorage. Would you agree to that composition?

REP. QUIMBO. Absolutely.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker, any change in the leadership of a legislative assembly like the House of Representatives necessarily results in changes in the composition of the Majority and Minority in the Chamber. Would you agree to that?

REP. QUIMBO. Yes I do, Congressman Lagman.

REP. LAGMAN. This is indubitable because a change of leadership automatically carries with it the shifting of alliances and loyalties.

REP. QUIMBO. Absolutely. In fact, Mr. Speaker, any change that happened before always carried a certain degree of changes along with the other positions. Most importantly, it is when you vote for the winning candidate that you necessarily become part of the Majority.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker, the change in the speakership did not happen in an isolated vacuum. It was effected through the mobilization of partisan forces, severance of alliances and obliteration of loyalties. Do you agree to that statement?

REP. QUIMBO. That is correct.

REP. LAGMAN. No less than the Supreme Court opined that the election of the Speaker will determine the constituency of the Majority and the Minority. Let me repeat that. No less than the Supreme Court has opined that the election of the Speaker will, and I quote, “determine the constituency of the Majority and the Minority,” unquote. Would you adhere to that Supreme Court observation?

REP. QUIMBO. I agree to it because it is founded on our rules and founded on the Constitution.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker, the effect and consequence of an election of a Speaker, either at the inception of a new Congress or during the incumbency of an existing Speaker, is the same pursuant to the rules that those who voted for the winning Speaker shall constitute the Majority, and those who abstained shall belong to the Minority. Would you agree to that statement?

REP. QUIMBO. That is correct. Let me emphasize that there can be no rhyme nor reason, walang puwedeng maging paliwanag na ang Section 8, in the first three paragraphs, ay tumutukoy lamang sa usapin ng pag-elect sa unang pagkakataon at hindi pupuwedeng i-invoke nila ang Section 13 on Vacancy as the means by which papalitan natin ang ating mga opisyal kapag kalagitnaan na.

Sabi nila: Section 8 ang pangsimula ng Kongreso, Section 13 ang kapag nagkakaroon ng palitan sa kalagitnaan. Maling-mali dahil sa Section 13, malinaw na nakasaad, it provides for a clear enumeration of offices that can be declared vacant by virtue of the vote of the Majority. Ang linaw. Nakalagay po doon—Speaker, six Deputy Speakers, the Sergeant-at-Arms, the Secretary General. Hindi po nakalagay doon ang Majority Leader, hindi nakalagay lalo ang Minority Leader. So, para po pilitin nila na ang Section 13 ang dapat mag-a-apply ay hindi lang kamalian pero taliwas, hindi pagtalima sa rules. Bakit? Kung susundin po natin ang Section 13, this is a change by virtue of the opinion and mandate of the Majority: “Papalitan ka namin dahil ang Mayorya sa amin, ayaw sa iyo.”

Hindi puwedeng ilagay diyan ang Minority Leader kasi kung susundin natin ang interpretation nila, ibig sabihin, ang Minority Leader ay puwede palang palitan simply by the vote of the Majority. No. Why? Because Section 8 governs any change. There can be no other interpretation. Any other interpretation is just an interpretation meant for individuals who want to cling on to power when, in fact, the law is no longer on their side by virtue, not of any judgment, not of any edict, but of their own act of abandoning their positions. Wala naman naging pilitan doon. Noong bumoto po sila, bumoto sila expressly. We laud them for exercising

their freedom but when they did so, that will have a consequence.

REP. LAGMAN. Would the distinguished Gentleman from Marikina City agree that what was constituted at the beginning of any Congress can be altered by the subsequent election of a new Speaker, resulting in a reorganization of the House as admitted no less by the new Majority?

REP. QUIMBO. Yes.

REP. LAGMAN. The case of *Baguilat vs Alvarez* was decided by the Supreme Court on the theory of noninterference with respect to political questions. Would you agree to that?

REP. QUIMBO. That is the second to the last paragraph of the decision, the majority decision, yes.

REP. LAGMAN. Finally, there was a statement adverting to the abstention of former Speaker Pantaleon Alvarez when he decided to abstain and not vote for himself because of *delicadeza*. Now, at that time, when he made that abstention, there was still no rule on the fact that those who abstained from voting should belong to the Minority because that came only after the voting was held. Would your recollection confirm this statement?

REP. QUIMBO. I think my recollection is confirmed, Sir.

REP. LAGMAN. Thank you, distinguished Gentleman from Marikina City, for entertaining my interpellation.

REP. QUIMBO. Thank you.

As a last response to Congressman Lagman, it is true that if we want to be technical about it, when former Speaker Alvarez abstained, he was effectively and can be argued as being part of the Minority by virtue of his abstention. In effect, the Majority actually voted for a member of the Minority, and there is no prohibition on that. It does not in any way deride, diminish or lessen his capacity regardless of what character he is because he was voted upon by more than 260 plus Members of the House. So, whatever defect, whatever his character whether majority or minority, was clearly overcome by the mandate that he received.

REP. LAGMAN. In other words, his abstention was ineffectual because he had the overwhelming majority on his side ...

REP. QUIMBO. That is correct.

REP. LAGMAN. ... as Speaker of the House. Thank you.

REP. QUIMBO. Thank you.

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker.

REP. ANDAYA. Congressman Atienza, what is his pleasure?

REP. ATIENZA. This discussion obviously does not merit anymore our Members' interest because we are only 100 on the floor. So, we are questioning the quorum. I think we should all dismiss, adjourn for better...

REP. ANDAYA. We ask for a suspension of the session.

REP. QUIMBO. Mr. Speaker.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The session is suspended.

It was 5:53 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:57 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The session is resumed.

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, before we act on the motion to adjourn, the Honorable Quimbo has a manifestation. May we move now to recognize Congressman Quimbo.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Congressman Quimbo is hereby recognized.

REP. QUIMBO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I have been pleaded to by the new Majority Leader to suspend the conduct of the privilege speech for tonight with the specific assurance that we will continue tomorrow. Who are we to refuse the newly minted Majority Leader?

REP. ANDAYA. May we now recognize first Cong. Rodolfo C. Fariñas for his manifestation.

REP. FARIÑAS. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The distinguished Gentleman from Ilocos Norte is hereby recognized.

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

I wish to make manifest that I would have risen on the floor also in the matter of the statement that the Gentleman from Quezon is the Minority Leader. We also want to be clarified as to how the leadership arrived at the number 17 of the Minority when, in fact, this Representation as well as my other 12 colleagues wrote to the Speaker and the Minority Leader because we believe that the acting Minority Leader now is Rep. Eugene Michael B. De Vera because all of them in the Minority went to vote for the Majority. So, we will raise these concerns tomorrow and we will subscribe to the questioning. May I just put on record that the one who questioned the quorum is the Senior, no, the former Sr. Dep. Minority Leader who is claiming that they are still the Minority.

It seems unfair that we will not be given an opportunity to discuss all of these matters, but they are the ones questioning the quorum after they have given their manifestations. I was waiting patiently, Mr. Speaker, and we could discuss this matter because this is of utmost importance. Tomorrow, we know that the Committee on Appropriations will begin deliberations on the budget. Who will be the Minority there?

Under the decided case of the Supreme Court, Mr. Speaker, where my name has been repeatedly mentioned, the Supreme Court ruled in the case filed by our colleague Congressman Baguilat and his six other colleagues in the Magnificent Seven who filed a petition against the Speaker, the Majority Leader, and Rep. Danny Suarez as Minority Leader, the Supreme Court categorically stated that the group of Rep. Danny Suarez is the validly constituted Minority while defining who are the members of the Majority and the Minority under Rule II of our Rules.

Now, on Monday, there were some activities here or proceedings which are certainly not found in our rules. In fact, that is why I rose last Wednesday to question and ask about House Resolution No. 2025. But then, the Body decided to adopt House Resolution No. 2025 and it ratified the illegal proceedings. So, after the ratification of the illegal proceedings, there was no longer any question about the legitimacy of Speaker Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. Following that ratification by the Plenary, we signified that we were joining the Minority and as ruled by the Supreme Court, the duly constituted Minority is the group of Suarez. Unfortunately, Suarez left the Minority and joined the Majority. That is the clear status here. Let us not confuse

ourselves. It cannot be said; it will be a mockery and a malady, Mr. Speaker.

The Minority has no business in electing the Speaker; precisely, they became the Minority under the doctrine because they did not vote for the winning Speaker. So, they are now a class of their own. They are the Minority, but when Danny Suarez, the former Minority Leader, led the ouster against the duly constituted Speaker of the House, he jumped ship from the Minority and joined the Majority. It is on record, Mr. Speaker. What we approved here was House Resolution No. 2025 and an integral part of that Resolution is the list of 184 Members who voted for the new Speaker. Those are the members of the Majority now, Mr. Speaker.

How could we be included in the Majority? We were not even informed about any election here, we did not even know. On record—as a tradition as far back or since time immemorial—Mr. Speaker, we meet at ten o'clock in the morning for the regular session. We met. We passed a Concurrent Resolution to inform the Senate that we were ready to hold a Joint Session to hear the SONA of the President. We formed a committee to inform the Senate and the President that we were ready to receive the President for the SONA and at noontime, the session was adjourned. However, in the interim, in the meanwhile, there was a body here but I will not go into that anymore, Mr. Speaker. I will just focus on House Resolution No. 2025. This is very important, Mr. Speaker, because while the Majority has the power and discretion to elect the Speaker, such cannot be exercised with grave abuse of discretion.

We should follow the rules. There are rules. Otherwise, when there is a gathering of 184 Members even when it is not a scheduled session, and when they are drunk, they will say, “We will change the Speaker” and they will do it, that is not allowed. We were adjourned, Mr. Speaker. Now, after we adopted House Resolution No. 2025, it was already cast in stone that the 184 who voted for Speaker Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo is the Majority. How did we arrive at the number 260 and only 17 Minority members when the Liberal Party has about 24 and this group has about 17? We are about 15 and so, 15 plus 24 is 39, plus 17 is 46. So, how come we are only talking of 17 here?

This is very important, Mr. Speaker, because we are determining the Minority here. We know that no committee can function here without it. We want to help the administration of the new Speaker. I was the Majority Leader for the first two regular sessions, Mr. Speaker. It is incumbent upon me to help the Seventeenth Congress be successful in its last session. That is why we are here, Mr. Speaker, but if we go and recognize that, that will be a violation of the Supreme Court decision, Mr. Speaker. The Supreme Court stated—the Gentleman from AKO BICOL was saying, and the Deputy Speaker—no, that is also my point. Miro

Quimbo is still the Deputy Speaker because he has not resigned, he has not been removed, his seat has not been declared vacant. And by the way, he looks like he is not incapacitated at all. He is very healthy (*Laughter*). I will read to you—this is no laughing matter. As the one who wrote these rules, if you do not listen to me, Mr. Speaker, I will bring the matter to the Supreme Court and that will be very embarrassing. Why do we not discuss this and listen to reason? Look, under “Officers,” that has been quoted here several times, Officers, Term of Office, Section 12, the officers are the Speaker, the 14 Deputy Speakers, Sergeant-at-Arms and the Secretary General. Those are the only officers. The Majority Leader and the Minority Leader are not officers. That is why you cannot find any mention of Majority or Minority Leader under “Officers.” Those are the officers. They have a term of office under our rules: “The officers shall hold office until the term of the Congress in which they were elected ends unless they resign, are removed from office, or are permanently incapacitated to perform their duties.” So, Deputy Speaker Quimbo has not—oh, I have not seen, but that has to be accepted by the Body because you were elected by the Plenary. You were elected.

In my case, Mr. Speaker, I serve at the pleasure of the Majority. I am not an officer. Precisely, I want to correct the Gentleman from AKO BICOL that I was claiming to be the Majority Leader. I was the Majority Leader until Wednesday when we ratified or adopted House Resolution No. 2025. With that, because I did not vote for the winning candidate for Speaker, Her Excellency, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, I no longer considered myself as such. In fact, I was going to rise earlier when they said “Nonoy Andaya vice Rodolfo Fariñas.” No, Sir, the position is vacant already because I moved to the Minority. I moved to the Minority, I am not contesting that. So, we are in the Minority and under our rules, Sir, the Supreme Court said that the group of Danny Suarez is the duly constituted Minority. However, based on our rules on members or membership, which are the guiding rules for membership, anyone who votes—Representative Suarez, Representative Atienza and 12 others conspired with the new Majority. They left the Minority and they abandoned their positions by voting for the new Speaker. You cannot have your cake and eat it, too. It will be embarrassing, Mr. Speaker, for the Minority to join in ousting a Speaker when they do not have any business. The moment they participated in removing the Speaker, they already crossed their Rubicon and they are already in the Majority.

