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CALL TO ORDER

At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Romero “Miro” S. Quimbo called the session to order.

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, observed a minute of silent prayer.

DEFERMENT OF THE ROLL CALL AND THE APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

On motion of Representative Arthur R. Defensor Jr., there being no objection, the Body deferred the calling of the Roll and the approval of the Journal.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Reference of Business.

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read on First Reading the titles of the following Bills and Resolutions, which were referred to the appropriate Committees hereunder indicated:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 3027, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE USE OF FILIPINO SIGN LANGUAGE INSETS FOR LOCAL NEWS PROGRAMS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 22 OF REPUBLIC ACT 7277, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'MAGNA CARTA FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDs)' ”

By Representative Zarate

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 3028, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING FIFTY PERCENT (50%) DISCOUNTS FROM FUNERAL SERVICES TO INDIGENT FAMILIES AND GRANTING FREE FUNERAL SERVICES TO EXTREMELY POOR FAMILIES NATIONWIDE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Zarate

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 3029, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE HOUSING AND EMERGENCY SHELTER ACT OF 2016 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Montoro

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 3030, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING CENTER IN BARANGAY PASONG PUTIK, NOVALICHES, QUEZON CITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Vargas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 3031, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING CENTER IN BARANGAY BAGBAG, NOVALICHES, QUEZON CITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Vargas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 3032, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISH-
MENT OF A TECHNICAL EDUCATION
AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AU-
THORITY (TESDA) TRAINING CENTER
IN BARANGAY STA. MONICA, NOVALI-
CHES, QUEZON CITY AND APPROPRI-
ATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Vargas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 3033, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL EYE
CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

By Representative Vargas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3034, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING MARCH 21 OF
EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL SOLO
PARENTS' DAY”

By Representative Vargas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND
FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 3035, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING PROPER JEEPNEY
TERMINALS AND STOPS IN THE COUN-
TRY AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES
THEREOF”

By Representative Roque (H.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTA-
TION

House Bill No. 3036, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DE-
CREE NO. 1869, EXPRESSLY EXCLUD-
ING JAI-ALAI GAMES FROM THE FRAN-
CHISED ACTIVITIES OF THE PHILIP-
PINE AMUSEMENT AND GAMING COR-
PORATION”

By Representative Roque (H.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND
AMUSEMENTS

House Bill No. 3037, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR SAFE ACCESS
IN FIRE EMERGENCIES”

By Representative Roque (H.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER
AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 3038, entitled:

“AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH TO PREPARE AND PUBLISH
ANNUALLY A CONSUMER GUIDE TO
PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES”

By Representative Roque (H.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3039, entitled:

“AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH TO CONDUCT PILOT STUD-
IES TO DETERMINE THE ENVIRON-
MENTAL FACTORS WHICH MAY CAUSE
ACQUIRED BONE MARROW FAILURE
DISEASES”

By Representative Roque (H.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3040, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE MANUFAC-
TURE, IMPORTATION, SALE, AND USE
OF INCANDESCENT LIGHT BULBS,
PRESCRIBING A PHASE-OUT PERIOD,
AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIO-
LATIONS THEREOF”

By Representative Roque (H.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 3041, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP A GUN SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM AND INCLUDE THIS IN THE CURRICULUM OF ALL ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS”

By Representative Roque (H.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3042, entitled:

“AN ACT TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT, DEMONSTRATION, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF TECHNOLOGY FOR USE IN REMOVING GREENHOUSE GASES FROM THE ATMOSPHERE AND CREATING A GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION ATMOSPHERIC REMOVAL COMMITTEE”

By Representative Roque (H.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 3043, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF TOYS AND OTHER ARTICLES CONTAINING PHTHALATES TO CHILDREN THREE YEARS OF AGE AND BELOW”

By Representative Roque (H.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 3044, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DRUG REHABILITATION CENTER IN THE CITY OF CALOOCAN, METRO MANILA TO BE KNOWN AS THE CALOOCAN CITY REHABILITATION CENTER FOR DRUG DEPENDENTS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Malapitan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

House Bill No. 3045, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING KAY TIKLING – ANTI-POLO – TERESA – MORONG NATIONAL ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF RIZAL TO CORAZON C. AQUINO AVENUE”

By Representatives Acop, Roa-Puno, Duavit and Rodriguez (I.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3046, entitled:

“AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE CAPITAL AND SEAT OF GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF RIZAL FROM PASIG CITY TO ANTIPOLLO CITY, PROVINCE OF RIZAL”

By Representatives Acop, Roa-Puno, Duavit and Rodriguez (I.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 3047, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING CERTAIN NATIONAL ROADS IN THE PROVINCE OF RIZAL TO JOSE RIZAL HIGHWAY”

By Representatives Acop, Roa-Puno, Duavit and Rodriguez (I.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3048, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THE PRESIDENT/EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT EMERGENCY POWERS TO MANAGE, MITIGATE AND SOLVE THE TRAFFIC AND CONGESTION CRISIS ACROSS THE PHILIPPINES, TO EXPEDITIOUSLY AND EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENT MEASURES THAT SHALL PROVIDE REAL LASTING SOLUTIONS AS WELL AS THE EARLIEST RESPITE FROM TRAFFIC AND CONGESTION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Cayetano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 3049, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE TO BE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE OF THE PHILIPPINES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tambunting

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3050, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE SPECIAL PROTECTION OF CHILDREN IN SITUATIONS OF ARMED CONFLICT AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Tambunting

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 3051, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE COMPLETION OF THE LAND ACQUISITION AND DISTRIBUTION (LAD) COMPONENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM (CARP) PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6657, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM LAW', AS AMENDED”

By Representatives Bag-ao, Bordado and Villarín

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM

House Bill No. 3052, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE COVERAGE AND STRENGTHENING THE POWERS OF THE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 7925, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF THE PHILIPPINES' ”

By Representative Yap (V.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 3053, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ESTABLISH STRUCTURAL REFORMS IN THE INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR TO PROMOTE DEVELOPMENT, DELIVERY AND USE OF CONVERGENT SERVICES”

By Representative Yap (V.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 3054, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE AS PART OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF STRATEGIC NATIONAL ROADS AND HIGHWAYS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Yap (V.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 3055, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE WIRELESS INTERNET ACCESS PROGRAM IN ALL STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES IN THE COUNTRY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Yap (V.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 3056, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE BIG DATA CENTER”

By Representative Yap (V.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 3057, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE INNOVATION COUNCIL AND PROVIDING BENEFITS AND PROGRAMS TO STRENGTHEN, PROMOTE, AND DEVELOP THE PHILIPPINE STARTUP ECOSYSTEM”

By Representative Yap (V.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 3058, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ADDRESS THE WORSENING STATE OF THE POWER INDUSTRY IN THE PHILIPPINES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 47 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9136, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Zarate

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 3059, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE FIRST PUBLIC WORKS DISTRICT IN THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6339”

By Representative Relampagos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3060, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE CONGRESSMAN NATALIO P. CASTILLO, SR. MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (CNCMH) AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOON, PROVINCE OF BOHOL, FROM TWENTY FIVE (25) TO ONE HUNDRED (100) BEDS AND UPGRADING ITS SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6781, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Relampagos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3061, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF GOVERNOR CELESTINO GALLARES MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (GCGMH) IN TAGBILARAN CITY, PROVINCE OF BOHOL FROM TWO HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE (225) TO FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE (525) BEDS AND UPGRADING ITS SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7266, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Relampagos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3062, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 1, 2, 3, 4 AND 5 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6686, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8441, IMPOSING NEW PROVISIONS IN THE GRANT OF CHRISTMAS BONUS TO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES AND INCREASING THE CASH GIFT FROM FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (Php5,000.00) TO TEN THOUSAND PESOS (Php10,000.00) STARTING CALENDAR YEAR TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN (2016) AND THEREAFTER, WITH AUTOMATIC INCREASE OF FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (Php5,000.00) EVERY FIVE YEARS THEREAFTER”

By Representative De Vera

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 3063, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROVINCIAL FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES TRAINING, DEVELOPMENT, AND PRODUCT CENTER IN THE PROVINCE OF AKLAN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Marquez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE
AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 3064, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PEOPLE'S
BROADCASTING CORPORATION,
ABOLISHING THE PEOPLE'S TELEVI-
SION NETWORK, INC., AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representative Almonte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION
AND THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC IN-
FORMATION

House Bill No. 3065, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL
ROAD SITUATED IN THE CROSSING
MAGALLON, MUNICIPALITY OF
MOISES PADILLA AND BIAK-NA-BATO,
LA CASTELLANA, ALL IN THE
PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL
INTO A SECONDARY NATIONAL ROAD
AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFORE
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Mirasol

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3066, entitled:

“AN ACT REPEALING PROHIBITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF NAVAL STATE UNI-
VERSITY PRESIDENT, PROVIDED THAT
NO PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVE
SHALL BE APPOINTED AS UNIVERSITY
PRESIDENT IF HE/SHE IS RELATED BY
CONSANGUINITY OR AFFINITY UP TO
THE THIRD CIVIL DEGREE TO ANY IN-
CUMBENT LOCAL OR NATIONAL OFFI-
CIAL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
SECTION 9 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9718,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS CONVERSION
OF NAVAL INSTITUTE OF TECH-
NOLOGY TO NAVAL STATE UNIVER-
SITY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Espina

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 3067, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE TICAO-BURIAS
PASS AND ITS SURROUNDING AREAS,
ALL SITUATED IN THE PROVINCE OF
ALBAY, SORSOGON, AND MASBATE AS
PROTECTED SEASCAPE, PURSUANT TO
REPUBLIC ACT 7586, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL INTE-
GRATED PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM
(NIPAS) ACT OF 1992”

By Representatives Gonzalez, Escudero and
Bravo (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RE-
SOURCE

