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### CALL TO ORDER

This being the day fixed in accordance with the Constitution for the beginning of the Third 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 Tagum City Chamber Chorale led the singing of the National Anthem and the Lord's Prayer.

### OPENING REMARKS OF SPEAKER ALVAREZ

Thereafter, Speaker Alvarez delivered the following opening remarks:

*My dearest colleagues, fellow Representatives of the people, distinguished guests, our friends from the media, Ladies and Gentlemen, good morning.*

*There is this old story shared to me some years ago and I would like to share it with you today. There was a Person who would be born in the Philippines and the Creator told him, "You may shape the society you shall be born into." The Person looked at the Philippines, and saw poverty and despair spread throughout the land, especially outside the National Capital Region. Given what he saw, the Person became cynical. Understandably, no one wants to be poor and destitute, that was why the Person chose a family he would be born into and, using the power given to him by the Creator, concentrated on the social advantages and opportunities of that family. Thus, the person would have a nice home, plenty to eat, and a comfortable life ahead.*

*The Creator then checked up on the Person and asked him, "Are you ready?" The Person replied, "Yes, and I have also chosen the family I shall be part of and made beneficial arrangements." The Creator, taken aback, said, "Wait a minute. You do not get to choose which family you will be born into." The Person was shocked and disappointed, given the uncertainty he suddenly had to confront. What if he would be born from a poor and underprivileged family? He would hardly get a shot at a good and dignified life. The Person, therefore, asked the Creator for more time. Out of kindness, the Creator*

*accommodated his request. Rather than concentrate opportunities in the hands of a few, the Person dismantled his previous design, and instead broadened and spread opportunities beyond Imperial Manila and made them accessible to all Filipinos. By doing so, regardless of where or to which family the Person would be born into, he had a fair fighting chance for opportunities and the rewards that came with hard work during his life here on earth.*

*This story shared to me many years ago has stayed in my memory. I will never forget the lessons it imparts especially this one at the end of the day, bilog ang mundo at lahat tayo, no exception, mayaman man o mahirap, makapangyarihan o dukha, ay kasama sa ikot ng kapalaran.*

*My colleagues in the House of Representatives, we were elected by the Filipino people, all of whom had no say as to which parents and family they will be born into. Unfortunately, here in the Philippines, this genetic lottery significantly shapes the destiny of our people. And that is why, it is our duty as their Representatives to do what the Person did when he was confronted and humbled by the uncertainty that comes with being underprivileged. We have to level the playing field and maximize as well as spread opportunities for all. This is the governing spirit behind what we have accomplished in this Chamber for the past two years.*

*From July 2016 and as of today, we have processed 2,929 legislative measures and enacted 133 bills that are now law of the land. During the Second Regular Session alone, the President signed 128 bills into law.*

*Our record is as follows:*

*In the field of education, an investment in our youth, we created 13 additional public schools. We also increased the budget of the Department of Education by ₱10 billion and gave universal access to tertiary education in state universities and colleges.*

*To protect our youth from the dangerous risks of joining societies and organizations, we strengthened the Anti-Hazing Act. We also enacted the Mental Health Act which provides our people, especially students, with additional assistance in dealing with mental health concerns. Sound body, sound mind.*

*We also worked hard to improve the standards of education and training through the Philippine Qualifications Framework Act which aligned domestic qualifications with international standards. Filipinos now have a better chance at competing with the best and brightest the world has to offer.*

*Beyond education, let us talk about jobs. Without businesses, there will be no private sector jobs. And that is why we made it easier to do business in the Philippines through the Ease of Doing Business Act. To supplement this initiative, access to capital through formal, financial institutions, rather than onerous five-six arrangements is necessary. We have enacted the Financial Inclusion Act, transmitted the same to the President and, should he find it worthy of his signature, it will soon be law of the land.*

*While businesses are important, we must be mindful that businesses, when left unchecked, may exploit instead of help uplift its employees. To address this, we strengthened compliance with occupational and health standards in the workplace. We have also passed on Third and final Reading a bill which strengthens the security of tenure of workers. We look forward to working hand in hand with our counterparts in the Senate for this bill to hurdle the legislative process.*