Precisely, in our case, since you ousted us, the incumbent Speaker, the former Speaker accepted already his fate. In fact, he congratulated the new Speaker, but feeling that you do not want us anymore in the Majority, we applied to the Minority and the Minority, Sir, is Eugene Michael De Vera because he was the Deputy Minority Leader. The highest ranking in the Minority, as

established in the case of *Baguilat vs. Alvarez, Fariñas and Suarez*, was Danny Suarez as Minority Leader; second was Sr. Dep. Minority Leader Atienza; the third was Dep. Minority Leader Garbin; and number four was Dep. Minority Leader Eugene De Vera.

All these three went to the Majority and so, it is very clear, the Minority Leader has vacated. He abandoned his office by joining the Majority and so, Eugene De Vera is the acting, if not the Minority Leader by operation of law because there was a vacancy. So, everybody, otherwise, as pointed out by the Deputy Speaker, if we follow the doctrine of Deputy Speaker Quimbo, then the Majority can eat up the Minority anytime by declaring the seat vacant, and if there are only 17 of them, 18 will not vote and the 18 will say, “We are now the Minority, you are gone”—no, Sir.

The exercise for the selection of Speaker is limited to the Majority. The Minority is not at all involved. It is only the members of the Minority that can oust the Minority Leader. Like the Majority Leader, the Minority Leader and Majority Leader serve at the pleasure of their membership and so, since Danny Suarez abandoned his position as Minority Leader, there is no question now. So, Miro, mag-apply na rin kayo doon kay Eugene De Vera. Sama-sama tayo doon kung gusto ninyo. But, yes, if you abstained, you are part of the independent group. You will now have the option to choose between the majority and the minority—look, even if you voted “No,” because there is a validly constituted Minority as ruled by the Supreme Court and that is the group of Suarez. So, any action we did in the Majority will not affect the Minority because it is a different bloc altogether as established by the Supreme Court.

Now, if they have to part—Mr. Speaker, you will be violating our Rule II, Section 8, on Membership, you will be violating the case law on the matter of the Supreme Court because Teddy, Manong Edcel, all of them went to the Supreme Court. Ito ang sabi ng Supreme Court:

After a judicious study of this case, the Court finds that petitioners have no clear legal right to the reliefs sought. Records disclose that prior to the Speakership Election held on July 25, 2016, then acting Floor Leader Representative Fariñas responded to a parliamentary inquiry from Representative Atienza as to who would elect the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives. Representative Fariñas then articulated: a) All those who vote for the winning Speaker shall belong to the Majority and those who vote for other candidates shall belong to the Minority.

So, the Supreme Court clearly stated that while it can look—it cannot, as a general rule, look into the acts of Congress when there is an allegation of grave abuse of discretion. In this case, Mr. Speaker, it will

be a clear, palpable grave abuse of discretion on the part of the leadership of the House to recognize Danny Suarez as the Minority Leader because it would be an admission by the leadership that they conspired with the Minority to overthrow Alvarez, and after successfully overthrowing Alvarez, to let them return as the Minority. Let us not taint the speakership of Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. She is already clearly—sina Danny, sumama naman kayo doon, hindi yata nabigay iyong puwestong gusto. Ano ba ang napag-usapan diyan? Then they want to return. No more, Sir. They have to apply to Eugene De Vera because Eugene De Vera is now the acting Minority Leader. How can they just return and tell Eugene, “Eugene, ako na naman,” e iniwan niya?

There was a vacancy, Sir. If you will look at it in the eyes of the law and physically, they did not only vote for the winning Speaker once. They also voted for the winning Speaker in the afternoon before the SONA—they were 14 out of the 161 who voted—because without those 14, Mr. Speaker, there would have been only 147 and so, it was dangerous, there was no majority plus one. So, they, the Minority, aided in removing the Speaker.

Can you imagine the Minority participating in the affairs of the Majority? And after ousting the duly elected Speaker, they say, “We will return.” Then the Majority can also do that to them, we can also participate in removing. No, no, Sir, the Minority had no business whatsoever in declaring the seat of Speaker vacant. They are not part of—in fact, they are the Minority because they did not vote for the Speaker.

So, Mr. Speaker, I appeal to you. Sometimes they say that I am threatening, but I am not threatening. When I tell you what I will do, when I raise a legal action that I will do, that is legal. If we proceed in recognizing Representative Suarez as the Minority Leader after basing on their arguments that his seat was not declared vacant—but he abandoned his seat, there was no need to declare it vacant. He abandoned it by going to the Majority and electing a Speaker. Nasa Rules po natin. Sino ho ba ang winning candidate ngayon? Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. Sino bumoto sa kanila? Sila. Kami nga iyong inalis e. So, sinong valid o dapat na Minority dito? Kami, dahil kami nga iyong initsapuwera at hindi naman na kami nakikipag-agawan sa 184. Ang natira naman na Minority Leader ay si Eugene De Vera, kaya po kami sumulat at nag-apply sa kanya at tinanggap naman po niya kami doon.

Ngayon, if Representative Quimbo and his group will claim that they are now the Minority, no, Sir. What they failed to do in the First Regular Session, they want to do in the Third Regular Session. Hindi ba sa First Regular Session, if I did not defend our position in the Supreme Court, Teddy Baguilat would have been the Minority Leader? The group of Manong Edcel, all seven of them would have been the Minority. We would have what Deputy Speaker Miro Quimbo is now assailing—

how can the group of Fariñas be in the Minority when they are PDP? That would have happened in the First Regular Session had I not challenged or defended our position here, because the Liberal Party would have been the Minority Party, and Deputy Speaker Quimbo is Deputy Speaker, and all of the committee chairmen like, and I will read for the record, Mr. Speaker: Feliciano Belmonte, West Philippine Sea; Kit Belmonte, Land Use Committee—no, no, I am talking before they were removed—if they succeeded, so, the LP would have been the Minority with Teddy Baguilat as Minority Leader and the six as Deputies because there were only seven of them. Miro said, “it has never been a matter of numbers, it is what is right, because right is might.” What is right here is that Eugene De Vera is the Minority Leader.

To continue: Vilma Santos was in Civil Service, Cheryl Deloso-Montalla was Human Rights, Rene Relampagos was Agrarian Reform, Nancy Catamco was Indigenous Cultural Communities and IPs, and Nene Sato was a member of the Commission on Appointments. So, how can the LP now say, “Bakit naman iyong PDP ay nasa Minority?” Kayo ang nag-umpisa niyan, e, and, Sir, it is correct when you lectured your fellow alumnus from UP.

I thought you said we went to the same school. I am referring to Rodel Batocabe. You said that in statutory construction, when the law is clear, there is no need for interpretation. Our rule on Majority and Minority, Sir, is very clear. It never talks of political parties. Look at the rule on membership, there is no mention of political parties. So, how do you determine who is Majority or Minority? Kung sino bumoto sa nanalo, iyon ang Majority. Iyong mga talunan, ito iyong Minority. Hindi pinag-uusapan ang partido dito. So, let us not inject political parties here.

So, kami po—I do not want, Mr. Speaker, the Seventeenth Congress to fail because two-thirds of it was under me as the Majority Leader. Its success is my success; its failure is my failure. If we put the balikbayan Minority, urong-sulong, “Raid on Entebbe” or “Raiders of the Lost Ark,” e makukwestyon po ito. I will bring it to the Supreme Court, and I am confident na mananalo po ako doon, pero we do not want the start of the administration of the Speaker to be like this.

If the LP will take this—my God, God bless the administration of President Duterte because both Houses will be under the control of the Liberal Party. In the Senate, the Minority is the Liberal Party. In the House, if you give it to the Liberal Party, kayo ang bahala. Kayo ang nagbalangkas dito. Maganda yata iyong takbo natin ngayon. You ousted us, the Majority, and you want us to be the independent. If that is your mandate, Sir, we will follow. We will cooperate with the administration of the President and the Speaker. Iyong Liberal Party po, na-accept na ni Vice President

Robredo to be the face of the opposition to the President. Do you want the Liberal Party to be the opposition, to be the Minority here? Magkamot-kamot na kayo ng ulo because they will be Members in every committee, in every oversight committee, including the Rules Committee. Hindi naman nila sasabihin, "If we will be recognized by the leadership as the Minority, we will help you as it is to our interest that we will be a very productive Congress."

Hindi naman kami nagsa-sour grapes e, ang tandanda na namin na maging kuwan ba kami diyan, to block. No, we will also cooperate and help, and that is our rule—to help you craft better laws. Iyan po ang posisyon ko. I have been patiently waiting, Mr. Speaker, but my heart bleeds if we will turn the Seventeenth Congress into something that we will all be regretting for the next nine months. We have a very close timetable, we will be filing—you will be filing certificates of candidacy. I am not running for any public office anymore. I am just winding down my lengthy career in public service that started in 1980. So, after 39 years, I want to retire, and I want to retire helping this institution be the greatest of all the Congresses, this Seventeenth Congress.

Mr. Speaker, I plead to the new leadership, to my beloved brethren in the Majority, do not allow Danny Suarez to return again as the Minority Leader after participating. He crossed the line, he stays there. He can return, but he should apply. Huwag naman natin gawin—let us not violate our rules. May I also make it clear, Mr. Speaker, that while we passed House Resolution No. 2025, that should be the last time that we will ever ratify something not done in accordance with our Rules. I also wish, Mr. Speaker, before anything else—the leadership failed to ratify the Basic Bangsamoro Organic Law which we labored on for a long time. We ratified it during the rump session, also in the continuation of the rump session. So, may I solicit also a motion—I will file a resolution tomorrow, filed by all the members of the Bicam, with the new Majority Leader, the new Speaker, para i-ratify din po natin ng mahusay iyong ating Basic Bangsamoro Organic Law Conference Committee Report. So, Mr. Speaker, I end by pleading to you, if we do something here that violates our rules, if we do something here that violates the case law on the matter, please do not blame me if I have to go to another venue because you are not affording me any plan, any speedy remedy here. We are calling your attention. May I pray—let us sleep on it but tomorrow, we are already starting the budget season and so, andiyang naman ito.

Are you saying it will be a clear attack on the office held by Eugene De Vera? He never participated. He is the Dep. Minority Leader, as ruled by the Supreme Court. All his leaders went to the other side and you ousted him without giving an opportunity to be heard

and without due process. Sir, the Majority cannot participate in the affairs of the Minority, and the Minority has accepted us. We are 14 here and we hope that you recognize the real Minority in accordance with our rules and in accordance with jurisprudence.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. DAZA. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The manifestation of the Gentleman from Ilocos Norte is hereby noted.

REP. DAZA. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DAZA. Mr. Speaker.

REP. ANDAYA. Yes, upon agreement, we will go to the Business of the Day, Mr. Speaker, but before we do that ...

REP. DAZA. Mr. Speaker.

REP. ANDAYA. ... I would like to call out the names of the Members lined up for further interpellations tomorrow, Mr. Speaker. Per agreement, the next one would be Cong. Raul A. Daza, then Cong. Rodel M. Batocabe, Cong. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate, Cong. Antonio L. Tinio, Cong. Tomasito "Tom" S. Villarín, Cong. Eugene Michael B. De Vera, Cong. Edgar R. Erice, Cong. Kaka J. Bag-ao, Cong. Belmonte, and Cong. Emmi A. De Jesus.

REP. DAZA. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The manifestation of the Majority Leader is noted.

REP. DAZA. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DAZA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the Majority Leader for the acknowledgement but I would like to put on record that tomorrow, I would like to avail of my right to take the floor, either to interpellate or make a counter manifestation with regard to the distinguished former Majority Leader. He has made certain statements to which I do not agree, and I would like to ventilate them on the floor and accede to an interpellation. If the Chair would not allow it, I would like to rise on a counter manifestation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The good Gentleman may file the appropriate motion tomorrow.