House Bill No. 3068, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PUBLIC AS-
SETS MANAGEMENT CORPORATION
OF THE PHILIPPINES, PROVIDING
FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representative Primicias-Agabas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 3069, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE MONTHLY
MINIMUM WAGE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL
TEACHERS TO TWENTY-FIVE THOU-
SAND PESOS (P25,000.00) AND NON-
TEACHING PERSONNEL TO FIFTEEN
THOUSAND PESOS (P15,000.00) AND
AUGMENTING THE PERSONNEL ECO-
NOMIC RELIEF ALLOWANCE (PERA)”

By Representative Primicias-Agabas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 3070, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE NA-
TIONAL SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAM
FOR KINDERGARTEN AND ELEMEN-
TARY PUPILS AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Primicias-Agabas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3071, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR STIFFER PENALTIES FOR PERSONS DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL, DANGEROUS DRUGS AND SIMILAR SUBSTANCES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10586 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'ANTI-DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING ACT OF 2013'”

By Representative Primicias-Agabas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 3072, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE LAUREL MEMORIAL DISTRICT HOSPITAL FROM TWENTY FIVE (25) TO FIFTY (50) BEDS, UPGRADING THE SERVICE FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE THEREIN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Collantes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3073, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES REQUIRING PROOF OF PARKING SPACE OR FACILITY BY THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE”

By Representative Velasco

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 3074, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING THE CRIME OF ROBBERY OF TRAIN IMPLEMENTS, CLASSIFYING THE ACT AS HEINOUS CRIME AND IMPOSING PENALTY THEREOF”

By Representative Montoro

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 3075, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AND INSTITUTIONALIZING LONG-TERM CARE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Suansing (E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 3076, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NATIONAL PUBLIC OUTREACH AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGN TO RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF WOMEN'S PREVENTIVE HEALTH”

By Representative Suansing (E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3077, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE UPGRADE AND MODERNIZATION AS WELL AS INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE GUIMBA DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUIMBA, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA FROM TWENTY-FIVE TO FIFTY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Suansing (E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3078, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING CIVIL SERVICE ELIGIBILITY TO ALL CASUAL AND CONTRACTUAL EMPLOYEES OF THE GOVERNMENT WHO HAVE RENDERED AT LEAST TEN (10) YEARS OF CONTINUOUS AND EFFICIENT SERVICE”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 3079, entitled:

“AN ACT INSURING THAT GOVERNMENT SPECIALTY HOSPITALS, MEDICAL CENTERS, INSTITUTES OR SANITARIA EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENT 'PAY-WHAT-YOU-CAN POLICY' FOR POOR PATIENTS FOR THEIR TREATMENT, CONFINEMENT OR HOSPITALIZATION, AND HEALING AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3080, entitled:

“AN ACT BANNING A FUNERAL AGENT FROM ENTRY INTO ANY HOSPITAL WITH INTENT OF HAVING A FAMILY MEMBER OF A DYING OR TERMINALLY-ILL PATIENT SIGN A CONTRACT AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES IN VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3081, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV) OWNERS TO YIELD INFORMATION OR RECORDED DATA ON THE COMMISSION OF A CRIME UPON REQUEST OF THE PROPER INVESTIGATIVE BODY OR COMPETENT COURT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 3082, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING EVERY MAJOR BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT LOCATED IN CENTRAL OR CORE BUSINESS DISTRICT AREA, ON COMPULSORY BASIS, TO INSTALL IN ITS PLACE OF BUSINESS OPERATION, A CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION CAMERA AND EVERY MINOR BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT, ON OPTIONAL BASIS AND PRESCRIBING EFFECTIVE GUIDELINES THEREFOR”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 3083, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE PHILIPPINE DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM THEREBY INSTITUTIONALIZING A COMPREHENSIVE RECOVERY AND RECONSTRUCTION PLAN THROUGH A WHOLE-OF-SOCIETY APPROACH WITH PHIVOLCS THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AS LEAD AGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 3084, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE RAIL REGULATORY BOARD (RRB) TO SUPERVISE, OVERSEE AND REGULATE THE RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 3085, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE HEALTH MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATIONS REGULATORY COMMISSION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3086, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT TO EARMARK SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR CALAMITY GRANT TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AT BOTH THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS AND PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 3087, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING BENEFITS FOR JUVENILE PRISONERS THEREBY PROMOTING CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AND HEALTH CARE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 3088, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1638, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE AFP MILITARY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT AND SEPARATION DECREE OF 1979 BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 25-A GRANTING CHILDREN/SURVIVORS WHO ARE MENTALLY RETARDED EXEMPTION FROM TERMINATION OF BENEFITS UPON REACHING AGE OF 21 YEARS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 3089, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING FULL GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY TO CANCER PATIENTS, INSTITUTIONALIZING A PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3090, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING PRIVATE CONTRACTORS IN ROAD RELATED PROJECTS OF GOVERNMENT FROM PLUGGING MANHOLES AND DRAINAGE INLETS AND PROVIDING SANCTIONS THEREFOR”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3091, entitled:

“AN ACT BANNING IMPOSITION OF EXPIRY DATES ON GIFT CHECKS BY COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 3092, entitled:

“AN ACT PRESCRIBING UNIFORM QUALIFICATION STANDARD FOR TEACHERS IN COLLEGES OR UNIVERSITIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 3093, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT AS DISTINCT AND SEPARATE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 3094, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A SYSTEM OF EFFECTIVE FUND ADMINISTRATION OF CASH DONATIONS OR HUMANITARIAN AID FROM LOCAL OR FOREIGN DONORS AND SPONSORS DURING NATURAL OR MAN-MADE DISASTERS, CRISES, TRAGEDIES, OR EMERGENCIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 3095, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE OFFICE FOR INFORMATION AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS AS INTER-AGENCY STRUCTURE TO UNDERTAKE REGULATORY REVIEW AND TAKE CHARGE OF ALL REGULATORY AFFAIRS OF SMALL, MEDIUM, AND LARGE BUSINESS, ENTERPRISE OR ACTIVITY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 3096, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING PERTINENT PROVISION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9507 THEREBY EXTENDING COVERAGE OF THE RESTRUCTURING PROGRAM FOR DELINQUENT SOCIALIZED AND LOW-COST HOUSING LOAN ACCOUNTS FOR A PERIOD OF ANOTHER TWENTY-FOUR (24) MONTHS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 3097, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING ALL METRO MANILA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MMDA) AND METRO MANILA DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OPERATIVES TO COMMANDEER ANY OR ALL PRIVATE VEHICLES AND/OR HEAVY EQUIPMENT MACHINES FOR PURPOSES OF SAVING LIVES DURING EMERGENCY CASES, SUCH AS THE OCCURRENCE OF NATURAL DISASTERS INCLUDING EARTHQUAKES, TYPHOONS, ETC.”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON METRO MANILA DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 3098, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RELIABLE NATIONAL DATABASE OF POLICE SHOOTINGS AND OTHER DEATHS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT CUSTODY THEREBY INSTITUTING REFORM MEASURES TOWARD REDUCTION OF SUCH SHOOTINGS/DEATHS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 3099, entitled:

“AN ACT PRESCRIBING A GENERAL BAN ON IMPORTATION, SHIPMENT, ENTRY, AND DUMPING INTO THE COUNTRY OF GARBAGE, TRASH, OR SIMILAR AND OTHERWISE HAZARDOUS SCRAP OR RESIDUAL WASTE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 3100, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING FROM TAXATION INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) HARDWARE DONATIONS FROM PEZA REGISTERED COMPANIES IN THE OUTSOURCING INDUSTRY FOR THE BENEFIT OF PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS”

By Representative Garcia (J.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 3101, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF NURSES, ASSIGNING ONE REGISTERED NURSE FOR EVERY BANGALAY IN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Aglipay-Villar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3102, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES STOCK EXCHANGE”

By Representative Aglipay-Villar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 3103, entitled:

“AN ACT DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS 'BUY PINOY, BUILD PINOY MONTH' TO ENCOURAGE THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS TO PRIORITIZE THE PURCHASE AND UTILIZATION OF FILIPINO PRODUCTS, LABOR AND SERVICES”

By Representative Aglipay-Villar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 3104, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA OF STUDENTS”

By Representative Aglipay-Villar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 3105, entitled:

“AN ACT SCALING UP NUTRITION DURING THE FIRST 1000 DAYS OF LIFE”

By Representative Aglipay-Villar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3106, entitled:

“AN ACT PENALIZING THE IMPOSITION OF A 'NO PERMIT, NO EXAM' POLICY OR ANY SUCH POLICY THAT PROHIBITS STUDENTS OF POST-SECONDARY AND HIGHER EDUCATION FROM TAKING THEIR MIDTERM OR FINAL EXAMINATIONS, OR OTHER SIMILAR ASSESSMENTS DUE TO UNPAID TUITION AND OTHER SCHOOL FEES”

By Representative Aglipay-Villar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 3107, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING STIFFER PENALTIES FOR THEFT, ROBBERY AND DESTRUCTION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL PROPERTY”

By Representative Aglipay-Villar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 3108, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TOWARDS THE TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG DEPENDENTS BY ESTABLISHING DRUG REHABILITATION CENTERS IN EVERY PROVINCE AND CITY IN THE COUNTRY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Aglipay-Villar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

House Bill No. 3109, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE SUSTAINABLE SANITATION PROGRAM BY REORGANIZING THE SANITATION UNIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Aglipay-Villar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3110, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE NURSING LAW TOWARDS QUALITY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Aglipay-Villar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 3111, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE BARANGAY UNIT BY PROVIDING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS TO BARANGAY SECURITY, HEALTH AND NUTRITION WORKERS, AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1569, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7883, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Bag-ao

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3112, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MORE RESPONSIVE CIVIL REGISTRATION SYSTEM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Uy (J.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 3113, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE PROVINCE OF BATANGAS WITH SEATS AT ROSARIO AND SAN JUAN, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bolilia