*It would not make sense for Filipinos to educate themselves, work hard and not taste the fruits of their labor; hence, we reformed the Tax Code which led to an increase in the take-home pay of Filipino taxpayers. There are, of course, inflationary concerns. These, however, are short-term hiccups and are vastly outweighed by the overall long-term benefits that our country will reap with this historic reform.*

*Looking into the future, to sustain the gains we now enjoy, we have to invest in science and technology. Who better to help us in this other than Filipino scientists scattered across the world. Hopefully, we give them additional reason to come back home through the Balik Scientist Act.*

*Another top priority necessary for the orderly function of society is peace and order. As we meet here today, our military and uniformed personnel are manning garrisons to keep the Filipino people safe from harm. We have fulfilled our promise to raise their salaries as reward for their hard work. This also serves as a deterrence against the temptations to engage in corruption due to the desperation that comes along with poverty.*

*My colleagues, as you see, the 17<sup>th</sup> Congress and this Administration have worked hard to spread the opportunities to all by hitting key strategic areas for growth and development: education, health, labor and employment, business, finance, tax, science and technology, peace and order, and professionalism, by curbing corruption in the ranks of those who protect us. These legislative accomplishments have no precedent in the history of the Philippine Congress but we are not done yet.*

*Through an arduous Bicameral Conference Committee, we have finally finished the Bangsamoro Organic Law. It will be presented to the President for his consideration. That piece of legislative document is a giant leap towards the promise of peace and prosperity, both of which have long eluded the island and the people of Mindanao.*

*All of these could not have been possible had it not been for hardworking Congressmen, the House leadership, our colleagues in the Senate, the committee chairpersons, their members, and the Secretariat staff and of course with the special mention of our very hardworking and intelligent Majority Leader Congressman Rodolfo C. Fariñas.*

*I would want to personally thank you right now, one by one, for all your efforts. However, time constraints do not allow me to do so. Nonetheless, please know that I am grateful and proud of the work you have done.*

*Looking back at what we have accomplished, I do hope that the Person I told you about, the one who will be born in the Philippines, will be less apprehensive and fearful. After all, he has seen that the Congress of the Filipino people, though far from perfect, has tried its best to broaden and spread access to opportunities for all. But, admittedly, there is still much work to be done as we start the Third Regular Session. And this involves dismantling one of the most extractive institutions that has robbed the rest of the Philippines, with the exception of a few cities, of its chance to fully realize its potential for growth and development. I am talking about the 1987 Constitution.*

*The primary reason why many critics claim there's no need for Charter change is because the problems of the Philippines should be blamed at bad people running the government. They posit that people are the center of the problem and charters are inconsequential. Hence, no need to change the Constitution. This position is untenable.*

*Experts from the fields of economics, political science, developmental studies, both here and abroad, have a consensus about what is necessary to cure an ailing nation. And they have pinpointed the fundamental issue that must be addressed. If for businesses, it's about location, location and location; if for banks, it's about capital, capital, capital; when it comes to development of nations, it boils down to institutions, institutions, and institutions. And what is the mother of all institutions here in the Philippines? It's the 1987 Constitution.*

*We gave it a head start of 30 years. Has it successfully produced a virtuous cycle that led to prosperity and opportunity for all? Or has it proven itself to be an extractive institution that benefits some at the expense of the many?*

*Yes, bad people are also responsible for the mess that we are presently in. But to miss the bigger picture and fail to understand the role that institutions play in the puzzle of prosperity and development for our nation will seal our fate and preserve mediocrity as status quo, we have to do something about this.*

*There are many drafts proposing changes to our Charter. The three most prominent ones are as follows: First is the draft of our Committee on Constitutional Amendments; second is the draft by PDP Laban Federalism Institute; and finally, third, the draft from the Consultative Committee led by retired Chief Justice Reynato Puno.*

*The topics covered by said proposals are numerous as they try to address the deficiencies and flaws of the 1987 Constitution. These are too many to mention as we speak to you now, but will be further discussed in the Committees and meetings. Nonetheless, a very important issue raised in the drafts that must be specifically mentioned is the issue involving political dynasties.*

*I have manifested and made public that I am amenable to an anti-political dynasty provision as proposed by the Consultative Committee draft. However, I have also made it clear, based on my personal studies and consultation with peers, that political dynasties proliferated because of the unintended effects of imposing term limits. Let us push for the self-executory anti-political dynasty provision para rin wala nang pipilitin sa pamilya na tumakbo kahit ayaw naman talaga, but I propose that term limits be removed.*