REP. ANDAYA. Thank you very much.
We will now proceed to the Business of the Day, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. ANDAYA. We will now proceed to the approval of the Journal of the previous sessions. May I move that we approve Journal No. 1, dated July 23, 2018; Journal No. 2, dated July 23 and 24, 2018; and Journal No. 3, dated July 25, 2018.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. ANDAYA. Next, Mr. Speaker, I move that we go to the Reference of Business and direct the Secretary General to read the same.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Secretary General is hereby directed to read the Reference of Business.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 7806, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING FILIPINO CITIZENSHIP TO SISTER PATRICIA ANNE THOMPSON FOX”

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

House Bill No. 7807, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING HAZARD PAY TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL PROSECUTION SERVICE DURING THEIR INCUMBENCY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10071”

By Representative Tiangco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 7808, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA FOR THE STATISTICAL, CIVIL REGISTRATION AND PHILIPPINE IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM WORKERS OF THE PHILIPPINES, AUTHORIZING THE COLLECTION AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Salo and Calalang
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 7809, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THE BASES CONVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE, OWN, MANAGE AND MAINTAIN DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF ELECTRIC POWER TO THE END-USERS ANYWHERE IN ALL AREAS COVERED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7227, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE BASES CONVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1992”

By Representatives Cua, Villafuerte and Hernandez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 7810, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE SISIGON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SISIGON, MUNICIPALITY OF MATNOG, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON, INTO SISIGON INTEGRATED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Ramos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7813, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING BREASTFEEDING PRACTICES IN THE PHILIPPINES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Nieto, Maceda, Martinez, Sandoval, Malapitan and Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7814, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE

CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A DAM IN BARANGAY BAYABAS, MUNICIPALITY OF DOÑA REMEDIOS TRINIDAD, PROVINCE OF BULACAN AND PROVIDING FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT 6957, ALSO KNOWN AS THE 'BUILD-OPERATE-TRANSFER (BOT) LAW' ”

By Representatives Silverio and Pancho
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 7815, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE PLANNING, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OCCUPANCY, AND MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS, ENACTING A NEW BUILDING ACT, REPEALING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1096, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tan (A.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 7816, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY TO IDENTIFY THE DISEASES AFFECTING LOCAL HOGS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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By Representatives Alvarez (P.), Almario and Zamora (M.C.)
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By Representative Datol
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 7822, entitled:

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AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Alejano
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ALLOCATION FOR SCIENTIFIC AND
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TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND
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House Bill No. 7832, entitled:

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GENERATING QUALITY GRADUATES OF
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By Representative Alejano
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House Bill No. 7833, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING PRE-
SCHOOL EDUCATION, INCREASING
THE MONTHLY COMPENSATION OF
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By Representative Alejano
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AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7834, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE AND FACILITATE
INFORMATION SHARING BETWEEN
THE AGENCIES OF THE PHILIPPINE
GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO PROTECT
THE PHILIPPINES AGAINST ACTIVITIES
THAT UNDERMINE ITS SECURITY”

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NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 7835, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MUNICIPAL
AGRICULTURE INFORMATION
SYSTEM”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
AND FOOD

House Bill No. 7836, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING SOCIO-ECONOMIC
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CONNECTIVITY BY RATIONALIZING THE
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By Representative Alejano
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House Bill No. 7837, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE COMPULSORY
REGISTRATION OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 7838, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING ALL
BRANCHES, SUBDIVISIONS,
INSTRUMENTALITIES, AND
AGENCIES OF THE GOVERNMENT,
INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED
AND -CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS
OR THEIR SUBSIDIARIES TO DIVULGE
THE IDENTITY OF HIRED FOREIGN
CONSULTANTS, THE NATURE OF THEIR
WORK AND THEIR COMPENSATION,
PERKS, AND OTHER PRIVILEGES,
AND PROVIDING PENALTIES IN CASE
OF VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Alejano
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AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 7839, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM
FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL
SITES AND THE CONSTRUCTION,
MAINTENANCE, REHABILITATION,
AND REPAIR OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS
IN THE PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND
SECONDARY SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
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House Bill No. 7840, entitled:

“AN ACT RATIONALIZING EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1069, ALSO KNOWN AS THE ‘PHILIPPINE EXTRADITION LAW’ ”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 7841, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE AND INSTALLATION OF BRIGHT WHITE HEADLIGHTS OR HEADLAMPS CLASSIFIED AS HIGH INTENSITY DISCHARGE (HID) HEADLAMPS IN MOTOR VEHICLES”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 7842, entitled:

“AN ACT PENALIZING PARENTS, ADOPTERS, GUARDIANS OR PERSONS EXERCISING SPECIAL OR SUBSTITUTE PARENTAL AUTHORITY OVER CHILDREN UNDER PARENTAL AUTHORITY FOUND TO BE ENGAGED IN BEGGING AND/OR PROSTITUTION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 7843, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROTECT ALL AGRICULTURAL LANDS FROM INDISCRIMINATE LAND CONVERSION AMENDING SECTION 20 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 7850, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING ‘KWEBANG HAPON’ LOCATED IN BRGY. MANLOCBOC IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF AGUILAR, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN AS AN ECO-TOURISM DESTINATION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bataoil
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 7851, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A 13 KILOMETER ROAD LEADING TO THE MAPITA INDIGENOUS PEOPLE VILLAGE IN THE

MUNICIPALITY OF AGUILAR, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bataoil
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 7852, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE ‘BATIS NG KALIKASAN’ IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF AGUILAR, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN AS AN ECOTOURISM AREA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bataoil
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 7853, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING EVERY PASSENGER VESSEL OR SHIP TO SET UP ON BOARD WELL-EQUIPPED MEDICAL CLINIC MANNED BY COMPETENT MEDICAL STAFF AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 7854, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING EVERY GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE ESTABLISHMENT TO PROVIDE FREE POTABLE WATER IN ALL THEIR EDIFICES AND OFFICES FOR THEIR PATRONS”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7855, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING NARURON FALLS SITUATED IN BARANGAY OYAO, MUNICIPALITY OF DUPAX DEL NORTE, PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA AS ECOTOURISM SITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Cuaresma
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 7856, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 8 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY TO COMMEMORATE THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY”

By Representative Fariñas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 7858, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROVIDE YOUTH SUICIDE INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

AND 86 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 881, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE”

By Representative Zubiri
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 7859, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM IN CULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES BY INSTITUTIONALIZING THE TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT OF TRIBAL HEALTH WORKERS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

House Bill No. 7864, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 3, 4, 6, AND 7 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9006, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAIR ELECTION ACT”

By Representative Zubiri
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 7860, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING THE FARMERS AND FISHERFOLK ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD AND THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 7865, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF MARAMAG IN THE PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON INTO A COMPONENT CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CITY OF MARAMAG”

By Representative Zubiri
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 7861, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE CENTER FOR DIABETES AND ENDOCRINOLOGY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7867, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR AS THE WAKEBOARDING CAPITAL OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 7862, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A MANDATORY POSITION FOR A HUMAN RESOURCES TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT OFFICER IN EACH MUNICIPALITY, CITY, AND PROVINCE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 443, 454, AND 463 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Zubiri
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 7868, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL FILM MUSEUM AND EXHIBITION PARK, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Belaro
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 7863, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 79, 82, 84, 85,

House Bill No. 7870, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING HAZARD PAY TO ALL PUBLIC PROSECUTORS, ASSOCIATE PROSECUTION ATTORNEYS AND PROSECUTION ATTORNEYS DURING THEIR INCUMBENCY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Gatchalian
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 7872, entitled:

“AN ACT CHANGING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF ELECTIVE BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG

KABATAAN FROM THREE (3) YEARS TO FIVE (5) YEARS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164 AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NOS. 9340, 10632, 10656, 10923, 10952 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Benitez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 7873, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF INVESTMENT PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Abayon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 7874, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SCHOOL HEALTH AND SAFETY OFFICE IN EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE COUNTRY, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Abayon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 7875, entitled:

“AN ACT CLASSIFYING TABLOIDS CONTAINING SEXUAL STORIES AND IMAGES AS PORNOGRAPHIC OR X-RATED, DENOMINATING THEM AS ONLY FOR ADULTS, REGULATING THEIR CIRCULATION AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 7876, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO SOUTHERN BROADCASTING NETWORK UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8147 TO RENEW THE FRANCHISE FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT AND TO EXPAND THE COVERAGE OF THE FRANCHISE GRANTED AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tugna
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 7879, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING TAX INCENTIVES TO PRIVATE EMPLOYERS THAT HIRE K+12 GRADUATES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 7880, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA OF WORKERS IN INFORMAL ECONOMY INSTITUTIONALIZING MECHANISMS FOR IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 7883, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE SICOGON ISLAND IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARLES, PROVINCE OF ILOILO AS AN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tupas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 7884, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE ISLAS DE GIGANTES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARLES, PROVINCE OF ILOILO AS AN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tupas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 7885, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPOSING A SIX-YEAR MORATORIUM ON THE INCREASE OF ALL GOVERNMENT FEES AND CHARGES”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 7886, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT AND MANAGEMENT CENTER, DEFINING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
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ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 7887, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE CANCER
CENTER, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE
ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7888, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ENHANCE CITIZENS’ ACCESS
TO GOVERNMENT INFORMATION AND
SERVICES BY ESTABLISHING A SYSTEM
IN WHICH GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS
ISSUED TO THE PUBLIC MUST BE
WRITTEN IN PLAIN LANGUAGE AND
TRANSLATED TO THE LOCAL LANGUAGE
OR DIALECTS IF NECESSARY, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC
INFORMATION

House Bill No. 7889, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING BENEFITS AND
PRIVILEGES TO FORMER PRESIDENTS
AND VICE PRESIDENTS OF THE
PHILIPPINES OR THEIR SURVIVING
SPOUSES, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5059, REPEALING
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 2087, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 7890, entitled:

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ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY
SCHOOLS TO PREPARE AND IMPLEMENT
A LAND USE DEVELOPMENT AND
INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN FOR THE
OPTIMUM UTILIZATION OF ITS
RESOURCES IN ADDRESSING BASIC
EDUCATION FACILITY SHORTAGES”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7892, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES
FOR THE APPLICATION OF LOCAL

CHARGES (ORIGIN AND DESTINATION
FEES) IMPOSED BY INTERNATIONAL
SHIPPING LINES TO COMPLY WITH
EXISTING LAWS AND INTERNATIONAL
STANDARDS (INCO TERMS)”

By Representative Yap (A.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 7893, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING AND UPGRADING THE
SERVICES OF THE MARIVELES MENTAL
HOSPITAL IN MARIVELES, BATAAN,
TO INCLUDE THE OPERATION OF A
LEVEL 1 GENERAL WARD WITH 100 BED
CAPACITY, RENAMING THE SAME AS
MARIVELES HEALTH AND WELLNESS
INSTITUTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

By Representative Garcia (J.E.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7894, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF LEARNING CITIES,
MANDATING COMPLIANCE WITH
THE KEY FEATURES THEREOF AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Garcia (J.E.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON
HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 7895, entitled:

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

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7896, entitled:

“AN ACT TRANSFERRING SELECTED
NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES
AND GOVERNMENT -OWNED AND
-CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS TO NEW
CLARK CITY, PAMPANGA”

By Representative Herrera-Dy
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE
ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND
PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 7897, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP

TO REVEREND FATHER LUCIANO ARIEL FELLONI”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

IN THE COUNTRY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 7898, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE IMPOSITION OF INTEREST AND/OR PENALTY CHARGES ON UNPAID HOSPITAL BILLS AND MEDICAL EXPENSES OF PATIENTS WHO EARN MINIMUM WAGE OR LESS”

By Representative Villarica
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7904, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY IMPOSED AGAINST POLLUTERS OF NAVIGABLE WATERS BY AMENDING SECTION 7 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 979 PROVIDING FOR THE REVISION OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 600 GOVERNING MARINE POLLUTION”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 7899, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING ALL EMPLOYERS IN THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS, INCLUDING ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES, TO PROVIDE, FREE OF CHARGE, CLEAN, HEALTHY, SUFFICIENT AND ACCESSIBLE DRINKING WATER TO ALL ITS EMPLOYEES”

By Representative Villarica
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 7905, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING PLANTILLA POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR VOLUNTEER TEACHERS WITH AT LEAST FIVE (5) YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 7900, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 82 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10963, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE TAX REFORM FOR ACCELERATION AND INCLUSION ACT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 7906, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE SOLAR ENERGY DEVELOPMENT CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 7902, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING PLASTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS AND MEASURES, PROHIBITING THE RELEASE OF PLASTIC WASTE INTO THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, EMPOWERING THE OMBUDSMAN TO IMPLEMENT WASTE MANAGEMENT LAWS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Abayon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 7907, entitled:

“AN ACT INCORPORATING THE VALUE OF RESPONSIBLE, FAIR USAGE AND ENJOYMENT OF SOCIAL MEDIA IN CAMPUSES NATIONWIDE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 7908, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING FUNERAL AND MEMORIAL DISCOUNT PRIVILEGES TO ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS WHO DIED ON ACCOUNT OF WORK-RELATED SICKNESS AND INJURIES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7903, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PHASE-OUT OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC PRODUCTS

