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CALL TO ORDER

This being the day fixed in accordance with the Constitution for the beginning of the Second Regular Session of the 17th Congress, Speaker Pantaleon D. Alvarez called the session to order at 10:04 a.m.

NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PRAYER

Pursuant to Section 73, Rule XI of the amended Provisional Rules of the House, the Members sang the National Anthem and thereafter, Deputy Speaker Mylene J. Garcia-Albano delivered the invocation.

OPENING REMARKS OF SPEAKER ALVAREZ

Thereafter, Speaker Alvarez delivered the following opening remarks:

It has been a year since we began our journey as the 17th Congress of the Philippines. With the First Regular Session now adjourned and as we begin the Second Regular Session, let us look back at the year that has passed.

The May 26 election was one of the most partisan in the history of our nation. In spite of this, we rolled up our sleeves and went to work. Our performance speaks for itself.

For our First Regular Session, we passed on Third Reading, 210 legislative measures. Given that we had 97 session days, that is an average of two bills on Third Reading for every session day. Our concrete effort to provide our people with better chances at life is undeniable. While variables beyond our control have marked our First Regular Session with unprecedented challenges, we did not waiver or falter. We did our job. As a matter of fact, for all the 97 session days of our First Regular Session, we had a quorum. This is unheard of.

Let us thank Majority Leader Rodolfo C. Fariñas for his decisiveness and the House Members for their cooperation regarding this matter.

Our collective commitment to discipline also made possible landmark legislative feats. We passed the 2017 budget in record time. Credit goes to

Representative Karlo Alexei B. Nograles for leading the charge in tackling the budget. We have also succeeded in steering the return of the death penalty for certain heinous crimes. Let us recognize the hard work of Rep. Reynaldo V. Umali for making this possible.

The House has also passed, on Third Reading, the Tax Reform Bill. For the longest time, a comprehensive reform of our tax laws was considered beyond the reach of reality. That remained true until Rep. Dakila Carlo E. Cua stepped into the fight. Let us thank him for safely navigating the Tax Reform Bill through the rough seas of Congress.

Our legislative task, however, cannot be done alone. It is accomplished through partnership not only amongst ourselves but also in tandem with our colleagues at the Senate of the Philippines whom we meet with once every beginning of the month. This has laid the solid ground for a more effective and efficient inter-Chamber operational compatibility. Through a spirited but cordial exchange, we have agreed upon the Common Legislative Agenda of Congress. There are forty (40) national important items on that list.

Our collective hard work paid off as shown by what we were able to accomplish as we reached the legislative finish line during the month of May of this year. The House and the Senate chose fourteen (14) measures from the Common Legislative Agenda for passage on Third Reading before session ended. On the part of the House of Representatives, we delivered eleven (11) of the fourteen (14) bills. The remaining three (3) bills are making substantial progress through the legislative process here in our Chamber.

Of the fourteen (14) nationally important measures, the House and the Senate successfully passed six (6) bills which are now at the doorstep of becoming laws. All that is required now is the signature of the President. There are landmark reforms, some long overdue, and common sense cures to the everyday pain points of life.

To start off, with the enactment of Republic Act (R. A.) No. 10927, amending the Anti-Money Laundering Act to cover casino transactions, we have created an additional safeguard against the threats posed by

those who perpetrated the Bangladesh Bank heist and laid bare the vulnerabilities of our banking systems.

Thanks to the approval of both Chambers of Congress, several bills are also now submitted to the President for his signature. These bills have made tertiary education more accessible, increased interconnectedness of our people through free internet in public places, updated the backwardness of the fines applicable in the Revised Penal Code to be more in keeping with today's realities, and strengthened emergency health care services especially for indigent patients.

Let us recognize Reps. Ann K. Hofer, Victor A. Yap, Reynaldo V. Umali, Ben P. Evardone and Angelina "Helen" D.L. Tan, M.D. for making sure that these bills pass on Third Reading here in our Chamber.

We have also fixed certain everyday problems that bring inconvenience to our people. Now, the validity of a driver's license is five (5) years; and should a driver comply with reasonable conditions, it can even be as long as ten years. The same is true for the validity of passports. It can be valid for as long as a decade or ten (10) years. We extend our appreciation to Reps. Cesar V. Sarmiento and Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica for their dedication to the cause.

We were able to do all of these in just one regular session. Indeed, we have reason to celebrate. But let us temper our joys with a sobering thought that we still have plenty of challenges left to face. There are remaining items in the Common Legislative Agenda of the House and the Senate. There is also the Presidential Legislative Agenda. And, of course, we all have advocacies we hold close to our hearts which we wish to translate into law.

Our First Regular Session aimed at getting the basics right without which we end up hubristically building our nation on shifting sands. Getting the basics right is like finding our granite upon which we can build a sturdy nation – our home – designed and capable of withstanding the tests of time. This principle must be kept in mind as we move forward to our Second Regular Session. Let us not only aim for landmark legislations, grand in scope, but also seek to address concerns that involve the basic unit of our society – the family.

Admittedly, there is a sad reality about some marriages. We do not always get it right the first time around. Unfortunately, the present system practically

coerces married persons to remain with each other even if the relationship is beyond repair and has caused and continues to cause harm to the well-being of the husband, the wife and, worse, the children involved. We have to change this.

I thank Rep. Pia S. Cayetano for her commitment to file a bill that will allow for the dissolution of the marriage without the need for an extensively adversarial system. Married persons can mutually agree to end their marriage subject to the approval of the court. One of the conditions, which must be complied with, is an agreed-upon executable framework to provide for the care and support of their children. Moreover, previously married persons can remain friends and better parents, despite their differences, since we no longer have to sling mud at each other in front of a judge just to convince the magistrate that the marriage should be declared void or voided. We must also be considerate of the fact that marriage may not be for everyone.