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 3114, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE PALM OIL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER TO PROMOTE THE PHILIPPINE PALM OIL INDUSTRY, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Sacdalan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 3115, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6963, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING SPECIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND BENEFITS TO THE FAMILY OR BENEFICIARY OF ANY POLICE OR MILITARY PERSONNEL OR FIREMAN KILLED OR PERMANENTLY INCAPACITATED WHILE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTY OR BY REASON OF HIS OFFICE OR POSITION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' ”

By Representative Tupas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY AND THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 3116, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING COST-EFFECTIVE MEASURES FOR THE TRANSPORT SECTOR AND COMMUTING PUBLIC, PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF A NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD, PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 3117, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CREDIT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 3118, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THE STREAMTECH SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGIES, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Madrona

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 3119, entitled:

“AN ACT ABOLISHING THE COLLECTION OF FARMERS' IRRIGATION FEES AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES AND GRANTING CONDONATION OF UNPAID DEBTS, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 2 (b) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3601, AS AMENDED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 552”

By Representative Fortunato

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 3120, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE MONTHLY PENSIONS OF RETIREES OF MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM (SSS) AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 12 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1161, AS AMENDED OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SOCIAL SECURITY LAW OF 1997”

By Representative Fortunato

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 3121, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FISHPORT IN BARANGAY GIL SANCHEZ, MUNICIPALITY OF LABASON, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Amatong

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 3122, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FISHPORT IN BARANGAY MACUYON, MUNICIPALITY OF SIRAWAI, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Amatong

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 3123, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE URDANETA - ASINGAN VIA CALEPAAN ROAD CONNECTING THE CITY OF URDANETA AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF ASINGAN, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Primicias-Agabas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3124, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE URDANETA JUNCTION – ASINGAN PROVINCIAL ROAD CONNECTING THE CITY OF URDANETA AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF ASINGAN, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Primicias-Agabas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3125, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE TAYUG – SAN QUINTIN PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF TAYUG AND SAN QUINTIN, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Primicias-Agabas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3126, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE VILLASIS – ASINGAN PROVINCIAL ROAD, CONNECTING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF VILLASIS AND ASINGAN, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Primicias-Agabas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3127, entitled:

“AN ACT LOWERING THE OPTIONAL RETIREMENT AGE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS FROM SIXTY (60) YEARS OLD TO FIFTY-FIVE YEARS OLD, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 13-A OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8291, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM ACT OF 1997”

By Representative Primicias-Agabas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 3128, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING A NATIONAL FOLIC ACID AWARENESS PROGRAM TO PREVENT BIRTH DEFECTS AND PROVIDE FREE FOLIC ACID SUPPLEMENTATION IN HEALTH CENTERS”

By Representative Roque (H.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3129, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING ALL PUBLIC UTILITY AGENCIES AND COMPANIES OR CORPORATIONS, BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, TO REPAIR ANY DIGGING OR DESTRUCTION MADE IN THE COURSE OF THEIR INSTALLATION OR MAINTENANCE WORK”

By Representative Lopez (C.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3130, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE PRODUCTION, IMPORTATION, SALE, PROVISION, USE, RECOVERY, COLLECTION, RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL OF PLASTIC BAGS”

By Representative Revilla

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 3131, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING PRE-EMPLOYMENT PRIVILEGE TO INDIGENTS BY GRANTING A DISCOUNT ON FEES IN SECURING PRE-EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATIONS AND CLEARANCES FROM GOVERNMENT AGENCIES”

By Representative Revilla

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 3132, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING EVERY STUDENT TO PLANT TREES EVERY YEAR”

By Representative Revilla

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REFORESTATION

House Bill No. 3133, entitled:

“AN ACT DIRECTING THE CONVERSION OF SANGLEY POINT IN CAVITE CITY INTO AN INTERNATIONAL LOGISTICS HUB”

By Representative Revilla

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

House Bill No. 3134, entitled:

“AN ACT SUPPORTING THE PRODUCTION OF PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENT FILMS BY PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO FILMMAKERS WHO ARE GIVEN HONORS IN NOTABLE INTERNATIONAL FILM COMPETITIONS”

By Representative Revilla

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 3135, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ON-SITE, IN-CITY OR NEAR-CITY RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM FOR INFORMAL SETTLER FAMILIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PEOPLE’S PLAN AND MANDATING RELOCATING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO PROVIDE OTHER BASIC SERVICES AND LIVELIHOOD COMPONENTS IN FAVOR OF THE RECIPIENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7279, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING ACT OF 1992’ ”

By Representative Revilla

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 3136, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NATIONAL HIGHWAY FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGOLOAN, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF TALAKAG, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON, VIA KAPAI, LANA DEL SUR, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Dimaporo (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3137, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ACCREDITATION CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NAMPICUAN, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Suansing (E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 3138, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ACCREDITATION CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CUYAPO, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Suansing (E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 3139, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ACCREDITATION CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF STO. DOMINGO, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Suansing (E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 3140, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL
EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOP-
MENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING
AND ACCREDITATION CENTER IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF ALIAGA, PROVINCE
OF NUEVA ECIJA AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Suansing (E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 3141, entitled:

“AN ACT INFORMING THE PUBLIC ABOUT
ADDITIVES IN PET FOOD”

By Representative Roque (H.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND IN-
DUSTRY

House Bill No. 3142, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY
OF DR. PAULINO J. GARCIA MEMORIAL
RESEARCH AND MEDICAL CENTER EX-
TENSION HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICI-
PALITY OF TALAVERA, PROVINCE OF
NUEVA ECIJA FROM FIFTY (50) BEDS TO
ONE HUNDRED (100) BEDS CAPACITY,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THERE-
FOR”

By Representative Suansing (E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3143, entitled:

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ILOCOS SUR TO COMMEMORATE
THE BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
GREAT ILOCANO REVOLUTIONARY
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THE GABRIELA SILANG DAY”

By Representative Savellano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF
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House Bill No. 3144, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY
OF SINAIT DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN SI-
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FIVE (25) TO ONE HUNDRED (100) AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Savellano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3145, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY
OF MAGSINGAL DISTRICT HOSPITAL
IN MAGSINGAL, ILOCOS SUR FROM
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(100) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

By Representative Savellano

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RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 238, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE GOVERN-
MENT TO IMMEDIATELY IMPOSE A NA-
TIONWIDE MORATORIUM ON FORCED
EVICTIONS AND DEMOLITIONS OF UR-
BAN POOR COMMUNITIES, IN ORDER
TO PROTECT THOUSANDS OF URBAN
POOR FAMILIES FROM VIOLENT AT-
TACKS PENDING PROVISIONS FOR
LIVELIHOOD, ADEQUATE HOUSING,
AND SOCIAL SERVICES BY THE
GOVERNMENT”

By Representatives Casilao, Zarate, De Jesus,
Tinio, Brosas, Castro (F.L.) and Elago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 239, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE VIOLENT DEMOLITION OF AN URBAN POOR COMMUNITY IN APOLLO ST., BRGY. TANDANG SORA, QUEZON CITY”

By Representatives Casilao, Zarate, De Jesus, Tinio, Brosas, Castro (F.L.) and Elago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 240, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION BY THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING THE PERFORMANCE OF METROPOLITAN WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM (MWSS) VIS-A-VIS ITS CONCESSION AGREEMENTS WITH MAYNILAD WATER SERVICES, INC. AND MANILA WATER COMPANY, INC.”

By Representative Suarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 241, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF REPUBLIC ACT 9344 AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT 10630, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUVENILE JUSTICE AND WELFARE ACT, AND ITS IMPACT ON CHILDREN IF THE MINIMUM AGE OF CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY IS LOWERED”

By Representatives Bag-ao, Bordado, Villarín, Belmonte (J.), Lagman, Roman, Roque (H.), Baguilat, Banal and Abad

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 242, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STEEP UPSURGE IN THE EXTRA-LEGAL KILLINGS AND ARBITRARY OR SUMMARY EXECUTIONS IN THE COUNTRY”

By Representatives Bag-ao, Bordado and Villarín

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 243, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT RODRIGO R. DUTERTE TO ISSUE AN EXECUTIVE ORDER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER 248 DATED MAY 29, 1995, EXECUTIVE ORDER 248-A DATED AUGUST 14, 1995 AND EXECUTIVE ORDER 298 DATED MARCH 23, 2004 TO IMPLEMENT AN INCREASE IN TRAVEL ALLOWANCES FOR LOCAL TRAVELS OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND PERSONNEL”

By Representative De Vera

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Resolution No. 244, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE REPORTED INCREASED CASH OUT AND SUBSTANDARD HEMODIALYSIS SERVICES FOR SERVICE PATIENTS IN THE NATIONAL KIDNEY AND TRANSPLANT INSTITUTE, AND THE POOR PLIGHT OF HEMODIALYSIS PATIENTS IN GENERAL”

By Representative Zarate

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 245, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING OUR OLYMPIAN ATHLETE AND AIRWOMAN SECOND CLASS HIDILYN DIAZ FOR BAGGING THE SILVER MEDAL IN THE WOMEN'S WEIGHTLIFTING EVENT IN THE RIO 2016 SUMMER OLYMPICS”

By Representative Ferrer (L.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 246, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE METROBANK FOUNDATION-ROTARY CLUB OF NEW MANILA EAST SEARCH FOR THE COUNTRY'S OUTSTANDING POLICE OFFICERS IN SERVICE (C.O.P.S.) OF 2016”

By Representative Bataoil

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 247, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE, ENERGY AND THE OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT A JOINT INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE SALE OF WATER BY CE CASECNAN WATER AND ENERGY CORPORATION, INC., A CORPORATION OPERATING A HYDROELECTRIC POWERPLANT AND IRRIGATION CONTROL FACILITY IN CENTRAL LUZON PARTICULARLY THE PANTABANGAN DAM AND RESERVOIR TO THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION (NIA) FOR PURPOSES OF IRRIGATION TO ASCERTAIN THE VOLUME OF WATER DELIVERY, REVIEW THE EXORBITANT RATES OF WATER DELIVERY FEES PER CUBIC METER AND THE AVERAGE ANNUAL ENERGY GENERATION AND TO PROPOSE REMEDIAL MEASURES THEREOF”