House Bill No. 7909, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR VIDEO GAME
CONTENT RATING AND CLASSIFICATION
SYSTEM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Batocabe, Garbin and Co
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC
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House Bill No. 7910, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL
CANCER CENTER OF THE PHILIPPINES,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Almario and Alvarez (P.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
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ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7911, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JUNE TWENTY-
NINE OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL
NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY
OF ORMOC, PROVINCE OF LEYTE IN
CELEBRATION OF THE CITY’S FIESTA”

By Representative Gomez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF
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House Bill No. 7912, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE CATCHING,
SALE, PURCHASE, POSSESSION,
TRANSPORTATION, IMPORTATION, AND
EXPORTATION OF ALL SHARKS, RAYS,
CHIMAERAS, OR ANY PART THEREOF IN
THE COUNTRY”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
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House Bill No. 7913, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING OWWA OFW
CENTERS IN EVERY PROVINCE AND
REGION OF THE COUNTRY PROVIDING
FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representative Savellano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS
WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 7914, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDIGENOUS
TRAINING CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY
OF MAGSINGAL, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS
SUR, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

By Representative Savellano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON INDIGENOUS
CULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

House Bill No. 7915, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING NATIONAL ROAD
SAFETY AWARENESS THROUGH ROAD
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STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION AND
COLLABORATION, AND FOR OTHER
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By Representative Sarmiento (C.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 7916, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING USED CAR DEALERS TO
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WARRANTY AGAINST DEFECTS AND
REQUIRING PRIVATE SELLERS TO
DISCLOSE ANY KNOWN USE OR SAFETY
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By Representative Revilla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND
INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 7917, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING ALL
TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY
(SERVICE PROVIDER) TO CHARGE AND
COLLECT ADVANCE MONTHLY SERVICE
FEES/MONTHLY RECURRING FEES/
HANDSET COSTS FROM ALL SUBSCRIBERS
AVAILING FOR A POSTPAID SUBSCRIPTION,
TO PROMOTE CONSUMER PROTECTION
UNDER ITS SERVICE CONTRACT,
PROVIDING PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 7918, entitled:

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

By Representative Yap (A.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SMALL
BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 7919, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS

OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7922, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘CAGAYAN SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE ACT OF 1995’, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Nolasco

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 7920, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE THIRD SUNDAY OF NOVEMBER OF EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ROAD CRASH VICTIMS, SURVIVORS, AND THEIR BEREAVED FAMILIES”

By Representative Fariñas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 7921, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SIOCON, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE TO BE KNOWN AS THE SIOCON SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Amatong

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7922, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO INCREASE THE UNCONDITIONAL CASH TRANSFER (UCT) PROGRAM TO P500.00 TO BENEFIT 22 MILLION POOR FILIPINOS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 7923, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING INCENTIVES AND MECHANISMS TO CREATE NEW JOBS AND OPPORTUNITIES, IMPROVE PRODUCTION, AND ADVANCE INNOVATION AND TRADE IN THE COUNTRY, TO FOSTER AND DEVELOP THE PHILIPPINE STARTUP ECOSYSTEM”

By Representative Romero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 7924, entitled:

“AN ACT REDUCING WAIT TIME FOR REQUESTS FOR AN ACTION OR SERVICE IN PHONE CALLS FOR SERVICE-ORIENTED OFFICES AND PRESCRIBING

PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 7925, entitled:

“AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN DISCIPLINARY MECHANISM IN THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8551, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Espino

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 7926, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE USE OF MODERN BIOTECHNOLOGY, ESTABLISHING THE BIOTECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY OF THE PHILIPPINES FOR THIS PURPOSE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Garin (S.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 7928, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMPUTER LABORATORY IN ALL PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7929, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL SPECIAL NEEDS SCREENING PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Velasco-Catera

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 7930, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AND COMPENSATION FOR EDUCATORS IN BASIC EDUCATION”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 7931, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING A COMPREHENSIVE

HOUSING PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 7932, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM TO RETAIN HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS IN RURAL COMMUNITIES”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 7933, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE CONTINUITY OF EDUCATIONAL CURRICULUM FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST SIX (6) YEARS AND ENSURING THE STABILITY OF THE CONSEQUENT TEXTBOOKS AND RELATED MATERIALS THROUGH AN ANNUAL REVIEW, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8047, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE BOOK PUBLISHING INDUSTRY ACT, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7934, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A FIVE PERCENT (5%) BUDGETARY ALLOCATION OF BARANGAYS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMS, PROJECTS, ACTIVITIES, AND SERVICES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE’ AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 7935, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 7936, entitled:

“AN ACT TO MANAGE MEDICAL RESIDENCY

TRAINING PROGRAMS IN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7937, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MAGNA CARTA OF AIRLINE PASSENGERS, IMPOSING OBLIGATIONS ON AIR CARRIERS, AND PENALIZING ACTS IN VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 7938, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SECURITY OF TENURE AND ADDITIONAL BENEFITS TO TEACHERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4670, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MAGNA CARTA FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 1937, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE LAGUNA LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (LLDA) TO IMMEDIATELY ISSUE CEASE AND DESIST ORDERS (CDOs) TO ESTABLISHMENTS WITH UNPAID PENALTIES AND TO FILE THE APPROPRIATE ACTIONS IN THE REGULAR COURTS OF LAW AGAINST THE SAME VIOLATORS”

By Representative Savellano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Resolution No. 1938, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES MODERNIZATION TO UNDERTAKE A REVIEW OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7605 (AN ACT CONVERTING THE PHILIPPINE AIR FORCE COLLEGE OF AERONAUTICS INTO A STATE COLLEGE TO BE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE STATE COLLEGE OF AERONAUTICS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES), AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBERED

TEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-EIGHT ENTITLED, ‘CONVERTING THE BASA AIR BASE COMMUNITY COLLEGE INTO THE PHILIPPINE AIR FORCE COLLEGE OF AERONAUTICS’, PROVIDING FOR A CHARTER FOR THIS PURPOSE”

By Representative Savellano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1939, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE PUBLIC IN COORDINATION WITH THE CONCERNED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN PRESERVING AND RESTORING PRESIDENTIAL HOUSES AND HOUSES OF HEROES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY FOR THE PROMOTION OF PHILIPPINE HISTORY AND CULTURAL HERITAGE”

By Representative Savellano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Resolution No. 1940, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FRONT OF THE PHILIPPINES (NDFP) TO COMPEL THE NEW PEOPLE’S ARMY (NPA) TO CEASE FROM ATTACKING CIVILIANS, INCLUDING THEIR PROPERTIES, AS A MANIFESTATION OF THE NDFP’S COMMITMENT TO CONTRIBUTE IN CREATING AN ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES (GRP) AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE PHILIPPINES-NEW PEOPLE’S ARMY-NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FRONT OF THE PHILIPPINES (CPP-NPA-NDFP) TO RESUME FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FILIPINO PEOPLE”

By Representatives Acop, Bataoil, Espino, Alejano, Alvarez (F.), Laogan, Canama, Uybarreta, Escudero, Ortega (P.), Garcia (J.E.), Del Rosario, Lopez (B.), Matugas, Yap (M.), Billones, Marquez, Cueva, Ferrer (J.), Nograles (J.J.), Salo, Lacson, Lopez (M.L.) and Bulut-Bentang
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PEACE, RECONCILIATION AND UNITY

House Resolution No. 1941, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CREATING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES LEGISLATIVE INSTITUTE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Alvarez (P.), Fariñas, Suarez, Nograles (K.A.), Garcia (G.) and De Venecia
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS

House Resolution No. 1942, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING DEFENSE SECRETARY DELFIN LORENZANA AND THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE FOR INSTITUTING THE MUCH-NEEDED REHABILITATION IN PAG-ASA ISLAND AND OTHER MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN THE SPRATLY ISLANDS”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Resolution No. 1943, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINA STUDENT JANELLE MICAELA S. PANGANIBAN, A MEMBER OF ISABELA’S GADDANG INDIGENOUS GROUP, AFTER GRADUATING SUMMA CUM LAUDE FROM THE PRESTIGIOUS NEW YORK UNIVERSITY”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1944, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS OF THE RECONSTRUCTION PLANS, RELIEF, AND REHABILITATION EFFORTS FOR MARAWI CITY, INCLUDING A REVIEW OF THE UTILIZATION OF ALL DISBURSED FUNDS FOR SUCH EFFORTS AND THE EXAMINATION OF THE PRESCRIBED GUIDELINES USED IN THE SELECTION OF PRIVATE CONTRACTORS THAT WILL LEAD THE REHABILITATION EFFORTS IN MARAWI CITY, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENSURING THAT THE GOVERNMENT, THROUGH THE TASK FORCE BANGON MARAWI, WILL BE ABLE TO DELIVER ON ITS COMMITMENT TO PRIORITIZE THE POST-DISASTER RECOVERY OF MARAWI CITY THROUGH EFFICIENT, EFFECTIVE, AND TRANSPARENT MEANS”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1945, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE

ON BASIC EDUCATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF FOREIGN PUBLISHED BOOKS IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND THE PROLIFERATION OF UNREGISTERED FOREIGN COMPANIES ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF PUBLISHING BOOKS IN THE PHILIPPINES IN VIOLATION OF EXISTING LAWS, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ADDRESSING A THREAT TO THE EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN OUR COUNTRY AND TO THE GOVERNMENT'S REVENUE COLLECTION EFFORTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representatives Suansing (H.) and Suansing (E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1946, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE RAMPANT, UNABATED SAND AND GRAVEL QUARRYING ACTIVITIES IN SUBANGDAKU RIVER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SOGOD, SOUTHERN LEYTE"

By Representative Mercado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1947, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MS. JOHANNE JAZMIN TAN JABINES FOR WINNING IN THE 38TH ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION (IPSC) GRAND FINAL 2018"

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1948, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF THE VICTIMS IN THE SHOOTING AT SANTA FE HIGH SCHOOL, SANTA FE, TEXAS, USA"

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1949, entitled:

"RESOLUTION EXPRESSING WARMEST FELICITATION OF THE HOUSE TO MS. LARA ANDREA MONTALES, FOR

GRADUATING SUMMA CUM LAUDE FROM WHARTON SCHOOL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA"

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1950, entitled:

"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY INTO THE STATUS OF PROVINCIAL BUS TERMINALS AND THEIR TICKETING POLICY"

By Representatives Batocabe, Garbin and Co

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1951, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES ON THE DEMISE OF THE HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVE JOSE ROILO 'ROY' S. GOLEZ OF THE LONE DISTRICT OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF PARAÑAQUE AND 2ND DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF PARAÑAQUE"

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1952, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES ON THE DEMISE OF THE HONORABLE JOSE ROILO 'ROY' GOLEZ, FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF PARAÑAQUE CITY AND COMMENDING HIM FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE"

By Representative Velarde

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1953, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION ENJOINING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY TO IMMEDIATELY ISSUE THE NECESSARY CIRCULAR TO REQUIRE OIL COMPANIES TO SUBMIT THEIR UNBUNDLED FUEL PRICES"

By Representative Uybarreta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Resolution No. 1954, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE MURDER OF THE OFFICE OF OMBUDSMAN'S ASSISTANT SPECIAL PROSECUTOR MADONNA JOY TANYAG AND DIRECTING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE AND THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION TO CONDUCT AN INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION THEREON"

By Representative Uybarreta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER
AND SAFETY

House Resolution No. 1955, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE
APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE(S),
TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION,
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FOOD
AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION OF ITS
MANDATE TO PROTECT AND PROMOTE
THE HEALTH OF EVERY FILIPINO”

By Representative Uybarreta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1956, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE MURDER
OF FATHER RICHMOND NILO AND
DIRECTING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL
POLICE AND THE NATIONAL BUREAU
OF INVESTIGATION TO CONDUCT AN
INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION THEREON”

By Representative Uybarreta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER
AND SAFETY

House Resolution No. 1957, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN
INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION
BY THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON
THE POSSIBLE INCREASE OF THE COCO
METHYLESTER CONTENT OF BIODIESEL
FROM 2 PERCENT TO 5 PERCENT”