Presently, it even excludes certain groups of people from its fold. Let us tackle this issue head on. I will file a bill that will legally recognize and protect civil partnerships. I thank Representative Geraldine B. Roman for her inputs regarding this legislative measure. Our citizens should not be excluded from society just because of the person they love. They must also be treated with equality before the law. I support Representative Roman's fight against discrimination in our society.

Let us not stop there. Children, through no fault of theirs, have been stigmatized by society for being born outside of a valid marriage. It is time to end the unequal treatment of legitimate and illegitimate children. We can start the process by equalizing the legitimes that children receive regardless of whether or not they were born within or outside wedlock. This is an issue of justice and fairness. I hope that you support it as well.

Beyond the family, we also have to embark upon the great reorganization of the government bureaucracy. The regulatory framework is chaotic, full of overlaps, conflicts of interests and, at times, there is no clear central regulatory body. Let us start off with Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR). It does not make sense for it to regulate and operate. An entity that has this power runs the risk of dealing itself a favorable hand while undercutting others.

We should also look into how land transportation, railways, airports, and seaports are organized and regulated. Often, a review of said areas of public interest would show how chaotic their regulatory frameworks are. Let us begin by merging the Land Transportation Office (LTO) and the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) into the Land Transportation Authority (LTA).

Moving forward, our railways must be regulated by a new body, the Philippine Railways Authority (PRA), which sets the uniform standards and fares for all railways operating here in the Philippines.

The same holds true for airports. We must create the Philippine Airports Authority (PAA) since the different airports act autonomously, without sufficient oversight and agreed-upon standards, given that many have their own charters. Let us work closely with Rep. Cesar V. Sarmiento to make this possible.

Now, let us complete the reorganization by adding a safeguard mechanism that will make certain that the public's interest will always be protected. We must require that operators of casinos and public transportation, as well as mining companies, secure a legislative franchise from Congress prior to their operations. This will make certain that their applications are scrutinized deeply. Only the deserving will be allowed to operate. I have met with Representative Franz E. Alvarez regarding this matter, and I have full confidence in his ability to shepherd these bills through the legislative process.

Last but not the least, we have to concentrate our efforts in passing two legislative measures that hold the key to lasting peace and prosperity for our country. First, the Bangsamoro Basic Law draft has been submitted to the President and will soon be on its way to our Chamber. This will be the basis for creating a homeland for our Bangsamoro brothers and sisters. Second, we have to exert additional effort in paving the way for the shift from a unitary to federal form of government. This will address the structural defects that have hampered our national strategy in pursuit of peace, prosperity, and progress. Let us recognize Representative Roger G. Mercado's contribution in pushing forward with this legislative agenda.

Evidently, we have our plates full for the rest of the Second Regular Session. I am certain we can accomplish the tasks ahead of us. And, though I cannot mention everyone due to time constraints, I would like to thank all of you for making our First Regular Session a success. You know who you are. Thank you.

As we embark upon our Second Regular Session, let us remember for whom we legislate for, and this is for the generations that will come after our own. The history of our nation is like a book. Each generation is allowed to write a chapter. And then we pass on the torch to those who will inherit what we leave behind. I wonder what the younger generations will speak of when they remember us and our legacy. On my part, I simply want to be remembered as the Speaker of the people who listened to and acted upon the often unheard cries and complaints of the marginalized and voiceless members of our society. Together, let us empower the disempowered.

I had recently found out that the youngest staff here in the House of Representatives works for my Office. Like many from her generation, she is both bright and promising. As a matter of fact, she graduated cum laude from the oldest university in Asia. With all the opportunities presented to her, she nonetheless chose the difficult life of public service – a life we in this Chamber are all too familiar with. However, unlike many of us who will soon reach the twilight years of our lives, she has more time. What changes and challenges will her generation meet and overcome?

Will her generation still be full of Filipinos who will have to leave their families to pursue greener pastures abroad? Or will her generation -- building upon what we, legislators of today, have accomplished – finally say to our overseas Filipino workers abroad, “Uwi na tayo”?

Will her generation still have to deal with fighting for elusive peace and missing out on progress and development should we fail to pass the Bangsamoro Basic Law and – in addition to that – fail to shift our form of government from unitary to federal? Or will her generation reap the dividends of our efforts to end the insurgencies? Will our children still have to fight or can they finally live their lives in peace and happiness?

In this endless journey we call nation building, let us make sure that we write our chapter well so that those who will come after us may build upon what we have secured. Let us keep this in mind as we begin our Second Regular Session.

Thank you and may God bless the Philippines.

ROLL CALL

Upon direction of the Chair, Secretary General Cesar Strait Pareja called the Roll of Members elected by legislative districts, apportioned among the provinces, cities and municipalities, and party-list affiliations, to wit:

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION**CALOOCAN CITY**

First District

HON. DALE "ALONG" R. MALAPITAN

Second District

HON. EDGAR R. ERICE

LAS PIÑAS CITY

Lone District

MAKATI CITY

First District

HON. MANUEL MONSOUR T. DEL ROSARIO III

Second District

HON. LUIS JOSE ANGEL N. CAMPOS JR.

MALABON CITY

Lone District

HON. FEDERICO "RICKY" S. SANDOVAL II

MANDALUYONG CITY

Lone District

HON. ALEXANDRIA P. GONZALES

MANILA

First District

HON. MANUEL LUIS T. LOPEZ

Second District

HON. CARLO V. LOPEZ

Third District

HON. JOHN MARVIN "YUL SERVO" C. NIETO

Fourth District

HON. EDWARD VERA PEREZ MACEDA

Fifth District

HON. CRISTAL L. BAGATSING

Sixth District

HON. ROSENDA ANN OCAMPO****

MARIKINA CITY

First District

HON. BAYANI F. FERNANDO****

Second District

HON. ROMERO "MIRO" S. QUIMBO

MUNTINLUPA CITY

Lone District

HON. ROZZANO RUFINO B. BIAZON

NAVOTAS CITY

Lone District

HON. TOBIAS "TOBY" M. TIANGCO

PARAÑAQUE CITY

First District

HON. ERIC L. OLIVAREZ

Second District

HON. GUS S. TAMBUNTING

PASAY CITY

Lone District

HON. EMI G. CALIXTO-RUBIANO

PASIG CITY

Lone District

HON. RICHARD C. EUSEBIO****

QUEZON CITY

First District

HON. VINCENT "BINGBONG" P.
CRISOLOGO

Second District

HON. WINSTON "WINNIE" CASTELO

Third District

HON. JORGE "BOLET" BANAL

Fourth District

HON. FELICIANO BELMONTE JR.