*If we succeed, and I am confident we will succeed, at the difficult reforms we intend to accomplish, I am sure that the Person I told you about, the guy who had no say as to where and to which family he will be born into, rather than worry about being born in the Philippines, he will just smile and say, "It's okay, I can be born anywhere in the archipelago. It doesn't matter which family I shall be as a child of because opportunities are vastly spread to the point that hard work will have its rewards and privilege won't matter much anymore."*

*This is the Filipino dream. Together, let us realize it.*

*Thank you, good morning, 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 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. CERAFICA

Second District

HON. PIA S. CAYETANO

**VALENZUELA CITY**

First District

HON. WES GATCHALIAN

Second District

HON. ERIC M. MARTINEZ

**REGION I**

**ILOCOS NORTE (with the Cities of Laoag and Batac)**

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 (with the City of San Fernando)**

First District

HON. PABLO C. ORTEGA

Second District

HON. SANDRA Y. ERIGUEL, MD

**PANGASINAN (with the Cities of Dagupan, San Carlos, Alaminos, and Urdaneta)**

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**

**BATANES**

Lone District

**CAGAYAN (with the City of Tuguegarao)**

First District

HON. RAMON C. NOLASCO

Second District

HON. BABY ALINE VARGAS-ALFONSO

Third District

HON. RANDOLPH S. TING

**ISABELA (with the Cities of Cauayan, Ilagan, and Santiago)**

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 (with the City of Balanga)**

## First District

HON. GERALDINE B. ROMAN

## Second District

HON. JOSE ENRIQUE "JOET" S.  
GARCIA III**BULACAN (with the Cities of Malolos and Meycauayan)**

## First District

HON. "KUYA" JOSE ANTONIO 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 (with the Cities of Cabanatuan, Palayan, San Jose, Gapan, and Muñoz)**

## First District

HON. ESTRELLITA B. SUANSING

## Second District

HON. MICAELA S. VIOLAGO

## Third District

HON. ROSANNA "RIA" V. VERGARA

## Fourth District

HON. MAGNOLIA C. ANTONINO

**PAMPANGA (with the Cities of Angeles, Mabalacat, and San Fernando)**

## 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 (with the City of Tarlac)**

First District

HON. CARLOS O. COJUANGCO

Second District

HON. VICTOR A. YAP\*\*\*

Third District

HON. NOEL L. VILLANUEVA

**ZAMBALES (with the City of Olongapo)**

First District

HON. JEFFREY D. KHONGHUN

Second District

HON. CHERYL P.  
DELOSO-MONTALLA

**REGION IV-A (CALABARZON)**

**BATANGAS (with the Cities of Batangas,  
Lipa, and Tanauan)**

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 (Batangas City)

HON. MARIO VITTORIO  
"MARVEY" A. MARIÑO\*\*\*

Sixth District (Lipa City)

HON. VILMA SANTOS-RECTO\*\*

**CAVITE (with the Cities of Tagaytay, Cavite,  
Trece Martires, Bacoor, Imus, Dasmariñas,  
and General Trias)**

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 (with the Cities of San Pablo,  
Cabuyao, San Pedro, Sta. Rosa, and Calamba)**

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 Cities of Lucena and Tayabas)**

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, MD**RIZAL**

First District

HON. MICHAEL JOHN R. DUAVIT

Second District

HON. ISIDRO S. RODRIGUEZ JR.

**ANTIPOLO CITY**

First District

HON. CRISTINA "CHIQUI" ROA-PUNO

Second District

HON. ROMEO M. ACOP

**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, MD

**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, MD

**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, MD

Fifth District

HON. RAUL "BOBOY" C. TUPAS

**ILOILO CITY**

Lone District

HON. JERRY P. TREÑAS

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

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

**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 (with the Cities of Danao, Mandaue, Toledo, Bogo, Carcar, Naga, and Talisay)**

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

**NEGROS ORIENTAL (with the Cities of Bais, Canlaon, Dumaguete, Bayawan, Tanjay, and Guihulngan)**

First District

HON. JOCELYN SY LIMKAICHONG

Second District

HON. MANUEL T. SAGARBARRIA

Third District

HON. ARNOLFO "ARNIE" A.  
TEVES JR.