By Representative Suarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1958, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING ITS
DEEPEST SYMPATHIES AND PROFOUND
CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATH OF
FORMER REPRESENTATIVE ROILO
S. GOLEZ OF THE 2ND LEGISLATIVE
DISTRICT OF PARAÑAQUE CITY”

By Representative Tambunting
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1959, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE
APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO
LOOK INTO, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,
THE FINANCIAL SOUNDNESS OF
PHILHEALTH AMIDST REPORTS OF
INAPPROPRIATE USE OF FUNDS AND
LOSSES SUFFERED BY THE AGENCY

AS WELL AS TO REVIEW REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 7875, AS AMENDED, WITH THE
END IN VIEW OF STRENGTHENING AND
IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF SERVICE
OF PHILHEALTH”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1960, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION STRONGLY CONDEMNING
THE MURDER OF ASSISTANT STATE
PROSECUTOR MADONNA JOY
EDNACO TANYAG AND TEN OTHER
STATE PROSECUTORS SLAIN SINCE
2016, TO URGE THE CONCERNED
AUTHORITIES TO WORK TOWARDS
THE SWIFT DELIVERY OF JUSTICE FOR
THE VICTIMS AND THEIR BEREAVED
FAMILIES, AND TO EXHORT THE
PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT TO
PROVIDE GREATER SECURITY FOR
STATE PROSECUTORS”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER
AND SAFETY

House Resolution No. 1961, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SINCERE
CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BEREAVED
FAMILY OF THE HONORABLE ROILO
S. GOLEZ, FORMER REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE SECOND CONGRESSIONAL
DISTRICT OF PARAÑAQUE CITY”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1962, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION STRONGLY CONDEMNING
THE RECENT SPATE OF PRIEST KILLINGS
AND TO URGE ALL CONCERNED
AUTHORITIES TO WORK TOWARDS THE
SWIFT DELIVERY OF JUSTICE FOR THE
VICTIMS”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER
AND SAFETY

House Resolution No. 1963, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE PHILIPPINE
GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE FOR OUR
FISHERMEN BETTER FISHING VESSELS
AND EQUIPMENT FOLLOWING THE
RECENT HARASSMENT INCIDENT IN
SCARBOROUGH SHOAL IN ORDER TO
PROVIDE FOR OUR FISHERMEN THE

MEANS ON WHICH TO WITHSTAND SUCH HARASSMENTS AND TO IMPROVE THE CONDUCT OF THEIR FISHING ACTIVITIES”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1964, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT TO FURTHER REPAIR AND FORTIFY THE BRP SIERRA MADRE IN AYUNGIN SHOAL AND TO ENSURE THAT FUNDS FOR SUCH UNDERTAKING ARE AVAILABLE, SUFFICIENT AND ARE UTILIZED IN THE MOST EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE MANNER”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Resolution No. 1965, entitled:

“RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT TO STRICTLY IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8491, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘FLAG AND HERALDIC CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES’ WITH THE END IN VIEW OF INSTILLING GREATER RESPECT AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE NATIONAL ANTHEM, THE FLAG AND OTHER NATIONAL SYMBOLS AMONG THE CITIZENRY, PARTICULARLY THE YOUTH”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Resolution No. 1966, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY ON THE MITIGATION IMPACT OF THE ANTI-POVERTY MEASURES AND PROGRAMS OF THE DIFFERENT NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES ON THE INTENDED BENEFICIARIES – THE WORKING POOR, INFORMAL SETTLERS AND OTHER MARGINALIZED SECTORS OF SOCIETY - AND TO RECOMMEND APPROPRIATE MEASURES AND/OR LEGISLATIONS”

By Representative Mendoza
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1967, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE BENGUET LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT TO IMPLEMENT PROPER SAFETY MEASURES SO AS TO PREVENT ROAD INCIDENTS IN MAJOR HIGHWAYS”

By Representative Uybarreta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Resolution No. 1968, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THROUGH THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE DETENTION AND DEATH OF PEOPLE UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES SIMILAR TO THE DEATH OF DETAINEE GENESIS ‘TISOY’ ARGONCILLO”

By Representative Belmonte (J.C.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1969, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE’S ‘OPLANTAMBAY’ FOLLOWING THE VERBAL ORDER OF PRESIDENT RODRIGO DUTERTE WHICH RESULTED TO THE ILLEGAL ARREST OF ABOUT 7,291 ALLEGED VAGRANTS, ‘TAMBAYS’ OR IDLE INDIVIDUALS”

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

House Resolution No. 1970, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION ON THE ILLEGAL ARREST OF AND THE FILING OF TRUMPED UP CHARGES AGAINST WOMEN’S RIGHTS ADVOCATE NERITA DE CASTRO UNDERSCORING THE ADVERSE IMPACT OF ILLEGAL ARRESTS ON THE IMPENDING RESUMPTION OF PEACE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES (GRP) AND THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FRONT OF THE PHILIPPINES (NDFP)”

By Representatives De Jesus and Brosas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1971, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN URGENT INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE DEATH OF 22-YEAR-OLD GENESIS ‘TISOY’ ARGONCILLO WHILE UNDER POLICE CUSTODY, FOLLOWING HIS ARREST AND DETENTION BY THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE DUE TO THE ‘ANTI-TAMBAY’ CAMPAIGN INITIATED BY PRESIDENT RODRIGO DUTERTE”

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

House Resolution No. 1972, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED SYNDICATED ESTAFA AND ESTAFA THROUGH FALSIFICATION OF COMMERCIAL DOCUMENTS OR INSTRUMENTS, COMMITTED BY MR. JOSE ANTONIO C. PERY IN CONSPIRACY WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SEVERAL REGISTERED CORPORATIONS, WHICH ERODE PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN THESE COMMERCIAL DOCUMENTS OR INSTRUMENTS, AND IMPAIR THE STABILITY OF THE NATIONAL INVESTMENT MARKET”

By Representative Fariñas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1973, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE COMMITTEE ON MUSLIM AFFAIRS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON REPORTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN MARAWI AND OTHER GRAVE CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE OF MARAWI ON THE GOVERNMENT’S POST-MARAWI SIEGE REHABILITATION PLANS”

By Representatives Zarate, Tinio, De Jesus, Brosas and Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1974, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT TO INVESTIGATE, IN

AID OF LEGISLATION, LABOR-ONLY CONTRACTING, UNION BUSTING, ILLEGAL DISMISSAL OF 75 EMPLOYEES, AND OTHER VIOLATIONS OF WORKERS’ RIGHTS IN NUTRIASIA, INC.”

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

House Resolution No. 1975, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE LABOR STANDARDS EMPLOYED BY HANJIN HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND CONSTRUCTION, INC. (HHIC) IN SUBIC, ZAMBALES”

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

House Resolution No. 1976, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE(S) TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALARMING INCIDENCES OF ALLEGED SUICIDES OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS”

By Representative Bertiz
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1977, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE ILLEGAL DETENTION BY THE BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION OF ZIMBABWE NATIONAL CHANDIWANA TAWANDA, THE ILLEGAL RETENTION OF THE PASSPORTS OF AMERICAN NATIONAL ADAM THOMAS SHAW AND MALAWI NATIONAL MIRACLE OSWAN, AND THE DEPRIVATION OF LIBERTY AND RIGHT TO RETURN OF THESE FOREIGN ACTIVISTS, AND CALLING FOR AN URGENT INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE SAME”

By Representatives Tinio and Zarate
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1978, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED IRREGULARITIES IN

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S P8.1B SCHOOL-BASED BARANGAY HEALTH STATION - TSEKAP PROJECT AND ITS IMPACT TO THE HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE PEOPLE"

By Representative Zarate
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1979, entitled:

"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION TO PROBE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE IMPACT OF TAX REFORM FOR ACCELERATION AND INCLUSION LAW ON TUITION AND OTHER SCHOOL FEE INCREASES"

By Representative Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1980, entitled:

"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE ADMISSION AND RETENTION POLICIES IN STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (SUCs) FOLLOWING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO QUALITY TERTIARY EDUCATION ACT (UAQTEA) OF 2017"

By Representative Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1981, entitled:

"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED PNP-SAF RED-TAGGING OF A LEAGUE OF FILIPINO STUDENTS (LFS) LEADER AND OTHER CASES OF RED-TAGGING AGAINST YOUTH LEADERS"

By Representative Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1982, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF THE VICTIMS OF THE SHOOTING IN THE NEWSROOM OF CAPITAL GAZETTE, ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND, U.S.A."

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1983, entitled:

"RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF

REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY AND THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY TO JOINTLY CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED 'MISEN-COUNTER' BETWEEN THE SOLDIERS AND THE POLICE IN STA. RITA, SAMAR THAT RESULTED TO THE KILLING BY ARMY TROOPS OF SIX (6) PNP PERSONNEL AND THE WOUNDING OF NINE (9) OTHERS"

By Representatives Zarate, Castro (F.L.) and Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1984, entitled:

"RESOLUTION CONVEYING RECOGNITION TO THE PHILIPPINE ARMY FOR ITS COMMITMENT TO THE IDEALS OF THE ARMY TRANSFORMATION ROADMAP (ATR) 2028 AND COMMENDING ITS INDUCTION TO THE PALLADIUM BALANCED SCORECARD HALL OF FAME"

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Resolution No. 1985, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO FOR SUCCESSFULLY HOLDING INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH PROGRAMS IN KIBERA AND KAWANGWARE IN NAIROBI, KENYA ON JUNE 23 AND 24, AFTER HOLDING SIMILAR ACTIVITIES IN BLANTYRE AND SAMAMA VIL. MANGOCHI IN MALAWI ON JUNE 19 AND 20, 2018"

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1986, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY INTO THE ADDITIONAL BANKING FEES TO BE CHARGED BY BPI"

By Representatives Batocabe, Garbin and Co
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1989, entitled:

"RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION BY THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE

OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
ON THE ANOMALOUS PROCUREMENT
ACTIVITIES IN THE PHILIPPINE
NATIONAL POLICE BASED ON THE
2017 ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT BY THE
COMMISSION ON AUDIT”

By Representative Suarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1990, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DFA) TO MAKE
IT COMPULSORY FOR ITS EMPLOYEES
POSTED OVERSEAS TO HAVE A WORKING,
TECHNICAL PROFICIENCY IN TWO (2)
MAJOR FOREIGN LANGUAGES”

By Representative Savellano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN
AFFAIRS

House Resolution No. 1991, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT
OF NATIONAL DEFENSE, THE ARMED
FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND
THE PHILIPPINE NAVY TO SET UP A
NAVY DETACHMENT IN THE PORT
OF SALOMAGUE, MUNICIPALITY OF
CABUGAO, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR”

By Representative Savellano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE
AND SECURITY

House Resolution No. 1992, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PEACE,
RECONCILIATION AND UNITY, TO
CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN
AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CASES
OF FORCED FAKE SURRENDEREES
GATHERED BY THE NATIONAL FACT
FINDING TEAM HELD LAST JUNE 27 TO
JULY 1, 2018, IN SITIO TINAGDANAN,
BRGY. HINALAAN, KALAMANSIG,
SULTAN KUDARAT”

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

House Resolution No. 1993, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE
ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN TO
CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID
OF LEGISLATION, ON THE MILITARY
OPERATIONS AND ENCAMPMENT OF
MARINE BATTALION LANDING 2 IN
SITIO TINAGDANAN, BRGY. HINALAAN,

KALAMANSIG, SULTAN KUDARAT,
LEADING TO THE DEATH OF A 2-YEAR-
OLD MINOR JOSHUA GANTANGAN”

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

House Resolution No. 1994, entitled:

“RESOLUTION STRONGLY CONDEMNING
AND CALLING FOR AN URGENT
INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION,
INTO THE THREATS, HARASSMENTS,
INTIMIDATION AND ARREST OF LUMAD
SCHOOL EDUCATORS IN REGION XII
COMMITTED BY ELEMENTS OF THE
MILITARY IN ALLEGED CONNIVANCE
WITH THE KALAMANSIG MUNICIPALITY
MAYOR RONAN EUGENE GARCIA IN
SULTAN KUDARAT”

By Representatives Tinio, Castro and Brosas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1995, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE
COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY TO LOOK
INTO, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE
REPORT BY OCEAN CONSERVANCY
INDICATING THAT THE PHILIPPINES IS
AMONG THE TOP COUNTRIES IN THE
WORLD THAT CONTRIBUTE TO PLASTIC
WASTE LEAKAGE IN OCEANS WITH
THE END IN VIEW OF REVIEWING AND
STRENGTHENING THE ENFORCEMENT
OF THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
ACT, OR CRAFTING NEW INNOVATIVE
MEASURES TO EFFECTIVELY ADDRESS
THE PROBLEM”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1996, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE
APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO
INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,
THE CAUSE OF DEATH OF GENESIS
‘TISOY’ ARGONCILLO WITH THE
END IN VIEW OF IDENTIFYING THE
CULPRITS AS WELL AS PROPOSING
REMEDIATION LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE
THE CONDITIONS OF OUR POLICE JAIL
FACILITIES”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1997, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE

APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE COLLAPSE OF THE 95-METER SEGMENT OF THE 300-METER FLOOD CONTROL STRUCTURE IN SAN SIMON, PAMPANGA IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY THE TRUE CAUSE OF ITS COLLAPSE AS WELL AS TO DETERMINE THE ACCOUNTABILITIES OF THE PARTIES INVOLVED IN THE SAID PROJECT WHICH DEPRIVED THE RESIDENTS FROM TIMELY REALIZING THE POSITIVE GAINS THAT THE PROJECT AFFORDS THEM”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1998, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY TO LOOK INTO, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ANTI-TAMBAY CAMPAIGN IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH IF IT IS LEGALLY AND CONSTITUTIONALLY SOUND AS WELL AS TO ENSURE THAT THE RIGHTS OF OUR PEOPLE ARE PRESERVED, AND THAT THE RIGHTS OF OUR LAW ENFORCERS, WHO ARE MERELY IMPLEMENTING THE PRESIDENT’S DIRECTIVE, ARE PROTECTED”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1999, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MR. RODNEY CHAD MALLARI, A TAXI CAB DRIVER OF FOREVER 315 TRANSPORT CORPORATION, FOR HIS HONESTY AND LAUDABLE INTEGRITY IN RETURNING P150,000.00 TO ITS RIGHTFUL OWNER”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2000, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE(S) TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED DISCRIMINATORY AND PREDATORY FEES IMPOSED BY THE PANAMA MARITIME AUTHORITY (PMA) ON THE PRE-EMPLOYMENT MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF FILIPINO SEAFARERS”

By Representative Bertiz
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2001, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MS. JANELLE MICAELA SEGARRA PANGANIBAN FOR GRADUATING *SUMMA CUM LAUDE* IN GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH FROM THE NEW YORK UNIVERSITY IN NEW YORK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA”

By Representatives Alvarez (M.), Aggabao, Belmonte (R.), Bulut-Begtang, Cojuangco, Durano, Dy, Escudero, Gasataya, Lacson, Laogan, Lopez (B.), Lopez (M.L.), Marquez, Ortega (P.), Panganiban, Pineda, Rodriguez (I.), Sagarbarria, Villanueva, Yap (M.) and Yap (V.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2002, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SUSTAINABILITY OF EXISTING LARGE DAMS AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL LARGE DAMS IN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Zarate
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2003, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY AND THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONDUCT A JOINT INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED ANOMALIES IN THE BALOG-BALOG MULTI-PURPOSE PROJECT”

By Representative Zarate
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2004, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION BY THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE OF MAUBAN COAL-FIRED POWER PLANT IN QUEZON PROVINCE”

By Representative Suarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2005, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING SENATOR EMMANUEL ‘MANNY’ PACQUIAO FOR WINNING THE

WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION (WBA)
WELTERWEIGHT TITLE”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2006, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO (CHURCH OF CHRIST) FOR MARKING ITS 104TH ANNIVERSARY IN THE PHILIPPINES (FAR EAST) WHERE IT FIRST EMERGED AND 50TH ANNIVERSARY IN THE FAR WEST AS IT CONTINUES TO CARRY OUT ITS SUCCESSFUL INTENSIVE WORLDWIDE PROPAGATION OF GOD’S WORDS AND INTERNATIONAL AID TO HUMANITY”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2007, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE FILIPINO LIVING LEGEND OF BOXING SENATOR MANNY PACQUIAO FOR WINNING THE FIGHT AGAINST HIS ARGENTINE OPPONENT LUCAS MATTHYSSE FOR THE WBA WELTERWEIGHT TITLE”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2008, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING SENATOR MANNY PACQUIAO FOR WINNING THE WBA WELTERWEIGHT TITLE BOUT AGAINST LUCAS MATTHYSSE”

By Representative Velasco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2009, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, JOLLIBEE FOODS CORPORATION INC. AND ITS SERVICE CONTRACTORS FOR ILLEGAL AND UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICES THAT INCLUDE LABOR-ONLY CONTRACTING AS BASIS FOR REVISITING THE LABOR CODE PROVISION AND DOLE ISSUANCES ON CONTRACTUALIZATION AND LABOR-ONLY CONTRACTING”

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

House Resolution No. 2010, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND

CONGRATULATING THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO FOR SUCCESSFULLY STAGING LINGAP LABAN SA KAHIRAPAN (AID TO FIGHT POVERTY) AT THE QUIRINO GRANDSTAND, MANILA ON JULY 15, 2018”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2013, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE MASS LAY-OFF OF THOUSANDS OF PLDT WORKERS NATIONWIDE AND TO URGE PLDT TO REGULARIZE ITS WORKERS”

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

House Resolution No. 2014, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS COMMITTED AGAINST THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IN LIANGA, SURIGAO DEL SUR”

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

House Resolution No. 2015, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE(S) TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGATIONS OF CORRUPTION AND DELAYS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE iDOLE OFW CARD”

By Representative Bertiz
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2016, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE 10 BILLION PESO LOSS OF THE GOVERNMENT IN FAILED REMITTANCES FROM THE SMALL TOWN LOTTERY AND DISCREPANCIES IN OTHER GAMES OPERATED BY THE PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2017, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES IN THE CONDUCT OF THE BIDDING PROCESS OF THE PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED BY THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION-INTERIM NORTHERN SAMAR IRRIGATION MANAGEMENT OFFICE (NIA-INSIMO), CATARMAN, NORTHERN SAMAR”

By Representative Abayon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2018, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING SENATOR EMMANUEL ‘MANNY’ PACQUIAO FOR WINNING THE WBO WORLD WELTERWEIGHT TITLE AGAINST LUCAS MATTHYSSE IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA”

By Representative Tambunting
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Joint Resolution No. 23, entitled:

“JOINT RESOLUTION URGENTLY AUTHORIZING THE HONORARIUM FOR SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN TREASURER AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN SECRETARY”

By Representative Salceda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Joint Resolution No. 24, entitled:

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

By Representative Zarate
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Message dated May 30, 2018, informing the House of

Representatives that on May 29, 2018, the Senate replaced Senator Win Gatchalian with Senator Aquilino “Koko” Pimentel III as member in the Majority of the Joint Congressional Oversight Committee on Automated Election System and the latter remains its Chair.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated May 30, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on May 29, 2018, the Senate approved the Conference Committee Report of the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1738, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM”

and House Bill No. 6221, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FILIPINO IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated May 30, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on May 29, 2018, the Senate designated Senators Francis “Chiz” G. Escudero, Ralph G. Recto and Paolo Benigno “Bam” Aquino IV as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1459, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE SECURED TRANSACTIONS LEGAL FRAMEWORK IN THE PHILIPPINES WHICH SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION, PERFECTION, DETERMINATION OF PRIORITY, ESTABLISHMENT OF A CENTRALIZED NOTICE REGISTRY, AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTERESTS IN PERSONAL PROPERTY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

and House Bill No. 6907, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE CREATION, PERFECTION, DETERMINATION OF PRIORITY RIGHTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTERESTS IN PERSONAL PROPERTY AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NOTICE REGISTRY”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated May 30, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on May 29, 2018, the Senate designated Senators Emmanuel “Manny” D. Pacquiao, Win Gatchalian, Aquilino “Koko” Pimentel III, Joseph Victor G. Ejercito, Juan Miguel F. Zubiri, Francis “Chiz” G. Escudero, Gregorio B. Honasan II, Franklin M. Drilon and Paolo Benigno “Bam” Aquino IV as conferees

to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1620, entitled:

“AN ACT ABOLISHING THE ROAD BOARD, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8794”

and House Bill No. 7436, entitled:

“AN ACT ABOLISHING THE ROAD BOARD AND PROVIDING FOR THE DISTRIBUTION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE USER’S CHARGE COLLECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8794, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT IMPOSING A MOTOR VEHICLE USER’S CHARGE ON OWNERS OF ALL TYPES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated May 30, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on May 29, 2018, the Senate designated Senators Richard J. Gordon, Juan Miguel F. Zubiri, Win Gatchalian, Cynthia A. Villar and Paolo Benigno “Bam” Aquino IV as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1762 and House Bill No. 6578, both entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RETIREMENT BENEFIT SYSTEM IN THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN, AUGMENTING ITS EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated May 31, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on May 30, 2018, the Senate approved the Conference Committee Report of the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1762 and House Bill No. 6578 both entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RETIREMENT BENEFIT SYSTEM IN THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN, AUGMENTING ITS EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated May 31, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on May 30, 2018, the Senate approved the Conference Committee Report of the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1459, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE SECURED TRANSACTIONS LEGAL FRAMEWORK IN THE PHILIPPINES WHICH SHALL

PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION, PERFECTION, DETERMINATION OF PRIORITY, ESTABLISHMENT OF A CENTRALIZED NOTICE REGISTRY, AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTERESTS IN PERSONAL PROPERTY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

and House Bill No. 6907, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE CREATION, PERFECTION, DETERMINATION OF PRIORITY RIGHTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTERESTS IN PERSONAL PROPERTY AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NOTICE REGISTRY”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated June 6, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on May 30, 2018 passed Senate Bill No. 1717, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE BASIC LAW FOR THE AUTONOMOUS REGION OF THE BANGSAMORO AND ABOLISHING THE AUTONOMOUS REGION OF MUSLIM MINDANAO, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9054, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN AND EXPAND THE ORGANIC ACT FOR THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO,’ AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6734, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN ORGANIC ACT FOR THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO,’ AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated June 6, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on May 30, 2018, the Senate designated Senators Juan Miguel F. Zubiri, Sonny Angara, Aquilino “Koko” Pimentel III, Win Gatchalian, Joel Villanueva, Francis “Chiz” G. Escudero, Franklin M. Drilon, Risa Hontiveros, Loren Legarda and Francis N. Pangilinan as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1717, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE BASIC LAW FOR THE AUTONOMOUS REGION OF THE BANGSAMORO AND ABOLISHING THE AUTONOMOUS REGION OF MUSLIM MINDANAO, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9054, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN

AND EXPAND THE ORGANIC ACT FOR THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO,' AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6734, ENTITLED 'AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN ORGANIC ACT FOR THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO,' AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

and House Bill No. 6475, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE BASIC LAW FOR THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN THE BANGSAMORO REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9054, ENTITLED 'AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN AND EXPAND THE ORGANIC ACT FOR THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO,' AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6734, ENTITLED 'AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN ORGANIC ACT FOR THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO,' AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMUNICATIONS

Annual Audit Report on the Aurora State College of Technology, Baler, Aurora for the year ended December 31, 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Annual Audit Report on the Quirino State University, Diffun, Quirino for the year ended December 31, 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Annual Audit Report on the Western Mindanao State University for the year ended December 31, 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Annual Audit Report on the Zamboanga State College of Marine Sciences and Technology for the year ended December 31, 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

2016 Annual Report of the Governance Commission for GOCCs per letter dated 10 May 2018 of Samuel G. Dagpin, Jr., Chairman, Michael P. Cloribel and Marites Cruz-Doral, Commissioners.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

Quarterly Financial and Physical Report of Operations on the Local Government Support Fund-Conditional Matching Grant to Provinces for Road Repair,

Rehabilitation and Improvement (CMGP) for the Quarter ending March 2018 of the Province of Palawan, attested by Jose Ch. Alvarez, Provincial Governor.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Quarterly Financial and Physical Report of Operations on the Local Government Support Fund-KALSADA for the Quarter ending March 2018 of the Province of Palawan, attested by Jose Ch. Alvarez, Provincial Governor.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/ Project Implementation for the Quarter ended March 2018 of the Municipality of Lal-lo, Province of Cagayan on the Local Government Support Fund - Assistance to Disadvantaged Municipalities, attested by Florante C. Pascual, Municipal Mayor.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/ Project Implementation for the Quarter ended March 2018 of the Province of Pampanga on the LGSF-KALSADA Program, attested by Lilia G. Pineda, Provincial Governor.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/ Project Implementation for the month of May 2018 of the Province of Pampanga on the LGSF-KALSADA Program, attested by Lilia G. Pineda, Provincial Governor.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated April 20, 2018 of Delfin N. Lorenzana, Secretary, Department of National Defense, submitting the Department's monthly report on the implementation of Martial Law in Mindanao covering the period March 1-31, 2018.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