Fifth District

HON. ALFRED D. VARGAS****

Sixth District

HON. JOSE CHRISTOPHER Y.
BELMONTE

SAN JUAN CITY

Lone District

HON. RONALDO B. ZAMORA

TAGUIG CITY-PATEROS

First District

HON. ARNEL M. CERAFIGA

Second District

HON. PIA S. CAYETANO

VALENZUELA CITY

First District

HON. WES GATCHALIAN

Second District

HON. ERIC M. MARTINEZ

REGION I (ILOCOS)

ILOCOS NORTE (with the City of Laoag)

First District

HON. RODOLFO C. FARIÑAS

Second District

HON. IMELDA R. MARCOS

ILOCOS SUR (with the Cities of Vigan and Candon)

First District

HON. DEOGRACIAS VICTOR "DV" B.
SAVELLANO

Second District

HON. ERIC D. SINGSON

LA UNION

First District

HON. PABLO C. ORTEGA

Second District

HON. SANDRA Y. ERIGUEL, M.D.

PANGASINAN

First District

HON. JESUS "BOYING" F. CELESTE

Second District

HON. LEOPOLDO N. BATAOIL

Third District

HON. ROSE MARIE "BABY" J.
ARENAS****

Fourth District

HON. CHRISTOPHER V.P. DE VENECIA

Fifth District

HON. AMADO T. ESPINO JR.

Sixth District

HON. MARLYN L. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS

REGION II (CAGAYAN VALLEY)**BATANES**

Lone District

HON. HENEDINA R. ABAD***

CAGAYAN

First District

HON. RAMON C. NOLASCO

Second District

HON. BABY ALINE VARGAS-ALFONSO

Third District

HON. RANDOLPH S. TING

ISABELA

First District

HON. RODOLFO T. ALBANO III

Second District

HON. ANA CRISTINA SIQUIAN GO

Third District

HON. NAPOLEON S. DY

Fourth District

HON. MA. LOURDES R. AGGABAO

NUEVA VIZCAYA

Lone District

HON. LUISA LLOREN CUARESMA

QUIRINO

Lone District

HON. DAKILA CARLO E. CUA****

REGION III (CENTRAL LUZON)**AURORA**

Lone District

HON. BELLAFLOR J. ANGARA-
CASTILLO**BATAAN**

First District

HON. GERALDINE B. ROMAN

Second District

HON. JOSE ENRIQUE "JOET" S. GARCIA
III**BULACAN**

First District

HON. JOSE ANTONIO "KUYA
JONATHAN" R. SY-ALVARADO

Second District

HON. GAVINI "APOL" C. PANCHO

Third District

HON. LORNA C. SILVERIO

Fourth District

HON. LINABELLE RUTH R. VILLARICA

SAN JOSE DEL MONTE CITY

Lone District

HON. FLORIDA "RIDA" P. ROBES

NUEVA ECIJA

First District

HON. ESTRELLITA B. SUANSING

Second District

HON. MICAELA S. VIOLAGO

Third District

HON. ROSANNA "RIA" VERGARA

Fourth District

HON. MAGNOLIA C. ANTONINO

PAMPANGA

First District

HON. CARMELO "JON" B. LAZATIN II

Second District

HON. GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO

Third District

HON. AURELIO "DONG" D. GONZALES JR.

Fourth District

HON. JUAN PABLO "RIMPY" P. BONDOC

TARLAC

First District

HON. CARLOS O. COJUANGCO

Second District

HON. VICTOR A. YAP****

Third District

HON. NOEL L. VILLANUEVA*

ZAMBALES

First District

HON. JEFFREY D. KHONGHUN

Second District

HON. CHERYL P. DELOSO-MONTALLA

REGION IV-A (CALABARZON)

ANTIPOLO CITY

First District

HON. CRISTINA "CHIQUI" ROA-PUNO

Second District

HON. ROMEO M. ACOP

BATANGAS

First District

HON. ELENITA MILAGROS "EILEEN" ERMITA-BUHAIN

Second District

HON. RANEO "RANIE" E. ABU

Third District

HON. MA. THERESA V. COLLANTES

Fourth District

HON. LIANDA B. BOLILIA

Fifth District

HON. MARIO VITTORIO "MARVEY" A. MARIÑO

Sixth District

HON. VILMA SANTOS-RECTO****

CAVITE (with the Cities of Cavite, Trece Martires and Tagaytay)

First District

HON. FRANCIS GERALD A. ABAYA****

Second District

HON. STRIKE B. REVILLA

Third District

HON. ALEX "AA" L. ADVINCULA

Fourth District

HON. JENNIFER AUSTRIA BARZAGA

Fifth District

HON. ROY M. LOYOLA

Sixth District

HON. LUIS "JON-JON" A. FERRER IV

Seventh District

HON. ABRAHAM "BAMBOL" N. TOLENTINO

LAGUNA

First District

HON. ARLENE B. ARCILLAS

Second District

HON. JOAQUIN M. CHIPECO JR.

Third District

HON. SOL ARAGONES

Fourth District

HON. BENJAMIN C. AGARAO JR.

BIÑAN CITY

Lone District

HON. MARLYN B. ALONTE

QUEZON (with the City of Lucena)

First District

HON. ANNA KATRINA M. ENVERGA

Second District

HON. VICENTE "KULIT" J. ALCALA

Third District

HON. DANILO E. SUAREZ

Fourth District

HON. ANGELINA "HELEN" D.L. TAN,
M.D.**RIZAL**

First District

HON. MICHAEL JOHN R. DUAVIT****

Second District

HON. ISIDRO S. RODRIGUEZ JR.