By Representative Suansing (E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 248, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE INTEGRATION INTO ALL LINE AGENCIES' 2016 ANNUAL WORK PLAN THE AGGRESSIVE AND MASSIVE INFORMATION DRIVE TO ALL SECTORS ON

THE 2015 ASEAN INTEGRATION AND LAYING DOWN THE GROUNDWORK FOR THE NATION'S ESSENTIAL ROLE IN THE ASEAN REGIONAL EFFORT AND CHARTING ITS ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT ROAD MAPS”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EAST ASEAN GROWTH AREA

House Resolution No. 249, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY TO REMOVE THE INTEREST RATE IMPOSED ON THE LOCAL HOUSING FUND TO MAKE REPAYMENT SCHEME AFFORDABLE TO POOREST OF THE POOR, UNDERPRIVILEGED AND HOMELESS FAMILY BENEFICIARIES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 250, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO ADDRESS THE PLIGHT OF STRANDED OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS IN SAUDI ARABIA”

By Representatives Bertiz, Villarín, Salo, Lacson, Pineda, Romero, Belaro, Mending, Belmonte (R.), Lopez (B.), Montoro, Velasco-Catera, Uybarreta, Abayon, Salon, Antonio, Canama, Chavez and Ortega (V.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 251, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING ARCHITECT BARTHOLOME B. VISTA AND AMBASSADOR J. EDUARDO MALAYA FOR THE PHP 11 MILLION RENOVATION OF THE PHILIPPINE EMBASSY IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA AT NO COST TO THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT”

By Representative Turabin-Hataman

TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Resolution No. 252, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE INSUFFICIENT FUNDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF BAHAY PAG-ASA FACILITIES, RESULTING TO THE FAILURE TO FULLY AND PROPERLY IMPLEMENT REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10630 (RA 10630) STRENGTHENING THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM”

By Representatives Brosas, De Jesus, Roman, Roa-Puno, Elago, Zarate, Tinio, Castro (F.L.) and Casilao

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 253, entitled:

“RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION ON THE PROPRIETY AND LEGALITY OF NAPOLCOM'S WITHDRAWAL OF DEPUTATION OF MAYOR TOMAS R. OSMEÑA OF CEBU CITY AS NAPOLCOM'S REPRESENTATIVE IN HIS JURISDICTION”

By Representative Del Mar

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Rep. Christopher "Toff" Vera Perez De Venecia for House Bills No. 1402 and 1404.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 14, dated August 23, 2016.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Rep. Defensor thereafter acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Reps. Anthony M. Bravo, Ph. D. and Sabiniano S. Canama.

THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

With the unanimous consent of the Body, on motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour and thereafter, recognized Rep. Arnolfo "Arnie" A. Teves Jr. from the Third District of Negros Oriental for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. TEVES

Rep. Teves' privilege speech is a reminder to all hospitals in the country that their priority mandate is to save lives and not to make profit. He gave this reminder in light of what just happened to one of his

constituents who asked for his help in securing blood for her child who was down with dengue. He said that it was just fortunate that he was able to talk to a former classmate who was an officer at the Siliman University Medical Center so they were able to obtain blood bags from the medical center which the blood donors used and bring the blood to the Negros Oriental Provincial Hospital where the child was hospitalized.

While Rep. Teves was told earlier by Rep. Raul V. Del Mar that there was already a law prohibiting hospitals from not admitting patients without initial payment, the former reiterated his reminder to both public and private hospitals in the country that their primary mandate is to save lives and not to make money.

REFERRAL OF REP. TEVES' PRIVILEGE SPEECH

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege speech of Rep. Teves to the Committee on Rules.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Likewise, on motion of Rep. Defensor, the Chair suspended the session at 4:19 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:32 p.m.

SUSPENSION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body suspended the Privilege Hour.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Rep. Defensor then acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Rep. Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica.

MANIFESTATION OF REP. VILLARICA

Also acknowledged by the Chair upon Rep. Defensor's motion, Rep. Villarica informed the Body that the new officers of the Association of Women Legislators Foundation, Inc. (AWLFI) took their oaths of office that morning before Speaker Pantaleon D. Alvarez. She talked about the organization of the AWLFI in 2011 by former Representative Cynthia Villar, Representative Gina De Venecia's leadership in the 15th and 16th Congresses, and the projects for the advancement of women and their families that she will pursue as the new President thereof. She asked the

Body to support her bill on equality among spouses as well as other measures that women legislators will file and re-file in the 17th Congress.

In closing, Rep. Villarica stated that the women legislators need to catch up to narrow the gender gap and achieve the desired balance of 50-50 representation in Congress. Until then and under her watch, she added that the AWLFI shall do whatever it can to speed up to the desired change.

The Chair noted the manifestation of Rep. Villarica and congratulated the women legislators and wished them luck in all their undertakings.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Thereupon, Rep. Defensor acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Rep. Jose Antonio "Kuya Jonathan" R. Sy-Alvarado and Majority Leader Rodolfo C. Fariñas.

RESUMPTION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body resumed the Privilege Hour and thereafter, the Chair recognized Rep. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr. from the Third District of Camarines Sur for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. BORDADO

At the outset, Rep. Bordado discussed the importance of the national budget especially the budgetary allocation to the different government agencies for the delivery of basic services to the people. He stressed that among others, there is a need to examine the absorptive capacities of all departments, assess the regional allocation of public investments, and review whether the allocation of resources has been done in a manner that no department or agency receives more resources at the expense of another. He however expressed concern on the budgetary cuts in the 2017 proposed budgets of the Departments of Health (DOH), and Agriculture (DA) considering that they serve the most number of people below the poverty threshold.

As he lauds President Rodrigo Roa Duterte for coming up with a national budget that provides a clear philosophy and direction in the delivery of basic services, Rep. Bordado affirmed that the government must vigorously pursue the strategy of allocating resources to local government units (LGUs) as the quality of service delivery by the national government must be felt and appreciated by the people in the quality of services provided by the LGUs.

He then urged Congress to rise to the challenge of the President to make the national budget responsive to the needs of the people, and to immediately craft the Budget Reform Act with the assistance of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM).

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Defensor, the Chair recognized Rep. Rolando G. Andaya Jr. for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. ANDAYA

Reps. Andaya and Bordado discussed the status of the 2017 proposed budgets of the DA and DOH in relation to that of the Philippine National Police (PNP). Both Members affirmed that the PNP received budget increases in personnel services (PS), maintenance and other operating expenses (MOOE), and capital outlay (CO) while the DA and DOH received a budget increase only in PS under the 2017 national budget as proposed by the Executive.

Rep. Andaya opined that such kind of budget allocation only means that there would be major rounds of tax increases in the following years and that such increase in revenue will only go to salary increases.

With respect to the President's promise of doubling the salaries of policemen, soldiers, teachers and other members of the civil bureaucracy, Rep. Andaya said that this would cost the government some P230 billion, and asked where this amount of money would be sourced. He concluded that budgeting is about revenue generating and not spending.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. MARCOLETA

Rep. Rodante D. Marcoleta, who was recognized by the Chair for his interpellation, initially stated that he was glad that Rep. Bordado took special interest in the proposed 2017 national budget as presented to the Members in the Committee on Appropriations meetings. He noted that Rep. Bordado cited several areas where poverty incidence rate is so wide as compared to other areas, like the case of Central Luzon with a poverty incidence rate of 11 to 12 percent, as compared to Mindanao, particularly the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) with a rate of more than 50 percent. He said that the wide inequity in the country is represented by the so-called per capita income, which is arrived at by dividing the gross domestic product (GDP) with the total population. He cited the case of the ARMM with a per capita income of about P11,000, as compared to that of the National Capital Region's P219,000.00. He thereafter congratulated Rep. Bordado for expressing interest in and

studying the proposed 2017 national budget, this as he admitted that he has not even seen 10 percent of the budget proposal as he is still struggling to read some of its portions.

Rep. Bordado said that he just managed to check certain pages of the four volumes of the budget, and was prompted by news reports on the drastic cut in the budget of the DOH and DA. He cautioned that cutting the budgets of the two departments would have an immediate impact on the poor.

Rep. Marcoleta surmised that the DOH was able to explain itself days thereafter when it referred to another budgetary outlay, and that the newspapers were unable to capture the very essence of the presentation of budget. He added that the DOH was able to explain that it was not really a negative budget.

Subsequently, Rep. Marcoleta exchanged views with Rep. Bordado regarding the following issues: 1) whether in Rep. Bordado's initial reading of the proposed 2017 national budget, he saw initiatives where the anomalous disparity between the income in other areas of the country can be narrowed; 2) whether the government would be able to attain a projected GDP rate of as much as 10 percent in 2017 as compared to the 2016 output; and 3) whether given a projected tax collection representing only about 15 percent of the GDP, there is a need to focus more on revenue generation rather than on public spending and dream about an equitable distribution of the national income to the people.

Rep. Bordado agreed that a wide disparity in incomes still exists; the Executive Department has to double its effort to achieve a 2017 GDP rate; and there is indeed a need for the government to focus on revenue generation.