**SIQUIJOR**

Lone District

HON. RAMON V.A. "RAV"  
ROCAMORA

**REGION VIII (EASTERN VISAYAS)**

**BILIRAN**

Lone District

HON. ROGELIO J. ESPINA, MD

**EASTERN SAMAR (with the City  
of Borongan)**

Lone District

HON. BEN P. EVARDONE

**LEYTE (with the Cities  
of Tacloban, Ormoc, and Baybay)**

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 (with the Cities  
of Calbayog and Catbalogan)**

First District

HON. EDGAR MARY S. SARMIENTO

Second District

HON. MILAGROSA "MILA" T. TAN

**SOUTHERN LEYTE (with the City of Maasin)**

Lone District

HON. ROGER G. MERCADO

**REGION IX (ZAMBOANGA PENINSULA)**

**ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE  
(with the Cities of Dapitan and Dipolog)**

First District

HON. SETH FREDERICK P. JALOSJOS

Second District

HON. GLONA G. LABADLABAD

Third District

HON. ISAGANI S. AMATONG

**ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR (with the City  
of Pagadian)**

First District

HON. DIVINA GRACE C. YU

Second District

HON. AURORA ENERIO CERILLES

**ZAMBOANGA CITY**

First District

HON. CELSO L. LOBREGAT

Second District

HON. MANUEL JOSE "MANNIX" M.  
DALIPE

**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., MD

Third District

HON. MANUEL F. ZUBIRI

Fourth District

HON. ROGELIO NEIL P. ROQUE

**CAMIGUIN**

Lone District

HON. XAVIER JESUS D. ROMUALDO

**LANAO DEL NORTE**

First District

HON. MOHAMAD KHALID Q.  
DIMAPORO\*\*\*

Second District

HON. ABDULLAH D. DIMAPORO\*

**ILIGAN CITY**

Lone District

HON. FREDERICK W. SIAO

**MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL BUKIDNON (with the Cities of Oroquieta, Ozamiz, and Tangub)**

First District

HON. JORGE T. ALMONTE

Second District

HON. HENRY S. OAMINAL

**MISAMIS ORIENTAL (with the Cities of Gingoog and El Salvador)**

First District

HON. PETER "SR. PEDRO" M. UNABIA

Second District

HON. JULIETTE T. UY

**CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY**

First District

HON. ROLANDO "KLAREX" A. UY

Second District

HON. MAXIMO B. RODRIGUEZ JR.

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

First District

HON. MARIA CARMEN S. ZAMORA

Second District

HON. RUWEL PETER S. GONZAGA

**DAVAO DEL NORTE (with the Cities of Tagum, Panabo, and Samal)**

First District

HON. PANTALEON D. ALVAREZ

Second District

HON. ANTONIO R. FLOIRENDO JR.

**DAVAO DEL SUR (with the City of Digos)**

Lone District

HON. MERCEDES "DIDI" C. CAGAS

**DAVAO CITY**

First District

HON. KARLO ALEXEI B. NOGRALES

Second District

HON. MYLENE J. GARCIA-ALBANO

Third District

HON. ALBERTO T. UNGAB

**DAVAO OCCIDENTAL**

Lone District

HON. LORNA P. BAUTISTA-  
BANDIGAN

**DAVAO ORIENTAL (with the City of Mati)**

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 (with the Cities  
of General Santos, and Koronadal)**

First District

HON. PEDRO B. ACHARON JR.

Second District

HON. FERDINAND L. HERNANDEZ

**SULTAN KUDARAT (with the City  
of Tacurong)**

First District

HON. SUHARTO T.  
MANGUDADATU\*\*\*

Second District

HON. HORACIO P. SUANSING JR.

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

**BASILAN (with the Cities of Isabela and  
Lamitan)**

Lone District

**LANAO DEL SUR (with the City of Marawi)**

First District

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

Second District

HON. MAUYAG "JUN" B.  
PAPANDAYAN JR.