REGION IV-B (MIMAROPA)**MARINDUQUE**

Lone District

HON. LORD ALLAN JAY Q. VELASCO

OCCIDENTAL MINDORO

Lone District

HON. JOSEPHINE RAMIREZ-SATO

ORIENTAL MINDORO (with the City of Calapan)

First District

HON. DOY C. LEACHON

Second District

HON. REYNALDO V. UMALI

PALAWAN (with the City of Puerto Princesa)

First District

HON. FRANZ E. ALVAREZ

Second District

HON. FREDERICK "ERICK" F. ABUEG

Third District

HON. GIL "KABARANGAY" P. ACOSTA

ROMBLON

Lone District

HON. EMMANUEL F. MADRONA

REGION V (BICOL REGION)**ALBAY (with the Cities of Legazpi, Ligao and Tabaco)**

First District

HON. EDCEL C. LAGMAN

Second District

HON. JOEY SARTE SALCEDA

Third District

HON. FERNANDO V. GONZALEZ

CAMARINES NORTE

First District

HON. RENATO J. UNICO JR.

Second District

HON. MARISOL C. PANOTES

CAMARINES SUR (with the Cities of Naga and Iriga)

First District

HON. ROLANDO G. ANDAYA JR.****

Second District

HON. LUIS RAYMUND F. VILLAFUERTE JR.****

Third District

HON. GABRIEL H. BORDADO JR.

Fourth District

HON. ARNULFO P. FUENTEBELLA

Fifth District

HON. SALVIO B. FORTUNO

CATANDUANES

Lone District

HON. CESAR V. SARMIENTO

MASBATE (with the City of Masbate)

First District

HON. MARIA VIDA ESPINOSA BRAVO

Second District

HON. ELISA "OLGA" T. KHO

Third District

HON. SCOTT DAVIES S. LANETE, M.D.

SORSOGON (with the City of Sorsogon)

First District

HON. EVELINA G. ESCUDERO

Second District

HON. DEOGRACIAS B. RAMOS JR.

REGION VI (WESTERN VISAYAS)

AKLAN

Lone District

HON. CARLITO S. MARQUEZ

ANTIQUE

Lone District

HON. PAOLO EVERARDO S. JAVIER

CAPIZ (with the City of Roxas)

First District

HON. EMMANUEL A. BILLONES

Second District

HON. FREDENIL "FRED" H. CASTRO

GUIMARAS

Lone District

HON. MA. LUCILLE L. NAVA, M.D.

ILOILO (with the City of Passi)

First District

HON. OSCAR "RICHARD" S. GARIN JR.

Second District

HON. ARCADIO H. GORRICETA***

Third District

HON. ARTHUR R. DEFENSOR JR.

Fourth District

HON. FERJENEL G. BIRON, M.D.

Fifth District

HON. RAUL "BOBOY" C. TUPAS

ILOILO CITY

Lone District

HON. JERRY P. TREÑAS

REGION VII (CENTRAL VISAYAS)**BOHOL (with the City of Tagbilaran)**

First District

HON. RENE L. RELAMPAGOS

Second District

HON. ERICO ARISTOTLE C.
AUMENTADO

Third District

HON. ARTHUR C. YAP

CEBU

First District

HON. GERALD ANTHONY "SAMSAM" V.
GULLAS JR.

Second District

HON. WILFREDO S. CAMINERO

Third District

HON. GWENDOLYN F. GARCIA

Fourth District

HON. BENHUR L. SALIMBANGON

Fifth District

HON. RAMON "RED" H. DURANO VI

Sixth District

HON. JONAS C. CORTES

Seventh District

HON. PETER JOHN D. CALDERON

CEBU CITY

First District

HON. RAUL V. DEL MAR

Second District

HON. RODRIGO A. ABELLANOSA

LAPU-LAPU CITY

Lone District

HON. AILEEN C. RADAZA

SIQUIJOR

Lone District

HON. RAMON V.A. "RAV" ROCAMORA

REGION VIII (EASTERN VISAYAS)**BILIRAN**

Lone District

HON. ROGELIO J. ESPINA, M.D.****

EASTERN SAMAR

Lone District

HON. BEN P. EVARDONE

LEYTE

First District

HON. YEDDA MARIE K. ROMUALDEZ

Second District

HON. HENRY C. ONG

Third District

HON. VICENTE "CHING" S.E. VELOSO

Fourth District

HON. LUCY T. GOMEZ

Fifth District

HON. JOSE CARLOS L. CARI

NORTHERN SAMAR

First District

HON. RAUL A. DAZA

Second District

HON. EDWIN C. ONG

SAMAR

First District

HON. EDGAR MARY S. SARMIENTO

Second District

HON. MILAGROSA "MILA" T. TAN

SOUTHERN LEYTE

Lone District

HON. ROGER G. MERCADO

REGION IX (ZAMBOANGA PENINSULA)

ZAMBOANGA CITY

First District

HON. CELSO L. LOBREGAT

Second District

HON. MANUEL JOSE "MANNIX" M.
DALIPE

ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE

First District

HON. SETH FREDERICK P. JALOSJOS

Second District

HON. GLONA G. LABADLABAD

Third District

HON. ISAGANI S. AMATONG*****

ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR

First District

HON. DIVINA GRACE C. YU

Second District

HON. AURORA ENERIO CERILLES

ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY

First District

HON. WILTER "SHARKY" WEE PALMA II

Second District

HON. ANN K. HOFER

REGION X (NORTHERN MINDANAO)

**BUKIDNON (with the Cities of Malaybalay
and Valencia)**

First District

HON. MA. LOURDES ACOSTA-ALBA

Second District

HON. FLORENCIO T. FLORES JR., M.D.