Letter dated April 25, 2018 of Caesar R. Dulay, Commissioner, Bureau of Internal Revenue, submitting the Bureau's Budget and Financial Accountability Reports (BFARs) as of March 31, 2018.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Letter dated 25 April 2018 of Adelino B. Sitoy, Presidential Adviser on Legislative Affairs and Head, Presidential Legislative Liaison Office, Office of the President, submitting the PLLO's financial

and physical accomplishment reports, pursuant to Section 96 of Republic Act No. 10964.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated May 2, 2018 of Evelyn S. Marañon, State Auditor V, Supervising Auditor, Water Districts and Other CGS Stand Alone Agencies, Corporate Government Sector III, Regional Office No. XVI, Commission on Audit, furnishing a copy of the 2016-2017 Biennial Audit Report on the Bago City Water District, Bago City, Negros Occidental, and the 2016-2017 Management Letter on the Ilog Water District, Ilog, Negros Occidental.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated May 10, 2018 of Albert S. Garcia, Governor, Province of Bataan, submitting the Province's Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation for the Quarter ended March 31, 2018 on the Local Government Support Fund-Financial Assistance to Local Government Units.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated May 10, 2018 of Usmin P. Diamel, Director IV, Regional Director, Regional Office No. XIII, Commission on Audit, submitting the Annual Audit Reports for CY 2017 on the following state universities/colleges:

1. Caraga State University, Ampayon, Butuan City;
2. Agusan del Sur State College of Agriculture and Technology (ASSCAT), Bunawan, Agusan del Sur;
3. Surigao del Sur State University (SDSSU); and
4. Surigao State College of Technology (SSCT).

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated May 11, 2018 of Adelino B. Sitoy, Presidential Adviser on Legislative Affairs and Head, Presidential Legislative Liaison Office, Office of the President, submitting the details on Appropriations, Obligations and Disbursements for the month ending April 30, 2018, pursuant to Section 95 of Republic Act No. 10964.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter of Carlito G. Galvez Jr., Lieutenant General, Armed Forces of the Philippines, submitting the monthly report on the implementation of Martial Law in Mindanao covering the period from April 1 to 30, 2018.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

Letters dated May 25, 2018 of Michael P. Ong, Acting Executive Secretary, Office of the President, Malacañang, transmitting two (2) original copies each of the following Republic Acts which were signed on even date by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte:

1. R.A. No. 11016, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING MAGTOMA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – DUPLIGAN ANNEX IN BARANGAY DUPLIGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF TANUDAN, PROVINCE OF KALINGA FROM THE MAGTOMA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BIGA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

2. R.A. No. 11017, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY LINGUNAN, VALENZUELA CITY, TO BE KNOWN AS LINGUNAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

3. R.A. No. 11018, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE LICOP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN SITIO LICOP, BARANGAY SAINZ, MATI CITY, PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL INTO AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS LICOP INTEGRATED SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

4. R.A. No. 11019, entitled:

“AN ACT INTEGRATING THE DR. EMILIO B. ESPINOSA, SR. MEMORIAL STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY CAMPUS LEARNING SITE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CAWAYAN, PROVINCE OF MASBATE, AS A REGULAR CAMPUS OF THE DR. EMILIO B. ESPINOSA, SR. MEMORIAL STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY TO BE KNOWN AS THE DR. EMILIO B. ESPINOSA, SR. MEMORIAL STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY – CAWAYAN CAMPUS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

5. R.A. No. 11020, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BAGUMBAYAN, BALANGA CITY, PROVINCE OF BATAAN TO BE KNOWN AS BALANGA CITY NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

6. R.A. No. 11021, entitled:
“AN ACT SEPARATING THE LILOY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – PATAWAG EXTENSION IN BARANGAY PATAWAG, MUNICIPALITY OF LILOY, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE FROM THE LILOY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS PATAWAG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;
7. R.A. No. 11022, entitled:
“AN ACT SEPARATING THE KALAWIT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – PIANON ANNEX IN BARANGAY PIANON, MUNICIPALITY OF KALAWIT, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE FROM THE KALAWIT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS PIANON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;
8. R.A. No. 11023, entitled:
“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CATIGAN, TORIL DISTRICT, DAVAO CITY TO BE KNOWN AS CATIGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;
9. R.A. No. 11024, entitled:
“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SIBULAN, TORIL DISTRICT, DAVAO CITY TO BE KNOWN AS MT. APO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;
10. R.A. No. 11025, entitled:
“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TALISAY, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ISIDRO, PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL TO BE KNOWN AS TALISAY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;
11. R.A. No. 11026, entitled:
“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CORPORACION, MUNICIPALITY OF LUPON, PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL TO BE KNOWN AS CORPORACION NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;
12. R.A. No. 11027, entitled:
“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MAGDUG,

MUNICIPALITY OF GOVERNOR GENEROSO, PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL TO BE KNOWN AS MAGDUG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

13. R.A. No. 11028, entitled:
“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY DIGON, MUNICIPALITY OF MARGOSATUBIG, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS DIGON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;
 14. R.A. No. 11029, entitled:
“AN ACT SEPARATING THE LAWA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX IN BARANGAY LAPUAN, MUNICIPALITY OF DON MARCELINO, PROVINCE OF DAVAO OCCIDENTAL FROM THE LAWA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS LUISA JOYCE MALLARI NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;
 15. R.A. No. 11030, entitled:
“AN ACT CREATING BARANGAY UPPER PUGAAN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DITSAAN-RAMAIN, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL SUR”; and
 16. R.A. No. 11031, entitled:
“AN ACT SEPARATING THE FISHING VILLAGE COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX IN BARANGAY MANA, MUNICIPALITY OF MALITA, PROVINCE OF DAVAO OCCIDENTAL FROM THE FISHING VILLAGE COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BENJAMIN VELASCO BAUTISTA SR. NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”.
- TO THE ARCHIVES

Letters dated May 28, 2018 of Salvador C. Medialdea, Executive Secretary, Office of the President, Malacañang, transmitting two (2) original copies each of the following Republic Acts which were signed on even date by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte:

1. R.A. No. 11032, entitled:
“AN ACT PROMOTING EASE OF DOING BUSINESS AND EFFICIENT DELIVERY OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO.

9485, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANTI-RED TAPE ACT OF 2007, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”; and

2. R.A. No. 11033, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE DAVAO ORIENTAL STATE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE CITY OF MATI AND ALL ITS SATELLITE CAMPUSES LOCATED IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE DAVAO ORIENTAL STATE UNIVERSITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”.

TO THE ARCHIVES

Letter dated June 15, 2018 of Salvador C. Medialdea, Executive Secretary, Office of the President, Malacañang, transmitting two (2) original copies of Republic Act No. 11034 which was signed on even date by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, entitled:

“AN ACT NAMING THE BY-PASS ROAD STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY BENG CAG, CITY OF LAOAG, TO BARANGAY BUYON, MUNICIPALITY OF BACARRA, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE, AS THE RODOLFO G. FARIÑAS, JR. BY-PASS ROAD”

TO THE ARCHIVES

Letter dated June 15, 2018 of Michael P. Ong, Acting Executive Secretary, Office of the President, Malacañang, transmitting two (2) original copies of Republic Act No. 11035 which was signed on even date by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE BALIK SCIENTIST PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

TO THE ARCHIVES

Letters dated June 20, 2018 of Michael P. Ong, Acting Executive Secretary, Office of the President, Malacañang, transmitting two (2) original copies each of the following Republic Acts which were signed on even date by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte:

1. R.A. No. 11036, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH POLICY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENHANCING THE DELIVERY OF INTEGRATED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, PROMOTING AND PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS UTILIZING PSYCHIATRIC, NEUROLOGIC AND PSYCHOSOCIAL HEALTH SERVICES,

APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”; and

2. R.A. No. 11037, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A NATIONAL FEEDING PROGRAM FOR UNDERNOURISHED CHILDREN IN PUBLIC DAYCARE, KINDERGARTEN AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS TO COMBAT HUNGER AND UNDERNUTRITION AMONG FILIPINO CHILDREN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”.

TO THE ARCHIVES

Letter dated June 22, 2018 of Michael P. Ong, Acting Executive Secretary, Office of the President, Malacañang, transmitting two (2) original copies of Republic Act No. 11038 which was signed on even date by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING PROTECTED AREAS AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR MANAGEMENT, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7586, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM (NIPAS) ACT OF 1992’, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

TO THE ARCHIVES

Letters dated June 29, 2018 of Salvador C. Medialdea, Executive Secretary, Office of the President, Malacañang, transmitting two (2) original copies each of the following Republic Acts which were signed on even date by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte:

1. R.A. No. 11039, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES EMERGENCY AND RESILIENCY FUND AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

2. R.A. No. 11040, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING APRIL 27 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL WORKING PUBLIC HOLIDAY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF LAPU-LAPU, PROVINCE OF CEBU, TO COMMEMORATE THE VICTORY OF LAPU-LAPU AND HIS MEN OVER THE SPANIARDS LED BY FERDINAND MAGELLAN IN THE HISTORIC BATTLE OF MACTAN ON APRIL 27, 1521, TO BE KNOWN AS LAPU-LAPU DAY OR ADLAW NI LAPU-LAPU”;

3. R.A. No. 11041, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE MONTEVISTA-CATEEL NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAVERSING THE MUNICIPALITY OF

- COMPOSTELA, COMPOSTELA VALLEY PROVINCE INTO THE BENIGNO S. AQUINO JR. NATIONAL HIGHWAY”;
4. R.A. No. 11042, entitled:
“AN ACT RENAMING THE ACOP, TUBLAY, KAPANGAN – KIBUNGAN – BAKUN – SINIPSIP, BUGUIAS SECONDARY NATIONAL ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF BENGUET TO GOV. BADO DANGWA NATIONAL ROAD”;
 5. R.A. No. 11043, entitled:
“AN ACT NAMING THE DIVERSION ROAD IN SORSOGON CITY, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON AS SALVADOR H. ESCUDERO III DIVERSION ROAD”;
 6. R.A. No. 11044, entitled:
“AN ACT RENAMING THE WAWA ROAD AT BARANGAY SAN RAFAEL, MUNICIPALITY OF RODRIGUEZ, PROVINCE OF RIZAL AS GENERAL LICERIO I. GERONIMO HIGHWAY”;
 7. R.A. No. 11045, entitled:
“AN ACT RENAMING THE KAY TIKLING-ANTIPOLO-TERESA-MORONG NATIONAL ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF RIZAL, TRAVERSING THROUGH BARANGAY DOLORES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAYTAY UP TO BARANGAY MAYBANCAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MORONG, AS CORAZON C. AQUINO AVENUE”;
 8. R.A. No. 11046, entitled:
“AN ACT RENAMING THE ROAD TRAVERSING BARANGAYS SAN JOSE, TOLENTINO WEST, TOLENTINO EAST, FRANCISCO, SUNGAY WEST (LEFT SIDE), SUNGAY EAST (RIGHT SIDE), SUNGAY EAST, IRUHIN WEST, IRUHIN CENTRAL, IRUHIN EAST AND DAPDAP WEST IN THE CITY OF TAGAYTAY, PROVINCE OF CAVITE TO ISAAC O. TOLENTINO AVENUE”;
 9. R.A. No. 11047, entitled:
“AN ACT RENAMING GOVERNOR’S DRIVE, TRAVERSING SORO-SORO BRIDGE IN THE CITY OF BIÑAN, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF TERNATE, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, AS JUANITO R. REMULLA, SR. ROAD”;
 10. R.A. No. 11048, entitled:
“AN ACT RENAMING THE MOLINO-SALAWAG-PALIPARAN ROAD, TRAVERSING BARANGAY TALABA 4 IN THE CITY OF BACOR, AND BARANGAY PALIPARAN 1 IN THE CITY OF DASMARIÑAS, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE, AS BACOR-DASMARIÑAS NATIONAL ROAD”;
 11. R.A. No. 11049, entitled:
“AN ACT RENAMING THE MOLINO BOULEVARD TRAVERSING BARANGAY TALABA 4 AND BARANGAY SAN NICOLAS 3 IN THE CITY OF BACOR, PROVINCE OF CAVITE AS BACOR BOULEVARD”;
 12. R.A. No. 11050, entitled:
“AN ACT NAMING THE LINAMON-MATUNGAO-BALOI NATIONAL ROAD TRAVERSING BARANGAY SAMBURON IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LINAMON, AND BARANGAY BULAO IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALOI, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE, AS THE METRO ILIGAN REGIONAL AGRO-INDUSTRIAL CENTER (MIRAIC) HIGHWAY”;
 13. R.A. No. 11051, entitled:
“AN ACT NAMING THE POBLACION-CANIOGAN NATIONAL ROAD TRAVERSING BARANGAY POBLACION AND BARANGAY BARAKANAS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUBOD, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE AS THE ARSENIO ARCELO QUIBRANZA HIGHWAY”;
 14. R.A. No. 11052, entitled:
“AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF FOOD TECHNOLOGY IN THE PHILIPPINES, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE BOARD OF FOOD TECHNOLOGY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;
and
 15. R.A. No. 11053, entitled:
“AN ACT PROHIBITING HAZING AND REGULATING OTHER FORMS OF INITIATION RITES OF FRATERNITIES, SORORITIES, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8049, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT REGULATING HAZING AND OTHER FORMS OF INITIATION RITES IN FRATERNITIES, SORORITIES, AND ORGANIZATIONS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR’ ”.
- TO THE ARCHIVES
- COMMITTEE REPORTS
- Report by the Committee on Public Works and Highways and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 775), re H.B. No. 7818, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE ACROSS THE CAGAYAN RIVER BETWEEN BARANGAY CENTRO, SOLANA, CAGAYAN TO BARANGAY BAGAY, TUGUEGARAO CITY, CAGAYAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1986