SUSPENSION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Chair suspended the Privilege Hour.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Rep. Defensor stated that he had mistakenly attributed the guests in the Session Hall who are from the Lone District of Abra, and recognized them anew as the guests of Rep. Joseph Sto. Niño B. Bernos

ROLL CALL

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abad
Abaya
Abayon
Abellanosa
Abu
Abueg
Acharon
Acop
Acosta-Alba
Aggabao
Aglipay-Villar
Akbar
Alcala
Alejano
Almario
Almonte
Alonte-Naguiat
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (P.)
Andaya
Angara-Castillo
Antonio
Aragones
Arbison
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Bag-ao
Bagatsing
Banal
Barbers
Barzaga
Bataoil
Batocabe
Bautista-Bandigan
Belaro
Belmonte (F.)
Belmonte (J.)
Benitez
Bernos
Bertiz
Billones
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Bravo (M.)
Brosas
Bulut-Begtang
Cagas

Calixto-Rubiano	Gullas
Camirero	Hernandez
Campos	Herrera-Dy
Cari	Hofer
Casilao	Javier
Castelo	Kho
Castro (F.H.)	Khonghun
Catamco	Labadlabad
Cayetano	Lacson
Cerilles	Lanete
Chavez	Laogan
Chipeco	Lazatin
Co	Leachon
Cojuangco	Lee
Collantes	Lobregat
Cortes	Lopez (B.)
Cortuna	Lopez (C.)
Cosalan	Lopez (M.)
Cua	Macapagal-Arroyo
Cuaresma	Maceda
Cueva	Madrona
Dalipe	Malapitan
Dalog	Mangaoang
Daza	Mangudadatu (Z.)
De Jesus	Marcoleta
De Venecia	Marcos
De Vera	Martinez
Defensor	Matugas
Del Rosario	Mellana
Deloso-Montalla	Mending
Dimaporo (A.)	Mercado
Dimaporo (M.)	Montoro
Enverga	Nava
Erice	Noel
Eriguel	Nogralles (J.)
Ermita-Buhain	Nolasco
Escudero	Oaminal
Espino	Ocampo
Estrella	Olivarez
Evardone	Ortega (P.)
Fariñas	Ortega (V.)
Fernando	Pacquiao
Ferrer (J.)	Paduano
Floirendo	Palma
Fortuno	Pancho
Fuentebella	Panganiban
Garbin	Panotes
Garcia (G.)	Papandayan
Garcia (J.)	Pimentel
Garin (S.)	Pineda
Go (A.C.)	Plaza
Go (M.)	Primicias-Agabas
Gonzales (A.P.)	Quimbo
Gonzales (A.D.)	Radaza
Gonzalez	Ramirez-Sato
Gorriceta	Ramos

Relampagos
 Revilla
 Roa-Puno
 Rodriguez (I.)
 Rodriguez (M.)
 Roman
 Romero
 Romualdez
 Roque (H.)
 Roque (R.)
 Sacdalan
 Sagarbarria
 Salceda
 Salimbangon
 Salo
 Salon
 Sambar
 Sandoval
 Santos-Recto
 Sarmiento (C.)
 Sarmiento (E.)
 Savellano
 Sema
 Siao
 Silverio
 Singson
 Suansing (E.)
 Suansing (H.)
 Suarez
 Sy-Alvarado
 Tambunting
 Tan (A.)
 Tan (M.)
 Tan (S.)
 Tejada
 Teves
 Tiangco
 Ting
 Tinio
 Tolentino
 Treñas
 Tugna
 Tupas
 Turabin-Hataman
 Umali
 Unabia
 Ungab
 Unico
 Uy (J.)
 Uy (R.)
 Uybarreta
 Vargas
 Vargas-Alfonso
 Velarde
 Velasco
 Velasco-Catera

Villanueva
 Villaraza-Suarez
 Villarica
 Villarin
 Violago
 Yu
 Zamora (R.)
 Zubiri

With 226 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See also Appendix 1)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Rep. Defensor acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Rep. Rosenda Ann Ocampo.

RESUMPTION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body resumed the Privilege Hour.

REFERRAL OF REP. BORDADO'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege speech of Rep. Bordado and the interpellations thereon to the Committee on Rules.

TERMINATION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body terminated the Privilege Hour.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. Defensor, the Chair suspended the session at 5:28 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:36 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Rep. Defensor acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Reps. Bordado and Winston "Winnie" Castelo.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. Defensor, the Chair suspended the session at 5:38 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:46 p.m.

ELECTION OF MAJORITY MEMBERS TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES/SPECIAL COMMITTEES

On motion of Majority Leader Fariñas, there being no objection, the Body elected the following Members from the Majority to the Committees/Special Committees hereunder indicated:

Committee on Rules

1. Rep. Arnel U. Ty as Deputy Majority Leader

(as Members)

2. Rep. Vini Nola A. Ortega
3. Rep. Michael L. Romero, Ph.D.
4. Rep. Jose Enrique "Joet" S. Garcia III

Committee on Accounts

1. Rep. Maria Valentina G. Plaza as Vice Chairperson

(as Members)

2. Rep. Raul V. Del Mar
3. Rep. Ansaruddin A.M. A. Adiong
4. Rep. Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte
5. Rep. Leo Rafael M. Cueva
6. Rep. Evelyn P. Mellana
7. Rep. Gavini "Apol" C. Pancho

Committee on Appropriations

(as additional Members)

1. Rep. Alberto T. Ungab
2. Rep. Rogelio Neil P. Roque
3. Rep. Salvio B. Fortuno
4. Rep. Munir M. Arbison
5. Rep. Jose "Pingping" I. Tejada
6. Rep. Isagani S. Amatong
7. Rep. Henedina R. Abad
8. Rep. Nancy A. Catamco
9. Rep. Ansarrudin A.M. A. Adiong
10. Rep. Benjamin C. Agarao, Jr.
11. Rep. Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla
12. Rep. Arcadio. H. Gorriceta
13. Rep. Jocelyn Sy Limkaichong

14. Rep. Geraldine B. Roman
15. Rep. Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento
16. Rep. Baby Aline Vargas-Alfonso
17. Rep. Leopoldo N. Bataoil
18. Rep. Evelyn P. Mellana
19. Rep. Gavini "Apol" C. Pancho
20. Rep. Lorna C. Silverio
21. Rep. Juliette T. Uy
22. Rep. Manuel F. Zubiri

Committee on Constitutional Amendments

(as additional Members)

1. Rep. Lawrence H. Fortun
2. Rep. Lianda B. Bolilia
3. Rep. Romeo M. Acop
4. Rep. Leopoldo N. Bataoil
5. Rep. Karlo Alexei B. Nograles
6. Rep. Henedina R. Abad
7. Rep. Kaka J. Bag-ao

Committee on Cooperatives Development

(as additional Members)

1. Rep. Sabiniano S. Canama
2. Rep. Lorna C. Silverio
3. Rep. Maria Valentina G. Plaza
4. Rep. Vilma Santos-Recto

Committee on Dangerous Drugs

(as additional Members)

1. Rep. Maximo B. Dalog
2. Rep. Munir M. Arbison
3. Rep. Erlpe John "Ping" M. Amante
4. Rep. Allen Jesse C. Mangaoang
5. Rep. Alberto Tom Ungab
6. Rep. Romeo M. Acop
7. Rep. Leopoldo N. Bataoil
8. Rep. Luis "Jon-Jon" A. Ferrer IV
9. Rep. Benjamin C. Agarao Jr.
10. Rep. Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte

Committee on Ecology

1. Rep. Lorna Silverio as additional Member

Committee on Economic Affairs

(as additional Members)

1. Rep. Rogelio Neil P. Roque
2. Rep. Jose Enrique "Joet" S. Garcia III
3. Rep. Randolph S. Ting

Committee on Energy

(as Members)

1. Rep. Carlo V. Lopez
2. Rep. Jeffrey D. Khonghun
3. Rep. Lianda B. Bolilia
4. Rep. Frederick W. Siao
5. Rep. Raul "Boboy" C. Tupas
6. Rep. Maria Valentina G. Plaza
7. Rep. Benhur L. Salimbangon
8. Rep. Juliette T. Uy
9. Rep. Henedina R. Abad
10. Rep. Rene L. Relampagos
11. Rep. Josephine Ramirez-Sato
12. Rep. Mario Vittorio "Marvey" A. Mariño
13. Rep. Celso L. Lobregat

Committee on Ethics and Privileges

(as additional Members)

1. Rep. Lianda B. Bolilia
2. Rep. Josephine Ramirez-Sato

Committee on Foreign Affairs

(as additional Members)

1. Rep. Ana Cristina Siquian Go
2. Rep. Imelda R. Marcos
3. Rep. Baby Aline Vargas-Alfonso
4. Rep. Leopoldo N. Bataoil
5. Rep. Strike B. Revilla
6. Rep. Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla
7. Rep. Christopher "Toff" Vera Perez De Venecia

Committee on Games and Amusements

(as additional Members)

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2. Rep. Ana Cristina Siquian Go
3. Rep. Emmanuel F. Madrona
4. Rep. Seth Frederick P. Jalosjos
5. Rep. Florida "Rida" P. Robes
6. Rep. Romeo M. Acop
7. Rep. Jennifer Austria Barzaga
8. Rep. Juliet Marie D. Ferrer
9. Rep. Gavini "Apol" C. Pancho
10. Rep. Cristina "Chiqui" Roa-Puno
11. Rep. Jorge "Bolet" Banal
12. Rep. Winston "Winnie" Castelo
13. Rep. Arcadio H. Gorriceta

Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability

(as additional Members)

1. Rep. Henry S. Oaminal
2. Rep. Ronald M. Cosalan
3. Rep. Leo Rafael M. Cueva
4. Rep. Kaka J. Bag-ao
5. Rep. Christopher "Toff" Vera Perez De Venecia
6. Rep. Geraldine B. Roman

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(as additional Members)

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2. Rep. Maria Valentina G. Plaza
3. Rep. Strike B. Revilla
4. Rep. Henedina R. Abad
5. Rep. Alfredo D. Vargas

Committee on Government Reorganization

1. Rep. Christopher "Toff" Vera Perez De Venecia as additional Member

Committee on Health

(as additional Members)

1. Rep. Rogelio J. Espina, M.D.
2. Rep. Jose "Pingping" I. Tejada
3. Rep. Mark O. Go
4. Rep. Romeo M. Acop
5. Rep. Baby Aline Vargas-Alfonso
6. Rep. Jennifer Austria Barzaga
7. Rep. Luisa Lloren Cuaresma
8. Rep. Jorge "Bolet" Banal
9. Rep. Nancy A. Catamco
10. Rep. Rene L. Relampagos
11. Rep. Arcadio H. Gorriceta
12. Rep. Geraldine B. Roman

Committee on Higher and Technical Education

(as additional Members)

1. Rep. Ma. Lourdes Acosta-Alba
2. Rep. Rogelio J. Espina, M.D.
3. Rep. Emmanuel F. Madrona
4. Rep. Raul "Boboy" C. Tupas
5. Rep. Maximo B. Dalog
6. Rep. Leo Rafael M. Cueva

7. Rep. Jose Enrique "Joet" S. Garcia III
8. Rep. Evelyn P. Mellana
9. Rep. Edwin C. Ong
10. Rep. Winston "Winnie" Castelo
11. Rep. Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte
12. Rep. Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla
13. Rep. Josephine Ramirez-Sato
14. Rep. Jocelyn Sy Limkaichong

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3. Rep. Luis "Jon-Jon" A. Ferrer IV
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5. Rep. Strike B. Revilla
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7. Rep. Winston "Winnie" Castelo
8. Rep. Alfred D. Vargas

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Committee on Indigenous Cultural Communities and Indigenous Peoples

(as additional Members)

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2. Rep. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr.