Third District

HON. MANUEL F. ZUBIRI

Fourth District

HON. ROGELIO NEIL P. ROQUE

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY

First District

HON. ROLANDO "KLAREX" A. UY

Second District

HON. MAXIMO B. RODRIGUEZ JR.

CAMIGUIN

Lone District

HON. XAVIER JESUS D. ROMUALDO

ILIGAN CITY

Lone District

HON. FREDERICK W. SIAO

LANAO DEL NORTE

First District

HON. MOHAMAD KHALID Q. DIMAPORO

Second District

HON. ABDULLAH D. DIMAPORO

MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL

First District

HON. JORGE T. ALMONTE

Second District

HON. HENRY S. OAMINAL

MISAMIS ORIENTAL

First District

HON. PETER "SR. PEDRO" M. UNABIA

Second District

HON. JULIETTE T. UY

REGION XI (DAVAO REGION)**COMPOSTELA VALLEY**

First District

HON. MARIA CARMEN S. ZAMORA

Second District

HON. RUWEL PETER S. GONZAGA

DAVAO CITY

First District

HON. KARLO ALEXEI B. NOGRALES

Second District

HON. MYLENE J. GARCIA-ALBANO

Third District

HON. ALBERTO T. UNGAB

DAVAO DEL NORTE

First District

HON. PANTALEON D. ALVAREZ

Second District

HON. ANTONIO R. FLOIRENDO JR.

DAVAO DEL SUR

Lone District

HON. MERCEDES "DIDI" C. CAGAS

DAVAO OCCIDENTAL

Lone District

HON. LORNA P. BAUTISTA-BANDIGAN

DAVAO ORIENTAL

First District

HON. CORAZON T. NUÑEZ-
MALANYAON

Second District

HON. JOEL MAYO Z. ALMARIO

REGION XII (SOCCSKSARGEN)**NORTH COTABATO (with the City of
Kidapawan)**

First District

HON. JESUS NONATO SACDALAN

Second District

HON. NANCY A. CATAMCO

Third District

HON. JOSE "PINGPING" I. TEJADA

SARANGANI

Lone District

HON. ROGELIO "RUEL" D. PACQUIAO

SOUTH COTABATO

First District

HON. PEDRO B. ACHARON JR.

Second District

HON. FERDINAND L. HERNANDEZ

SULTAN KUDARAT

First District

HON. SUHARTO T. MANGUDADATU*****

Second District

HON. HORACIO P. SUANSING JR.

**AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM
MINDANAO (ARMM)**

BASILAN

Lone District

LANAO DEL SUR

First District

HON. ANSARUDDIN A.M. A. ADIONG*****

Second District

HON. MAUYAG "JUN" B. PAPANDAYAN JR.

MAGUINDANAO AND COTABATO CITY

First District

HON. BAI SANDRA SINSUAT A. SEMA

Second District

HON. ZAJID G. MANGUDADATU

SULU

First District

Second District

HON. MUNIR M. ARBISON*

TAWI-TAWI

Lone District

HON. RUBY M. SAHALI

**CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION
(CAR)**

ABRA

Lone District

HON. JOSEPH STO. NIÑO B. BERNOS

APAYAO

Lone District

HON. ELEANOR C. BULUT-BEGTANG

BAGUIO CITY

Lone District

HON. MARK O. GO

BENGUET

Lone District

HON. RONALD M. COSALAN

IFUGAO

Lone District

HON. TEDDY BRAWNER BAGUILAT JR.

KALINGA

Lone District

HON. ALLEN JESSE C. MANGAOANG

MOUNTAIN PROVINCE

Lone District

CARAGA REGION

AGUSAN DEL NORTE

First District

HON. LAWRENCE H. FORTUN

Second District

HON. ERLPE JOHN "PING" M. AMANTE

AGUSAN DEL SUR (with the City of Bayugan)

First District

HON. MARIA VALENTINA G. PLAZA

Second District

HON. EVELYN P. MELLANA

DINAGAT ISLANDS

Lone District

HON. KAKA J. BAG-AO

SURIGAO DEL NORTE

First District

HON. FRANCISCO JOSE F. MATUGAS II

Second District

HON. ROBERT ACE S. BARBERS

SURIGAO DEL SUR

First District

HON. PROSPERO A. PICHAY JR.

Second District

HON. JOHNNY TY PIMENTEL

NEGROS ISLAND REGION**NEGROS OCCIDENTAL (with the Cities of San Carlos, Cadiz, Bago, La Carlota, Silay, Kabankalan, Sagay, Victorias, Escalante, Sipalay and Himamaylan)**

First District

HON. MELECIO J. YAP JR.

Second District

HON. LEO RAFAEL M. CUEVA

Third District

HON. ALFREDO "ALBEE" B. BENITEZ

Fourth District

HON. JULIET MARIE D. FERRER**

Fifth District

HON. ALEJANDRO Y. MIRASOL

Sixth District

HON. MERCEDES K. ALVAREZ

BACOLOD CITY

Lone District

HON. GREG G. GASATAYA

NEGROS ORIENTAL

First District

HON. JOCELYN SY LIMKAICHONG

Second District

HON. MANUEL T. SAGARBARRIA

Third District

HON. ARNOLFO "ARNIE" A. TEVES JR.

PARTY-LIST REPRESENTATIVES**1-UNA ANG EDUKASYON (UNA ANG EDUKASYON)**

HON. SALVADOR B. BELARO JR.

1-CARE (1ST CONSUMER ALLIANCE FOR RURAL ENERGY, INC.)

HON. CARLOS ROMAN L. UYBARRETA

1-PACMAN (ONE PATRIOTIC COALITION OF MARGINALIZED NATIONALS)HON. MICHAEL L.
ROMERO, Ph. D.****

HON. ENRICO A. PINEDA

A TEACHER. (ADVOCACY FOR TEACHER EMPOWERMENT THROUGH ACTION, COOPERATION AND HARMONY TOWARDS EDUCATIONAL REFORMS, INC.)