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 776), re H.B. No. 7820, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING SURVIVORSHIP BENEFITS TO THE DEPENDENT CHILDREN OF A DECEASED RETIRED MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT, CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS, AND THE OMBUDSMAN, WHO IS A SOLO PARENT, OR THE SURVIVING PARENTS OR NOMINATED PERSONS OF SUCH DECEASED RETIREE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10084, ENTITLED, ‘AN ACT GRANTING SURVIVORSHIP BENEFITS TO THE SURVIVING LEGITIMATE SPOUSE OF A DECEASED RETIRED MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT, CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS AND THE OMBUDSMAN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’ ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5898

Sponsors: Representatives Sacdalan, Nograles (K.A.) and Fariñas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Public Information and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 777), re H.B. No. 7823, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING INCENTIVES TO FILIPINO FILMMAKERS WHO WERE GRANTED HONORS IN NOTABLE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVALS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 1557, 1570 and 3134

Sponsors: Representatives Lanete, Nograles (K.A.), Villafuerte, Vargas and Revilla

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Ways and Means (Committee Report No. 778), re H.B. No. 3297, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING SMALL SCALE MINING BY EXEMPTING FROM THE PAYMENT OF INCOME AND EXCISE TAXES THE SALE OF GOLD PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7076, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PEOPLE’S SMALL-SCALE MINING ACT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 32 AND 151 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

recommending its approval without amendment, in consolidation with House Bills Numbered 1664, 3304, 3470, 4057 and 7133

Sponsor: Representative Cua

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Natural Resources (Committee Report No. 779), re H.B. No. 7827, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF BILIRAN A MINING-FREE ZONE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in lieu of Committee Report No. 276 Re: House Bill No. 5790 on the same subject matter which was recommitted by the House of Representatives Plenary to the Committee on Natural Resources on December 12, 2017

Sponsors: Representatives Ty and Espina

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Natural Resources (Committee Report No. 780), re H.B. No. 7828, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING A PARCEL OF LAND OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN AS AGRICULTURAL LAND FOR TOWNSITE PURPOSES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SALVADOR BENEDICTO, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 1361 and 2162

Sponsors: Representatives Ty, Paduano and Yap (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Public Works and Highways (Committee Report No. 781), re H.B. No. 7844, entitled:

“AN ACT RE-NUMBERING THE SURIGAO DEL NORTE FIRST AND SECOND DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICES TO

CORRESPOND WITH THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS IN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6701

Sponsors: Representatives Lobregat, Matugas and Barbers

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Public Works and Highways and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 782), re H.B. No. 7845, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD NETWORK CONNECTING BARANGAY GRIJALVO IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN FERNANDO AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF BULA, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR INTO A NATIONAL ROAD”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2888

Sponsors: Representatives Lobregat, Nograles (K.A.) and Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Public Works and Highways and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 783), re H.B. No. 7846, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN UNDERSEA TUNNEL OR BRIDGE FROM CEBU CITY TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF CORDOVA AND A COASTAL ROAD – EXPRESSWAY TO THE MACTAN-CEBU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 275

Sponsors: Representatives Lobregat, Nograles (K.A.) and Del Mar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Public Works and Highways and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 784), re H.B. No. 7847, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD FROM THE FIRST DISTRICT (NORTH) TO THE SECOND DISTRICT (SOUTH) OF CEBU CITY”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 274

Sponsors: Representatives Lobregat, Nograles (K.A.) and Del Mar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Public Works and Highways and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 785), re H.B. No. 7848, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SERVICE ROADS CONNECTING THE MANILA INTERCHANGE TO THE MARILAO INTERCHANGE, PARALLEL TO THE NORTH LUZON EXPRESSWAY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1643

Sponsors: Representatives Lobregat, Nograles (K.A.) and Villarica

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Indigenous Cultural Communities and Indigenous Peoples and the Committee on Ways and Means (Committee Report No. 786), re H.B. No. 7849, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A FREE AND CULTURE-SENSITIVE CIVIL REGISTRATION SYSTEM FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 575, 4545 and 4649, and Privilege Speech No. 00114

Sponsors: Representatives Catamco, Panganiban, Rodriguez (M.), Castro (F.L.) and De Jesus

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Trade and Industry and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 787), re H.B. No. 7857, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TIMBANGAN NG BAYAN CENTER IN ALL MARKETS NATIONWIDE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CHAPTER II OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7394, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘CONSUMER ACT OF THE PHILIPPINES’”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2957

Sponsors: Representatives Biron, Romualdo and Macapagal-Arroyo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 788), re H.B. No. 7866, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (PUP) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALAUAN, PROVINCE

OF LAGUNA, TO BE KNOWN AS THE PUP-CALAUAN CAMPUS, MANDATING IT TO OFFER GRADUATE, UNDERGRADUATE AND SHORT-TERM TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL COURSES THEREAT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6658

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 789), re H.B. No. 7869, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FISH PORT IN BARANGAY ICHON, MUNICIPALITY OF MACROHON, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6151

Sponsors: Representatives Ferrer (L.) and Nograles (K.A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Natural Resources (Committee Report No. 790), re H.B. No. 7871, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE CITY OF DAVAO AS A MINING-FREE ZONE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in lieu of Committee Report No. 275 Re: House Bill No. 5789 on the same subject matter which was recommitted by the House of Representatives Plenary to the Committee on Natural Resources on December 12, 2017

Sponsors: Representatives Ty and Ungab

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Local Government and the Committee on Public Order and Safety (Committee Report No. 791), re H.B. No. 7878, entitled:

“AN ACT ENHANCING PUBLIC SAFETY AT THE LOCAL LEVEL BY ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING A DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY IN EVERY PROVINCE, CITY AND MUNICIPALITY”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6

Sponsors: Representatives Acharon, Acop and Fariñas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 792), re H.B. No. 7877, entitled:

“AN ACT DIVIDING BARANGAY MUZON IN THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, PROVINCE OF BULACAN INTO FOUR (4) DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY MUZON PROPER, BARANGAY MUZON EAST, BARANGAY MUZON WEST AND BARANGAY MUZON SOUTH”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5725

Sponsors: Representatives Acharon and Robes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 793), re H.B. No. 7881, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING VERDE ISLAND PASSAGE A MARINE PROTECTED AREA (MPA) AND ECOTOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1233

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 794), re H.B. No. 7882, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE BASILICA OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY OF MANAOAG IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MANAOAG, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN A PILGRIMAGE SITE AND TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1862

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 795), re H.B. No. 7891, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MANPOWER LIVELIHOOD AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DAPA, SIARGAO ISLAND, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL

NORTE TO BE KNOWN AS THE SIARGAO SURIGAO DEL NORTE TESDA TRAINING CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 215

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Natural Resources (Committee Report No. 796), re H.B. No. 7901, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF NORTH COTABATO A MINING-FREE ZONE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF”

recommending its approval in lieu of Committee Report No. 320 Re: House Bill No. 6011 on the same subject matter which was recommitted by the House of Representatives in plenary session, to the Committee on Natural Resources, on December 12, 2017

Sponsors: Representatives Ty and Tejada

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education (Committee Report No. 797), re H.R. No. 1987, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED) TO RESCIND ITS CLOSURE ORDER ON THE BUKIDNON STATE UNIVERSITY (BukSU)-EXTERNAL STUDIES CENTERS (ESCs) IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY AND IN THE PROVINCES OF BUKIDNON AND MISAMIS ORIENTAL, AND TO ALLOW THE ESCs TO OPERATE FOR FIVE (5) MORE YEARS SO AS NOT TO DISPLACE AND DENY STUDENTS IN THE SAID AREAS ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION”

recommending its adoption pursuant to House Resolution No. 957, together with the attached report on the Committee’s findings and recommendations

Sponsors: Representatives Hofer and Uy (J.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Metro Manila Development (Committee Report No. 798), re H.R. No. 1988, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (NDRRMC) AND ITS AGENCY-MEMBERS TO FORMULATE

AND SUBMIT TO CONGRESS THEIR SPECIFIC AND GENERAL PLANS OF ACTION BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER THE EVENTUALITY OF THE ‘BIG ONE’ OR A MAJOR EARTHQUAKE IN METRO MANILA”

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolutions Numbered 451, 788 and 818 together with its attached report on the Committee’s findings and recommendations

Sponsors: Representatives Castelo and Members of the Committee

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on People’s Participation (Committee Report No. 799), re H.R. No. 780, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9418, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE VOLUNTEERISM ACT OF 2007, AND ON THE VARIOUS VOLUNTEERISM EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN BY CONCERNED NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS TOWARDS NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND IN ACCELERATING RURAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES”; and

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informing the House of its actions, findings and recommendations

Sponsors: Representatives Plaza, Batocabe, Garbin, Co and Mangaoang

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education (Committee Report No. 800), re H.B.

No. 7927, entitled:
 “AN ACT INTEGRATING LABOR EDUCATION INTO THE SOCIAL SCIENCE SUBJECTS IN THE HIGHER EDUCATION CURRICULUM” recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 3246 and 3621
 Sponsors: Representatives Hofer and Pineda
 TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Justice, the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Ways and Means (Committee Report No. 801), re H.B. No. 7939, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE COMMISSION ON IMMIGRATION, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, EXPANDING, RATIONALIZING AND FURTHER PROFESSIONALIZING ITS ORGANIZATION, UPGRADING THE COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS OF ITS OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 162, 327, 435, 1305, 1697 and 3005

Sponsors: Representatives Umali, Nograles (K.A.), Cua, Fuentesbella, Batocabe, Belmonte (F.), Romualdo, Escudero, Bataoil, Rodriguez (M.), Castelo, Veloso, Tambunting, Tiangco and Ferrer (J.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ANDAYA. Next, with leave of the House, may we request that Cong. Ansaruddin A.M.A. Adiong, whose name was inadvertently not listed as one of the coauthors on House Bill No. 6475, be included as a coauthor of the aforementioned House Bill.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Secretary General is hereby directed to make the necessary correction.

REP. ANDAYA. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

At this point in time, I would also like to include, as part of the records, the contra SONA speech by Rep. Edcel C. Lagman. May we recognize him for his manifestation?

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

Congressman Lagman is recognized.

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

This counter SONA should have been delivered, by tradition, by this Representation on behalf of the authentic Minority. On 24 July 2018, a day after Pres. Rodrigo Duterte delivered his SONA, the upheaval and intramurals in the House prevented its delivery. So, Mr. Speaker, I confirm the manifestation of the Majority Leader that I am requesting that this Counter SONA be included in the records of the House.

Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The manifestation of the Gentleman from Albay, Cong. Edcel Lagman, is noted.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adjourn the session until four o'clock tomorrow afternoon of Tuesday, July 31, 2018.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved. The session is adjourned to resume tomorrow, Tuesday, July 31, 2018 at four o'clock in the afternoon.

It was 6:54 p.m.

* See ANNEX (printed separately)