**MAGUINDANAO (with the City of Cotabato)**

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

**BENGUET**

Lone District

HON. RONALD M. COSALAN

**BAGUIO CITY**

Lone District

HON. MARK O. GO

**IFUGAO**

Lone District

HON. TEDDY BRAWNER  
BAGUILAT JR.**KALINGA (with the City of Tabuk)**

Lone District

HON. ALLEN JESSE C. MANGAOANG

**MOUNTAIN PROVINCE**

Lone District

**CARAGA REGION****AGUSAN DEL NORTE (with the Cities  
of Butuan and Cabadbaran)**

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  
(with the City of Surigao)**

First District

HON. FRANCISCO JOSE F.  
MATUGAS II

Second District

HON. ROBERT ACE S. BARBERS

**SURIGAO DEL SUR (with the Cities of Tandag  
and Bislig)**

First District

HON. PROSPERO A. PICHAY JR.

Second District

HON. JOHNNY TY PIMENTEL

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

HON. SALVADOR B. BELARO JR.

**1-CARE (1<sup>ST</sup> CONSUMERS ALLIANCE  
FOR RURAL ENERGY, INC.)**HON. CARLOS ROMAN L.  
UYBARRETA**1-PACMAN (ONE PATRIOTIC COALITION  
OF MARGINALIZED NATIONALS)**

HON. MICHAEL L. ROMERO, PhD

HON. ENRICO A. PINEDA

**A TEACHER, INC. (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**

HON. HARLIN NIEL J. ABAYON III

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

HON. TEODORO "TED" G. MONTORO

**ABANG LINGKOD, INC. (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. MAKMOD D. MENDING JR.\*\*\*

HON. AMIHILDA J. SANGCOPAN

**AN WARAY**

HON. VICTORIA ISABEL G. NOEL

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

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

**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. CECILIA LEONILA V. CHAVEZ

**CIBAC (CITIZENS' BATTLE  
AGAINST CORRUPTION)**

HON. SHERWIN N. TUGNA

**COOP-NATCCO (COOPERATIVE  
NATCCO NETWORK PARTY)**

HON. ANTHONY M. BRAVO, PhD

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. CIRIACO S. CALALANG

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

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

HON. FRANCISCO G. DATOL JR.

HON. MILAGROS AQUINO-  
MAGSAYSAY

### **SBP (SERBISYO SA BAYAN PARTY)**

HON. RICARDO “RJ” T.  
BELMONTE JR.\*

### **TUCP (TRADE UNION CONGRESS PARTY)**

HON. RAYMOND DEMOCRITO C.  
MENDOZA

### **YACAP (YOU AGAINST CORRUPTION AND POVERTY)**

HON. BENHUR B. LOPEZ JR.

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- \* Appeared after the Roll Call
- \*\* With Notice of Absence
- \*\*\* Without Notice of Absence

With 271 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

### **ADOPTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS/ CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

On successive motions of Majority Leader Rodolfo C. 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. 2011, 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. 2012, 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. 18, 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, there being no objection, the Chair declared a recess at 11:03 p.m.

### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

At 11:04 p.m., the session resumed.

### **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

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

Message dated July 23, 2018 informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date adopted Senate Resolution No. 796, 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 THIRD REGULAR SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES”

#### **TO THE ARCHIVES**

Message dated July 23, 2018 informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date adopted Senate Resolution No. 797, 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 THIRD REGULAR SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES”

#### **TO THE ARCHIVES**

Message dated July 23, 2018 informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 11, 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 THIRD 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. 11**

On successive motions of Majority Leader Fariñas, there being no objection, the Body considered Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 11, with the Secretary General reading the title and entire text of the measure, 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 THIRD 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 and unanimously adopted the same.

**APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE  
JOINT COMMITTEE ON NOTIFICATION**

With the adoption of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 11, 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 11:05 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 12:29 p.m. with Deputy Speaker Gwendolyn F. Garcia presiding.

**MOTION OF REPRESENTATIVE BONDOC**

Rep. Juan Pablo “Rimpy” P. Bondoc thereupon moved for the adjournment of session.

**MANIFESTATION OF  
DEPUTY SPEAKER ANDAYA**

At this point, Deputy Speaker Rolando G. Andaya Jr. sought recognition from the Chair.

**ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION**

On a previous motion of Representative Bondoc, the Chair declared the session adjourned until four o’clock this afternoon.

It was 12:29 p.m.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

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