HON. JULIETA R. CORTUNA

AAMBIS-OWA (ANG ASOSASYON SANG MANGUNGUMA NGA BISAYA-OWA MANGUNGUMA, INC.)

HON. SHARON S. GARIN

AANGAT TAYO (AANGAT TAYO)

HON. HARLIN NEIL J. ABAYON III

AASENSO (ATING AGAPAY SENTRONG SAMAHAN NG MGA OBRERO, INC.)

HON. TEODORO "TED" G. MONTORO****

ABANG LINGKOD (ABANG LINGKOD, INC.)

HON. JOSEPH STEPHEN S. PADUANO

ABONO (ABONO PARTY-LIST)

HON. CONRADO M. ESTRELLA III

HON. VINI NOLA A. ORTEGA

ABS (ARTS BUSINESS AND SCIENCE PROFESSIONALS)

HON. EUGENE MICHAEL B. DE VERA

ACT TEACHERS (ACT TEACHERS PARTY-LIST)

HON. ANTONIO L. TINIO

HON. FRANCE L. CASTRO

ACTS-OFW (ACTS-OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS COALITION OF ORGANIZATIONS)

HON. ANICETO "JOHN" D. BERTIZ III

AGAP (AGRICULTURAL SECTOR ALLIANCE OF THE PHILIPPINES)

HON. RICO B. GERON

AGBIAG (AGBIAG! TIMPUYOG ILOCANO, INC.)

HON. MICHELLE M. ANTONIO****

AGRI (AGRI-AGRA NA REPORMA PARA SA MAGSASAKA NG PILIPINAS MOVEMENT)

HON. DELPHINE GAN LEE

HON. ORESTES T. SALON

AKBAYAN (AKBAYAN CITIZENS' ACTION PARTY)

HON. TOM S. VILLARIN

AKO BICOL (AKO BICOL POLITICAL PARTY)

HON. RODEL M. BATOCABE

HON. ALFREDO A. GARBIN JR.

HON. CHRISTOPHER S. CO

ALONA (ALLIANCE OF ORGANIZATIONS, NETWORKS AND ASSOCIATIONS OF THE PHILIPPINES, INC.)

HON. ANNA MARIE VILLARAZA-SUAREZ

AMIN (ANAK MINDANAO PARTY-LIST)

HON. SITTI DJALIA A. TURABIN-HATAMAN****

HON. MAKMOD D. MENDING JR.****

AN WARAY (AN WARAY)

HON. VICTORIA ISABEL G. NOEL

ANAC-IP (ANG NATIONAL COALITION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES ACTION NA! INC.)

HON. JOSE T. PANGANIBAN JR., CPA, LIB.

ANAKPAWIS

HON. ARIEL "KA AYIK" B. CASILAO

ANG KABUHAYAN

HON. DENNIS C. LAOGAN

ANGKLA (ANG PARTIDO NG MGA PILIPINONG MARINO, INC.)

HON. JESULITO A. MANALO

BAYAN MUNA

HON. CARLOS ISAGANI T. ZARATE

BH (BAGONG HENERASYON)

HON. BERNADETTE "BH" HERRERA-DY

BUHAY (BUHAY HAYAAN YUMABONG)

HON. MARIANO MICHAEL M. VELARDE JR.

HON. JOSE L. ATIENZA JR.

BUTIL (BUTIL FARMERS PARTY)

HON. CECILLIA LEONILA V. CHAVEZ

CIBAC (CITIZENS' BATTLE AGAINST CORRUPTION)

HON. SHERWIN N. TUGNA

COOP-NATCCO (COOPERATIVE NATCCO NETWORK PARTY)

HON. ANTHONY M. BRAVO, PH.D.****

HON. SABINIANO S. CANAMA

DIWA (DEMOCRATIC INDEPENDENT WORKERS ASSOCIATION, INC.)

HON. EMMELINE AGLIPAY-VILLAR

GABRIELA (GABRIELA WOMEN'S PARTY)

HON. EMMI A. DE JESUS

HON. ARLENE D. BROSAS

KABATAAN (KABATAAN PARTY-LIST)

HON. SARAH JANE I. ELAGO

KABAYAN (KABALIKAT NG MAMAMAYAN)

HON. H. HARRY L. ROQUE JR.

HON. RON P. SALO

KALINGA (ADVOCACY FOR SOCIAL EMPOWERMENT AND NATION BUILDING THROUGH EASING POVERTY, INC.)

HON. ABIGAIL FAYE C. FERRIOL-PASCUAL

KUSUG TAUSUG

HON. SHERNEE ABUBAKAR TAN

LPGMA (LPG MARKETERS ASSOCIATION, INC.)

HON. ARNEL U. TY****

MAGDALO (MAGDALO PARA SA PILIPINO)

HON. GARY C. ALEJANO

MANILA TEACHERS (MANILA TEACHERS' SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, INC.)

HON. VIRGILIO S. LACSON

MATA (ANG MATA'Y ALAGAAN)

HON. TRICIA NICOLE Q. VELASCO-CATERA

PBA (PUWERSA NG BAYANING ATLETA)

HON. MARK AERON H. SAMBAR

HON. JERICO JONAS B. NOGRALES

SAGIP (SOCIAL AMELIORATION & GENUINE INTERVENTION ON POVERTY)

HON. RODANTE D. MARCOLETA

SBP (SERBISYO SA BAYAN PARTY)

HON. RICARDO "RJ" T. BELMONTE JR.****

SENIOR CITIZENS (COALITION OF ASSOCIATIONS OF SENIOR CITIZENS IN THE PHILIPPINES, INC.)

HON. FRANCISCO G. DATOL JR.

HON. MILAGROS AQUINO-MAGSAYSAY

TUCP (TRADE UNION CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES)

HON. RAYMUND DEMOCRITO C. MENDOZA

YACAP (YOU AGAINST CORRUPTION AND POVERTY)

HON. BENHUR B. LOPEZ JR.