Committee on Inter-Parliamentary Relations and Diplomacy

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2. Rep. Corazon T. Nuñez-Malanyaon
3. Rep. Baby Aline Vargas-Alfonso
4. Rep. Cristina "Chiqui" Roa Puno
5. Rep. Josephine Ramirez-Sato
6. Rep. Vilma Santos-Recto

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4. Rep. Edwin C. Ong
5. Rep. Juliette T. Uy
6. Rep. Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte
7. Rep. Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla
8. Rep. Vilma Santos-Recto

Committee on Metro Manila Development

(as additional Members)

1. Rep. Carlo V. Lopez, and
2. Rep. Emmeline Aglipay-Villar

Committee on Mindanao Affairs

(as additional Members)

1. Rep. Jose "Pingping" I. Tejada
2. Rep. Seth Frederick P. Jalosjos
3. Rep. Erlpe John "Ping" M. Amante
4. Rep. Ma. Lourdes Acosta-Alba
5. Rep. Kaka J. Bag-ao
6. Rep. Ansaruddin A.M. A. Adiong
7. Rep. Isagani S. Amatong
8. Rep. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo

Committee on National Defense and Security

(as additional Members)

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2. Rep. Henry S. Oaminal
3. Rep. Rodolfo T. Albano III
4. Rep. Romeo M. Acop
5. Rep. Jose Antonio "Kuya Jonathan" R. Sy-Alvarado
6. Rep. Juliette T. Uy
7. Rep. Mario Vittorio "Marvey" A. Mariño
8. Rep. Alfred D. Vargas
9. Rep. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo
10. Rep. Nancy A. Catamco
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2. Rep. Estrellita B. Suansing
3. Rep. Winston "Winnie" Castelo

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5. Rep. Rogelio "Ruel" D. Pacquiao
6. Rep. Micaela S. Violago

7. Rep. Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano
8. Rep. Raul V. Del Mar
9. Rep. Strike B. Revilla

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6. Rep. Juliet Marie D. Ferrer

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14. Rep. Zajid G. Mangudadatu
15. Rep. Gil "Kabarangay" P. Acosta
16. Rep. Jum J. Akbar
17. Rep. Lorna P. Bautista-Bandigan
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19. Rep. Jonas C. Cortes
20. Rep. Amado T. Espino Jr.
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22. Rep. Ruwel Peter S. Gonzaga
23. Rep. Glona G. Labadlabad
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25. Rep. Suharto T. Mangudadatu
26. Rep. Eric M. Martinez
27. Rep. Wilter "Sharky" Wee Palma II
28. Rep. Marisol C. Panotes
29. Rep. Johnny Ty Pimentel
30. Rep. Renato J. Unico Jr.
31. Rep. Ansaruddin A.M. A. Adiong
32. Rep. Benjamin C. Agarao Jr.
33. Rep. Isagani S. Amatong
34. Rep. Mario Vittorio "Marvey" A. Mariño
35. Rep. Geraldine B. Roman
36. Rep. Vilma Santos-Recto
37. Rep. Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento
38. Rep. Raul V. Del Mar
39. Rep. Erlpe John "Ping" M. Amante
40. Rep. Frederick W. Siao
41. Rep. Salvio B. Fortuno

42. Rep. Jeffrey D. Khonghun
43. Rep. Robert Ace S. Barbers
44. Rep. Raul "Boboy" C. Tupas
45. Rep. Allen Jesse C. Mangaoang
46. Rep. Maria Vida Espinosa Bravo
47. Rep. Luisa Lloren Cuaresma
48. Rep. Luis "Jon-Jon" A. Ferrer IV
49. Rep. Strike B. Revilla
50. Rep. Baby Aline Vargas-Alfonso

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(as Members)

1. Rep. Ben P. Evardone
2. Rep. Ramon V.A. "Rav" M. Rocamora
3. Rep. Vicente "Ching" S.E. Veloso
4. Rep. Josephine Ramirez-Sato
5. Rep. Juliette T. Uy

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2. Rep. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo
3. Rep. Josephine Ramirez-Sato
4. Rep. Robert Ace S. Barbers
5. Rep. Lawrence H. Fortun
6. Rep. Edwin C. Ong
7. Rep. Jose Antonio "Kuya Jonathan" R. Sy-Alvarado

Committee on Trade and Industry

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1. Rep. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo
2. Rep. Lorna Silverio

(as Members)

3. Rep. Maximo B. Rodriguez Jr.
4. Rep. Jerry P. Treñas
5. Rep. Franz E. Alvarez
6. Rep. Gus S. Tambunting
7. Rep. Rene L. Relampagos
8. Rep. Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte
9. Rep. Jocelyn Sy Limkaichong
10. Rep. Ma. Lourdes Acosta-Alba
11. Rep. Mark O. Go
12. Rep. Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano
13. Rep. Carlo V. Lopez
14. Rep. Juliette T. Uy
15. Rep. Jose Enrique "Joet" S. Garcia III

Committee on Women and Gender Equality

(as Vice Chairpersons)

1. Rep. Sol Aragon
2. Rep. Len B. Alonte-Naguiat
3. Rep. Geraldine B. Roman

(as Members)

4. Rep. Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica
5. Rep. Maria Carmen S. Zamora
6. Rep. Rose Marie "Baby" J. Arenas
7. Rep. Ruby M. Sahali
8. Rep. Estrellita B. Suansing
9. Rep. Cristal L. Bagatsing
10. Rep. Alexandria P. Gonzales
11. Rep. Ma. Lucille L. Nava, M.D.
12. Rep. Micaela S. Violago
13. Rep. Ma. Theresa V. Collantes
14. Rep. Henedina R. Abad
15. Rep. Jocelyn Sy Limkaichong
16. Rep. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr.
17. Rep. Vilma Santos-Recto
18. Rep. Juliette T. Uy
19. Rep. Yedda Marie K. Romualdez

Committee on Youth and Sports Development

(as Members)

1. Rep. Eric L. Olivarez
2. Rep. Joseph Sto. Niño B. Bernos
3. Rep. Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo
4. Rep. Carmelo "Jon" B. Lazatin II
5. Rep. Dale "Along" R. Malapitan
6. Rep. Francisco Jose F. Matugas II
7. Rep. Arnolfo "Arnie" A. Teves Jr.
8. Rep. Carlo V. Lopez
9. Rep. Mercedes "Didi" C. Cagas
10. Rep. Christopher "Toff" Vera Perez
De Venecia
11. Rep. Alfred D. Vargas
12. Rep. Leo Rafael M. Cueva

Special Committee on Bases Conversion

1. Rep. Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla as Vice
Chairperson

(as Members)

2. Rep. Carmelo "Jon" B. Lazatin II
3. Rep. Federico "Ricky" S. Sandoval II

4. Rep. Geraldine B. Roman
5. Rep. Jeffrey D. Khonghun
6. Rep. Mark O. Go
7. Rep. Allen Jesse C. Mangaoang

Special Committee on Bicol Recovery
and Economic Development

1. Rep. Gabriel Bordado Jr. as Vice
Chairperson

(as Members)

2. Rep. Fernando V. Gonzalez
3. Rep. Marisol C. Panotes
4. Rep. Elisa "Olga" T. Kho

Special Committee on East ASEAN Growth Area

(as Vice Chairpersons)

1. Rep. Gil "Kabarangay" P. Acosta
2. Rep. Suharto T. Mangudadatu
3. Rep. Isagani S. Amatong

(as Members)

4. Rep. Ruby M. Sahali
5. Rep. Jum J. Akbar
6. Rep. Frederick W. Siao

Special Committee on Globalization and WTO

1. Rep. Vilma Santos-Recto
as Vice Chairperson

(as Members)

2. Rep. Raul V. Del Mar
3. Rep. Cristina "Chiqui" Roa Puno

Special Committee on Land Use

1. Rep. Jose Antonio "Kuya Jonathan" R. Sy-
Alvarado
as Vice Chairperson

(as Members)

2. Rep. Florida "Rida" P. Robes
3. Rep. Juliette T. Uy

Special Committee on Peace,
Reconciliation and Unity

(as Vice Chairpersons)

1. Rep. Jesus Nonato Sacdalan
2. Rep. Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte

(as Member)

3. Rep. Mauyag "Jun" B. Papandayan Jr.

Special Committee on Reforestation

1. Rep. Benjamin C. Agarao Jr. as Vice Chairperson

(as Members)

2. Rep. Jesus "Boying" F. Celeste
3. Rep. Rogelio Neil P. Roque

Special Committee on Southern
Tagalog Development

(as Members)

1. Rep. Len B. Alonte-Naguiat
2. Rep. Joaquin M. Chipeco Jr.
3. Rep. Vilma Santos-Recto
4. Rep. Cristina "Chiqui" Roa Puno

Special Committee on
Sustainable Development Goals

1. Rep. Nancy A. Catamco as Vice Chairperson

**DESIGNATION OF DEPUTY
MINORITY LEADERS**

Thereafter, on motion of Minority Leader Danilo E. Suarez, there being no objection, Reps. H. Harry L. Roque Jr. and Luis Jose Angel N. Campos Jr. were designated as Deputy Minority Floor Leaders to constitute the additional Minority Members in the Committee on Rules.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. Defensor, the Chair suspended the session at 5:56 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:59 p.m. with Speaker Pantaleon D. Alvarez presiding.