- * Appeared after the Roll Call
- ** On official mission
- *** With Notice of Absence
- **** Without Notice of Absence

With 264 Members responding to the Call, the Presiding Officer declared the presence of a quorum.

OATH-TAKING OF REPRESENTATIVES DATOL AND AQUINO-MAGSAYSAY

At this point, Majority Leader Rodolfo C. Fariñas informed the Body that the House was in receipt of a certificate of finality issued by the Commission on Elections en banc relative to its resolution promulgated on May 3, 2017 recognizing the legitimate nominees and declaring Reps. Francisco G. Datol Jr. and Milagros Aquino-Magsaysay as elected Party-List representatives of the Coalition of Associations of Senior Citizens in the Philippines, Inc. (SENIOR CITIZENS).

On further motion of Majority Leader Fariñas and pursuant to Section 6, Rule II of the House Rules, there being no objection, Reps. Datol and Aquino-Magsaysay took their oaths of office before Speaker Alvarez, their families, and other Members of the House.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Thereupon, the Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 11:03 a.m. to allow the Members to meet and congratulate Representatives Datol and Aquino-Magsaysay.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 11:05 a.m., the session resumed.

ADOPTION OF CERTAIN HOUSE RESOLUTIONS/CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

On successive motions of Majority Leader Fariñas, there being no objection, the Body considered the following House Resolutions/Concurrent Resolution, with the Secretary General reading the titles and the entire texts of the measures; and unanimously adopted the same:

1. House Resolution No. 1104, entitled: “RESOLUTION INFORMING THE SENATE THAT A QUORUM BEING PRESENT, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HAS ENTERED UPON THE EXERCISE OF ITS FUNCTIONS”;
2. House Resolution No. 1105, entitled: “RESOLUTION INFORMING PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HAS ENTERED UPON THE EXERCISE OF ITS FUNCTIONS”; and
3. House Concurrent Resolution No. 11, entitled: “CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO HOLD A JOINT SESSION TO HEAR THE MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES.”

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Majority Leader Fariñas, the session was suspended at 11:09 a.m. to enable the Secretariat to immediately transmit copies of the aforesaid Resolutions to the Senate.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 11:10 a.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

On motion of Majority Leader Fariñas, there being no objection, the Secretary General read the following Messages from the Senate and the Chair made the proper references:

Message dated July 24, 2017 informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date adopted Senate Resolution No. 422, entitled:

“RESOLUTION INFORMING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT A QUORUM IS PRESENT IN THE SENATE AND THAT THIS BODY HAS ENTERED UPON THE EXERCISE OF ITS FUNCTIONS FOR THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES”

TO THE ARCHIVES

Message dated July 24, 2017 informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date adopted Senate Resolution No. 423, entitled:

“RESOLUTION INFORMING PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE THAT A QUORUM IS PRESENT IN THE SENATE AND THAT THIS BODY HAS ENTERED UPON THE EXERCISE OF ITS FUNCTIONS FOR THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES”

TO THE ARCHIVES

Message dated July 24, 2017 informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 6, entitled:

“CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CREATING A JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES THAT CONGRESS, NOW CONVENED FOR ITS SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES, IS READY TO HEAR HIS STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS IN A JOINT SESSION OF BOTH HOUSES”

TO THE CALENDAR OF BUSINESS FOR THE DAY

ADOPTION OF SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6

On successive motions of Majority Leader Fariñas, there being no objection, the Body considered Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 6, entitled: “CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CREATING A JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES THAT CONGRESS, NOW CONVENED FOR ITS SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES, IS READY TO HEAR HIS STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS IN A JOINT SESSION OF BOTH HOUSES”; dispensed with the reading of the text thereof without prejudice to its insertion into the Record of the House; and unanimously adopted the same.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON NOTIFICATION

With the adoption of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 6, on motion of Majority Leader Fariñas, there being no objection, the Body appointed all the Deputy Speakers to immediately notify the President that Congress was already convened and ready to receive his message in a joint session.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Majority Leader Fariñas, there being no objection, the Chair suspended the session at 11:14 a.m. to enable the Members of the Joint Committee to perform their task and report their accomplishment to the House.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 11:15 a.m.

REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON NOTIFICATION

Thereupon, Majority Leader Fariñas informed the Body that the Joint Committee on Notification had reported that President Duterte had been notified regarding the convening of Congress in joint session at four o'clock that afternoon to hear his State of the Nation Address.

REMARKS OF MAJORITY LEADER FARIÑAS

Majority Leader Fariñas then reminded the Members to be in the Session Hall at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Thereafter, he commended all the Deputy Speakers, the Members of the Committee on Rules headed by Senior Deputy Majority Leader Juan Pablo "Rimpy" P. Bondoc, the Minority bloc headed by Minority Leader Danilo E. Suarez and Senior Deputy Minority Leader Jose L. Atienza Jr., and all the House Members from different independent groups for their partnership in steering the plenary proceedings. He also expressed gratitude to the House contingents of the Commission on Appointments and House of Representatives Electoral Tribunal (HRET) headed by Representatives Ronaldo B. Zamora and Jorge T. Almonte, respectively.

With the permission of the Chair, he also acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of his 95-year old mother as a representative of all their mothers. He relayed his and his colleagues' love and gratitude to all their mothers and fathers for raising them so well such that their respective districts and sectors had chosen and elected them to be their Representatives in Congress.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

On motion of Majority Leader Fariñas, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until four o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, July 25, 2017.

It was 11:18 a.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

(Sgd.) **ATTY. CESAR STRAIT PAREJA**
Secretary General

Approved on July 25, 2017

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Quezon City, Philippines

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**** ABAD	BELMONTE (J.C.)	DE VERA
***** ABAYA	***** BELMONTE (R.)	DEFENSOR
ABAYON	BENITEZ	DEL MAR
ABELLANOSA	BERNOS	DEL ROSARIO
ABU	BERTIZ	DELOSO-MONTALLA
ABUEG	BIAZON	DIMAPORO (A.)
ACHARON	BILLONES	DIMAPORO (M.K.)
ACOP	BIRON	***** DUAVIT
ACOSTA	BOLILIA	DURANO
ACOSTA-ALBA	BONDOC	DY
***** ADIONG	BORDADO	ELAGO
ADVINCULA	***** BRAVO (A.)	ENVERGA
AGARAO	BRAVO (M.V.)	ERICE
AGGABAO	BROSAS	ERIGUEL
AGLIPAY-VILLAR	BULUT-BEGTANG	ERMITA-BUHAIN
ALBANO	CAGAS	ESCUDERO
ALCALA	CALDERON	**** ESPINA
ALEJANO	CALIXTO-RUBIANO	ESPINO
ALMARIO	CAMINERO	ESTRELLA
ALMONTE	CAMPOS	***** EUSEBIO
ALONTE	CANAMA	EVARDONE
ALVAREZ (F.)	CARI	FARIÑAS
ALVAREZ (M.)	CASILAO	***** FERNANDO
ALVAREZ (P.)	CASTELO	** FERRER (J.)
AMANTE	CASTRO (F.L.)	FERRER (L.)
***** AMATONG	CASTRO (F.H.)	FERRIOL-PASCUAL
**** ANDAYA	CATAMCO	FLOIRENDO
ANGARA-CASTILLO	CAYETANO	FLORES
ANTONINO	CELESTE	FORTUN
***** ANTONIO	CERAFICA	FORTUNO
AQUINO-MAGSAYSAY	CERILLES	FUENTEBELLA
ARAGONES	CHAVEZ	GARBIN
* ARBISON	CHIPECO	GARCIA (G.)
ARCILLAS	CO	GARCIA (J.E.)
***** ARENAS	COJUANGCO	GARCIA-ALBANO
ATIENZA	COLLANTES	GARIN (R.)
AUMENTADO	CORTES	GARIN (S.)
BAG-AO	CORTUNA	GASATAYA
BAGATSING	COSALAN	GATCHALIAN
BAGUILAT	CRISOLOGO	GERON
BANAL	***** CUA	GO (A.C.)
BARBERS	CUARESMA	GO (M.)
BARZAGA	CUEVA	GOMEZ
BATAOIL	DALIPE	GONZAGA
BATOCABE	DATOL	GONZALES (A.P.)
BAUTISTA-BANDIGAN	DAZA	GONZALES (A.D.)
BELARO	DE JESUS	GONZALEZ
BELMONTE (F.)	DE VENECIA	**** GORRICETA

GULLAS	***** OCAMPO	SILVERIO
HERNANDEZ	OLIVAREZ	SINGSON
HERRERA-DY	ONG (E.)	SUANSING (E.)
HOFER	ONG (H.)	SUANSING (H.)
JALOSJOS	ORTEGA (P.)	SUAREZ
JAVIER	ORTEGA (V.N.)	SY-ALVARADO
KHO	PACQUIAO	TAMBUNTING
KHONGHUN	PADUANO	TAN (A.)
LABADLABAD	PALMA	TAN (M.)
LACSON	PANCHO	TAN (S.)
LAGMAN	PANGANIBAN	TEJADA
LANETE	PANOTES	TEVES
LAOGAN	PAPANDAYAN	TIANGCO
LAZATIN	PICHAY	TING
LEACHON	PIMENTEL	TINIO
LEE	PINEDA	TOLENTINO
LIMKAICHONG	PLAZA	TREÑAS
LOBREGAT	PRIMICIAS-AGABAS	TUGNA
LOPEZ (B.)	QUIMBO	TUPAS
LOPEZ (C.)	RADAZA	***** TURABIN-HATAMAN
LOPEZ (M.L.)	RAMIREZ-SATO	***** TY
LOYOLA	RAMOS	UMALI
MACAPAGAL-ARROYO	RELAMPAGOS	UNABIA
MACEDA	REVILLA	UNGAB
MADRONA	ROA-PUNO	UNICO
MALAPITAN	ROBES	UY (J.)
MANALO	ROCAMORA	UY (R.)
MANGAOANG	RODRIGUEZ (I.)	UYBARRETA
***** MANGUDADATU (S.)	RODRIGUEZ (M.)	***** VARGAS
MANGUDADATU (Z.)	ROMAN	VARGAS-ALFONSO
MARCOLETA	***** ROMERO	VELARDE
MARCOS	ROMUALDEZ	VELASCO
MARIÑO	ROMUALDO	VELASCO-CATERA
MARQUEZ	ROQUE (H.)	VELOSO
MARTINEZ	ROQUE (R.)	VERGARA
MATUGAS	SACDALAN	***** VILLAFUERTE
MELLANA	SAGARBARRIA	* VILLANUEVA
***** MENDING	SAHALI	VILLARAZA-SUAREZ
MENDOZA	SALCEDA	VILLARICA
MERCADO	SALIMBANGON	VILLARIN
MIRASOL	SALO	VIOLAGO
***** MONTORO	SALON	YAP (A.)
NAVA	SAMBAR	YAP (M.)
NIETO	SANDOVAL	***** YAP (V.)
NOEL	***** SANTOS-RECTO	YU
NOGRALES (J.J.)	SARMIENTO (C.)	ZAMORA (M.C.)
NOGRALES (K.A.)	SARMIENTO (E.M.)	ZAMORA (R.)
NOLASCO	SAVELLANO	ZARATE
NUÑEZ-MALANYAON	SEMA	ZUBIRI
OAMINAL	SIAO	

* Appeared after the Roll Call

** On official mission

*** Attended meetings of CA/HRET/Conference Committee/Committee meetings authorized by Committee on Rules

**** Officially notified the House, through the Secretariat, of their absence

***** Absent without notice

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