**OATH-TAKING OF REPS. SEMA AND
HERNANDEZ AS DEPUTY SPEAKERS**

At this point, Majority Leader Fariñas informed the Body that Reps. Bai Sandra Sinsuat A. Sema and Ferdinand L. Hernandez were elected as Deputy Speakers on August 17, 2016.

Upon Rep. Fariñas' motion, Reps. Sema and Hernandez then took their oaths of office as Deputy Speaker before Speaker Alvarez (P.), one after another and together with their families and other Members of the House.

**PRESENTATION OF
RESOLUTIONS NO. 8 AND 9**

Subsequently, on motion of Majority Leader Fariñas, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the presentation of the following:

1. Resolution No. 8, adopted on August 9, 2016, commending Hidilyn Diaz for her exceptional feat in winning the Rio 2016 Olympic silver medal in the Women's 53-kg. Weightlifting Division on August 7, 2016 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; and
2. Resolution No. 9, adopted on August 22, 2016, conferring the Congressional Medal of Distinction to Miss Hidilyn F. Diaz for winning the silver medal in the Women's Weightlifting 53-kg Category in the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Summer Olympic Games.

Also on Rep. Fariñas' motion, there being no objection, the Body recognized several Members to make manifestations before the presentation of the adopted Resolutions to Ms. Diaz.

MANIFESTATION OF REP. LOBREGAT

Rep. Celso L. Lobregat congratulated her constituent, Ms. Diaz, for ending the Philippines' 20-year medal drought in the Olympics and for being the first and only Filipina to win a silver medal therein. He described her humble beginnings and traced her career as he enumerated bronze, silver and gold medals she had won in international events. He pointed out that the focus, training, and preparation that she did after failing in the 2012 London Olympics showed the resiliency and tenacity of the Filipino. Citing Zamboanga City's programs and financial assistance for its athletes, he said that the House will not only present a

Congressional Medal of Distinction and a Resolution of Commendation to Ms. Diaz but will also give her a monetary award from the personal pockets of the Members.

MANIFESTATION OF REP. ROA-PUNO

Speaking as a veteran sports anchor and correspondent, Rep. Cristina “Chiqui” Roa-Puno recalled the country’s welcome activities for Filipino boxer Onyok Velasco when he came home with a silver medal from the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. She then stressed that another hero emerged in the person of Ms. Diaz whom she referred to as a Filipina brandishing girl power at its best and showing the world that the Filipino is strong in every sense of the word.

As Ms. Diaz brought to the fore the many problems that besiege the Filipino athletes, Rep. Roa-Puno stated that the country needs to treasure, nurture and embrace the athletes not only when they win but also during times of losing. She added that with the right strategy, commitment and patience, one can reach greater heights just like Ms. Diaz did. She stressed that at present, the House and the Senate are filled with individuals who either champion the athlete’s cause or are champion athletes themselves such as Senator Manny Pacquiao as well as Reps. Manuel Monsour T. Del Rosario III, Michael L. Romero, Pia S. Cayetano, and Manuel Luis T. Lopez.

As a former athlete, sportscaster and avid sports fan, Rep. Roa-Puno stated that she is committed to seeing the country’s sports programs flourish and enjoined her colleagues to prioritize sports and support various sports-related legislation measures such as the creation of a Department of Sports, and enactment of a Magna Carta for student-athletes, among others. She expressed hope that Ms. Diaz’ victory would provide the impetus for more successes in the field of sports, not only in medal victories but also in policy and legislative reforms. She then assured Ms. Diaz of the country’s support in her dream of getting the gold medal in the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.

Thereafter, on motion of Majority Leader Fariñas, the Chair recognized Rep. Romero for his manifestation.

MANIFESTATION OF REP. ROMERO

At the outset, Rep. Romero relayed to the Body Ms. Diaz’ difficult experience during the 2012 London Olympic Games as she was not able to perform well. Aside from boxing, he stated that the country’s drought for Olympic medals continued as shown by

the performance of Filipino athletes in the past Olympics. He said that from 1928 up to the present, the Philippines has only won a total of 10 Olympic medals. Luckily, he stressed that said drought was broken by Ms. Diaz by winning the country’s third silver medal in the 2016 Rio Olympic Games. He pointed out that Ms. Diaz’ achievement should be a big rallying point for Philippine sports and that she would be definitely going for the gold medal in the next Olympics.

Thereafter, on motion of Majority Leader Fariñas, the Chair recognized Rep. Lopez (M.) for his manifestation.

MANIFESTATION OF REP. LOPEZ (M.)

Rep. Lopez stated that Ms. Diaz’ achievement did not happen overnight as he was a witness to the failures and struggles of the Filipino athletes, including Ms. Diaz, during the 2008 Beijing and 2012 London Olympics. He attributed such failure to the neglect of the government in providing monetary and moral support to the Filipino athlete just like in the case of Onyok Velasco whose monetary incentive was approved by the House but was not acted upon by the Senate.

Thereupon, Rep. Lopez stated that Ms. Diaz’ silver medal should never be forgotten, urged his colleagues to support Filipino athletes, and called upon those involved to change the negative system that has been prevailing in Philippine sports.

REMARKS OF MAJORITY LEADER FARIÑAS

At this point, Rep. Fariñas requested Ms. Diaz to ascend the rostrum to receive the Congressional Medal of Distinction together with the copy of Resolution No. 9. As a sign of appreciation and recognition for her outstanding performance in the Rio Olympics, he stated that the Members have contributed among themselves the amount of ₱1.5 million to be awarded to Ms. Diaz.

REMARKS OF SPEAKER ALVAREZ (P.)

Speaker Alvarez thereafter invited Ms. Diaz to ascend the rostrum and requested Mr. William Butch Ramirez, Chairperson of the Philippine Sports Commission, Mr. Elbert Atilano, Sr., Vice-President and Chairperson of the Technical Committee for Training of the national team and team manager for the Rio Olympic Games of the Philippine Weightlifting Association, Inc. (PWAI), and Mr. Alfonsito Aldanete, Technical Head Coach of the PWAI to accompany Ms. Diaz.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 9

Thereafter, on motion of Majority Leader Fariñas, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the presentation of Resolution No. 9, and which the Secretary General was directed to read, conferring the Congressional Medal of Distinction to Ms. Hidilyn F. Diaz for winning the Silver Medal in the Women's Weightlifting 53kg category in the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Summer Olympic Games.

At this juncture, Ms. Diaz ascended the rostrum to receive her Congressional Medal of Distinction from Speaker Alvarez.

REMARKS OF THE SPEAKER

The Speaker then asked Ms. Diaz to accept the cash given by the Members of the House of Representatives in the amount of P1.5 million.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. Bondoc, the session was suspended at 6:42 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:46 p.m., the session resumed, with Deputy Speaker Quimbo presiding.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE OF MAJORITY LEADER FARIÑAS

Recognized by the Chair, Rep. Fariñas rose on a question of personal and collective privilege.

He said that several questions had been raised regarding the position of Minority Leader days after the opening of the 1st Regular Session of the 17th Congress on July 25, 2016, and that the point of contention now is whether the House should follow tradition or the Rules of the House. He noted that the Members who are invoking that Rep. Teddy Brawner Baguilat Jr. is the duly elected Minority Leader claim to have tradition and customs and usage on their part. He then focused his speech on the basis of their claim.

For the guidance of all concerned and future Congresses, he said that he would like to present before the Body how the selection or election of Minority Leader has evolved and proceeded to show a matrix of how in the 13th Congress this election has evolved, when it was specifically stated in Section 7 of the

Rules of the House how the Majority Leader and Minority Leaders are elected. Said Section 7, he elaborated, provided that, "Those who voted for the winning candidate for Speaker shall constitute the Majority in the House and they shall elect from among themselves the Majority Leader who can be changed only by a majority vote of all the Majority Members at any time."

In the second paragraph of the section, he emphasized, it was expressly stated that, "Those who voted for the losing candidate for Speaker shall constitute the Minority in the House. The Member who garners the second highest number of votes for the position of Speaker shall assume the position of Minority Leader and he/she can be changed only by a majority vote of all the Minority Members."

He next underscored that the third paragraph says that "In case two or more losing candidates obtained the same second highest number of votes for the position of Speaker, a runoff election will be held among the Minority Members to determine, through a majority vote thereof, who among those who so obtained the same second highest number of votes shall be the Minority Leader."

Thereafter, Rep. Fariñas emphasized that it was very clear in the 13th Congress that the runner-up becomes the Minority Leader, this as he recalled that during that time, the candidates for Speaker were Reps. Jose De Venecia Jr., Francis Escudero, Jacinto Paras and Ronaldo Zamora, and that pursuant to said Rules, the second placer, former Rep. Escudero, became the Minority Leader. He then showed a visual presentation of the matrix of the Rules of the House under the 13th Congress.

Pursuing his point, he said that during the election for the speakership in the 14th Congress, they adopted provisionally the Rules of the 13th Congress where that particular paragraph about a runner-up becoming the Minority Leader was part of the Rules, this as he stressed that during that time, the only candidate for Speaker was former Rep. De Venecia.

Thus, he said that in the 14th Congress, they discarded the rule that the runner-up shall become the Minority Leader and adopted the Rule providing that "The Minority Leader shall be elected by the members of the Minority and can be changed by a majority vote of all the Minority members at any time." He referred to the matrix presentation flashed on the screen to amplify his point.

In addition, the Majority Leader explained that the first paragraph is a carry-over of what up to the present the House has adopted, to wit: "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 by a majority vote of the Majority Members at any time." This provision was a deviation from the old rule, he continued, because paragraph 1, Section 16, Article VI of the Constitution provides that "The Senate shall elect its President and the House of Representatives its Speaker, by a majority vote of all its respective Members." He added that the second paragraph says, "Each House shall choose such other officers as it may deem necessary."

Rep. Fariñas said that the Members can select or elect their leaders under their jurisdiction, and in the instant case, rightfully, the Members elected the Speaker; those in the Majority should elect their Majority Leader; and those in the Minority should also elect their Minority Leader. He said the old Rule that was discarded would make a winner out of a loser or would allow a losing candidate to become a leader. He opined that no Minority Leader was elected at the time of the election of the Speaker, as he wondered how one could become a leader when he lost in an election. He stressed that the Members choose their leaders who were elected by the sovereign people. In this case, he said that the members of the Minority should really elect their Minority Leader.

Rep. Fariñas said that in the 15th and 16th Congresses, the same Rule was adopted, with the Majority members electing their Majority Leader, and the Minority members electing their Minority Leader. Unfortunately, he said that during said Congresses, the Rule was violated because the next losing candidate to the Speaker was adopted as the Minority Leader, which he averred was a violation of the Rule which was objected by nobody.

He explained that in the 17th Congress, the House provisionally adopted the Rules of the 16th Congress which have been the same in the 14th, 15th, and 16th Congresses. He said that it was fortunate that Rep. Jose L. Atienza "Jr." was a stickler for the Rules and sought clarification as to how the Minority Leader would be determined, to which Rep. Fariñas, as the temporary Floor Leader and upon request of the Presiding Officer, answered by citing the specific Rule that "whoever elects or votes for the winning candidate for Speaker will be the Majority and those who did not vote, whether they voted for another candidate or did not vote at all, will become the Minority and they will elect their leader."

As he recalled that this was the categorical answer he gave as the Acting Floor Leader with nobody objecting, he said that otherwise, any Member could have stood and claimed that the House has to follow tradition, because by tradition, the losing candidate with the next highest number of votes should be the Minority Leader.

He likewise recalled that a colleague claimed that it was only an opinion by one who was not even elected as Majority Leader but was only the Acting Floor Leader. He however emphasized that this opinion of the Acting Floor Leader was sought by the Chair who, together with the Body, adopted the same.

Thereupon, Rep. Fariñas mentioned that he was the Chairperson of the Rules Rewriting Committee which wrote the Rules of the House under the 15th Congress thus he knows the Rules, and begged his colleagues to see the light as it is. He adverted to the claim that the concerned Members will go the Supreme Court, but argued that they will lose there as they will ask the help of the Supreme Court through certiorari which is only available when there is no plain, adequate or speedy remedy available. He underscored that such remedy is available in the House which is submitting the question to the Body and letting them decide on it. He asked whether the Supreme Court would even listen to the complainants if their course of action is to follow tradition based on a rule that was already discarded. He thereafter emphasized that they were all welcome to join the Majority.

Even as he was not speaking for the Minority, Rep. Fariñas expressed hope that the Minority will also welcome them, but cautioned that this is where their off-quoted paragraph will come into play. He said that the day after the election, it was manifested on the floor that those who did not vote for the winning candidate constituted themselves as the Minority and invited everybody including the eight Members to join in the election of Minority Leader; however, the latter did not participate. He stressed that they should have gone there and participated but now they want to say and lay claim on the title of Minority Leader through a discarded rule.

He then committed to resign as chair of the Committee on Rules should the Supreme Court rule in favor of the complainant-Members, but will still welcome them to the Majority if his opinion will be upheld. He noted that their brethren from the Liberal Party (LP) are already with the Majority, including Deputy Speaker Quimbo who heads the Party.

He expressed hope that he has explained clearly what happened that the 17th Congress only adopted the rule as clearly stated in the House Rules. Inasmuch as the Philippines is a Republican government where sovereignty resides in the people and all government authority emanates from them, he said that no one can hold public office if the people do not give him their mandate, be it a Minority Leader, because one cannot be a Minority Leader by default or by losing.

He pointed out for the record that Rep. Baguilat never ran for the Office of Minority Leader, as he wanted to be the Speaker of the House. In fact, he asked why they nominated him as candidate for Speaker when all Rep. Baguilat wanted was to be Minority Leader then Rep. Alvarez (P.) should have been unopposed in the race for the speakership. He said that the Members who did not vote for Rep. Alvarez (P.) could have gathered together and elected their Minority Leader. However, he stated that Rep. Baguilat, for the record, ran for the Office of the Speaker and pursuant to the Rules, cannot be the Minority Leader because as shown in the past three Congresses, the Minority shall elect their Minority Leader. Based on the Constitution, he said that the respective Houses of Congress shall choose their other officers, whether it be Minority Leader, Majority Leader, or Committee chairperson, as what they are doing at present. He said that even committee memberships and vice chairmanships were elected or chosen by the House because nobody can hold any public office without a mandate from whomever they claimed to be serving.

In closing, Rep. Fariñas thanked the Members and hoped that his speech will clarify the matter.

REFERRAL OF MAJORITY LEADER FARIÑAS' SPEECH

On motion of Rep. Juan Pablo "Rimpy" P. Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body referred the speech of Majority Leader Fariñas, including the legal treatise on the position of the House, to the Committee on Rules.

MOTION TO ADJOURN OF REP. BONDOC

Rep. Bondoc moved that the Body adjourn the session until Monday, August 29, 2016.

Before acting on the motion, the Chair recognized Majority Leader Fariñas for his announcement.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MAJORITY LEADER FARIÑAS

Majority Leader Fariñas informed the Body that effective Monday, by instruction of Speaker Alvarez (P.) and upon agreement in the Committee on Rules, roll calls will be conducted every session day.

REMARKS OF REP. ATIENZA

Upon recognition by the Chair, Rep. Atienza said that he would like to correct the announcement of Rep. Bondoc regarding his motion on the resumption of session because Monday, August 29, 2016 is a holiday.

At this point, the Chair recognized Rep. Bondoc to make a clarification.

REMARKS OF REP. BONDOC

Rep. Bondoc apologized for the error and said that the session will resume on Tuesday, August 30, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

On a previous motion of Rep. Bondoc, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until four o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, August 30, 2016.

It was 7:03 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

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

Approved on August 30, 2016.

Congress of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Philippines

MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE**Date: August 24, 2016**

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
AKBAR	CAGAS	ESCUDERO
*** ALBANO	*** CALDERON	**** ESPINA
ALCALA	CALIXTO-RUBIANO	ESPINO
ALEJANO	CAMINERO	ESTRELLA
ALMARIO	CAMPOS	*** EUSEBIO
ALMONTE	**** CANAMA	EVARDONE
ALONTE	CARI	FARIÑAS
ALVAREZ (F.)	CASILAO	FERNANDO
**** ALVAREZ (M.)	CASTELO	FERRER (J.)
ALVAREZ (P.)	**** CASTRO (F.L.)	**** FERRER (L.)
* AMANTE	CASTRO (F.H.)	*** FERRIOL-PASCUAL
*** AMATONG	CATAMCO	FLOIRENDO
ANDAYA	CAYETANO	**** FLORES
ANGARA-CASTILLO	**** CELESTE	*** FORTUN
**** ANTONINO	**** CERAFICA	FORTUNO
ANTONIO	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	DALOG	GONZALES (A.P.)
BAUTISTA-BANDIGAN	DAZA	GONZALES (A.D.)
BELARO	DE JESUS	GONZALEZ
BELMONTE (F.)	DE VENECIA	GORRICETA

GULLAS	OLIVAREZ	SINGSON
HERNANDEZ	***** ONG (E.)	SUANSING (E.)
HERRERA-DY	***** ONG (H.)	SUANSING (H.)
HOFER	ORTEGA (P.)	SUAREZ
***** JALOSJOS	ORTEGA (V.N.)	SY-ALVARADO
JAVIER	PACQUIAO	TAMBUNTING
KHO	PADUANO	TAN (A.)
KHONGHUN	PALMA	TAN (M.)
LABADLABAD	PANCHO	TAN (S.)
LACSON	PANGANIBAN	TEJADA
*** LAGMAN	PANOTES	TEVES
LANETE	PAPANDAYAN	TIANGCO
LAOGAN	* PICHAY	TING
LAZATIN	PIMENTEL	TINIO
LEACHON	PINEDA	TOLENTINO
LEE	PLAZA	TREÑAS
** LIMKAICHONG	PRIMICIAS-AGABAS	TUGNA
LOBREGAT	QUIMBO	TUPAS
LOPEZ (B.)	RADAZA	TURABIN-HATAMAN
LOPEZ (C.)	RAMIREZ-SATO	* TY
LOPEZ (M.L.)	RAMOS	UMALI
* LOYOLA	RELAMPAGOS	UNABIA
MACAPAGAL-ARROYO	REVILLA	UNGAB
MACEDA	ROA-PUNO	UNICO
MADRONA	* ROBES	UY (J.)
MALAPITAN	*** ROCAMORA	UY (R.)
*** MANALO	RODRIGUEZ (I.)	UYBARRETA
MANGAOANG	RODRIGUEZ (M.)	VARGAS
* MANGUDADATU (S.)	ROMAN	VARGAS-ALFONSO
MANGUDADATU (Z.)	ROMERO	VELARDE
MARCOLETA	ROMUALDEZ	VELASCO
MARCOS	* ROMUALDO	VELASCO-CATERA
*** MARIÑO	ROQUE (H.)	***** VELOSO
*** MARQUEZ	ROQUE (R.)	**** VERGARA
MARTINEZ	SACDALAN	*** VILLAFUERTE
MATUGAS	SAGARBARRIA	VILLANUEVA
MELLANA	***** SAHALI	VILLARAZA-SUAREZ
MENDING	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	
OCAMPO	SILVERIO	

* Appeared before/after 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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