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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Fredenil “Fred” H. Castro 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.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. Rodante D. Marcoleta, the session was suspended at 3:02 p.m.

At this point, Deputy Speaker Castro (F.H.) relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Pia S. Cayetano.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:16 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Cristina “Chiqui” Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abayon
Abellanosa
Abu
Abueg
Acop
Acosta-Alba
Adiong
Advincula
Aggabao
Almonte
Alonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (M.)
Amante
Amatong
Andaya
Antonino

Antonio
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Bag-ao
Bagatsing
Barbers
Bataoil
Batocabe
Bautista-Bandigan
Belaro
Belmonte (F.)
Belmonte (J.C.)
Bertiz
Billones
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Bravo (M.V.)
Brosas
Calalang
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Campos
Casilao
Castelo
Castro (F.L.)
Castro (F.H.)
Catamco
Cayetano
Celeste
Cerilles
Chavez
Chipeco
Collantes
Cortes
Cortuna
Cosalan
Cuaresma
Cueva
Dalipe
Daza
De Jesus
de Venecia
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Del Rosario
Deloso-Montalla

Dimaporo (A.)
Dimaporo (M.K.)
Dy
Enverga
Eriguell
Escudero
Estrella
Evardone
Fernando
Ferrer (J.)
Ferrer (L.)
Ferriol-Pascual
Floirendo
Flores
Fortun
Fortuno
Garbin
Garcia (G.)
Garcia (J.E.)
Garcia-Albano
Garin (R.)
Garin (S.)
Gasataya
Gatchalian
Go (M.)
Gonzaga
Gonzales (A.P.)
Gonzales (A.D.)
Gonzalez
Hernandez
Herrera-Dy
Hofer
Jalosjos
Kho
Labadlabad
Lacson
Lagman
Lanete
Laogan
Lee
Limkaichong
Lobregat
Lopez (M.L.)
Loyola
Macapagal-Arroyo
Maceda
Madrona
Malapitan
Manalo
Mangaoang
Mangudadatu (Z.)
Marcoleta
Marcos
Martinez
Mellana
Mercado
Mirasol
Montoro
Nava
Nieto
Noel
Nogralles (K.A.)
Nolasco
Nuñez-Malanyaon
Olivarez
Ong (E.)
Ong (H.)
Ortega (P.)
Ortega (V.N.)
Pacquiao
Paduano
Palma
Pancho
Panganiban
Panotes
Papandayan
Pimentel
Pineda
Primicias-Agabas
Quimbo
Radaza
Ramirez-Sato
Ramos
Relampagos
Revilla
Roa-Puno
Robes
Rodriguez (I.)
Rodriguez (M.)
Roman
Romero
Romualdez
Romualdo
Sagarbarria
Salimbangon
Salo
Salon
Sambar
Santos-Recto
Sarmiento (C.)
Sarmiento (E.M.)
Savellano
Sema
Siao
Silverio
Singson
Suansing (E.)
Suansing (H.)
Suarez
Tambunting
Tan (A.)
Tan (M.)
Tejada
Ting
Tolentino
Treñas

Tupas
Umali
Unabia
Ungab
Unico
Uy (J.)
Uy (R.)
Uybarreta
Vargas-Alfonso
Velasco
Velasco-Catera
Velo
Villafuerte
Villanueva
Villarica
Villarin
Violago
Yap (M.)
Yu
Zamora (M.C.)
Zamora (R.)
Zarate
Zubiri

With 208 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix)

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL NO. 14

On motion of Rep. Vini Nola A. Ortega, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 14 dated September 3, 2018.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Representative Ortega (V.N.) acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Reps. Baby Aline Vargas-Alfonso, Ramon C. Nolasco, Randolph S. Ting, Michelle M. Antonio, Ben P. Evardone, and Representative Roa-Puno.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

On motion of Rep. Ortega (V.N.), 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, including the Messages from the Senate and Committee Report, which were referred to the appropriate Committees hereunder indicated:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 8170, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6958 CHANGING THE WORD MACTAN APPEARING THEREIN TO LAPU-LAPU REPEALING THE NAME OF THE AUTHORITY FROM MACTAN-CEBU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY (MCIAA) TO LAPU-LAPU - CEBU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY (LCIAA), AND REPEALING CORRESPONDINGLY THE NAME OF THE AIRPORT FROM MACTAN - CEBU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (MCIA) TO LAPU-LAPU - CEBU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (LCIA)”

By Representatives Del Mar, Abellanosa, Gullas, Caminero, Garcia (G.), Salimbanon, Durano, Cortes and Calderon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 8171, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION OF THE EXCISE TAX ON FUEL AND REPEALING THE EXCISE TAX IMPOSED ON KEROSENE AND DIESEL UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10963, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'TAX REFORM FOR ACCELERATION AND INCLUSION (TRAIN), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE (NIRC) OF 1997, AS AMENDED' ”

By Representatives Quimbo, Banal, Belmonte (J.C.), Bordado, Daza, Limkaichong and Ramirez-Sato

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 8173, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9184, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT REFORM ACT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Gatchalian

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 8174, entitled:

“AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4566 TO PROMOTE COMPETITION AND INVESTMENTS IN THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTING SERVICES INDUSTRY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Gatchalian

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 8178, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 4 AND 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6758, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'COMPENSATION AND POSITION CLASSIFICATION ACT OF 1989', AS AMENDED, THEREBY EXEMPTING THE JUDICIARY FROM SAID LAW, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Velasco

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 2120, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SEVERE RICE CRISIS NOW DEVASTATING THE POOR, IN THE LIGHT OF THE REPORTS OF THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY'S (NFA) NEAR-ZERO PALAY PROCUREMENT IN 2017, ITS ILLEGAL DIVERSION OF P5.1 BILLION BUDGET FOR FOOD SECURITY PROGRAM TO PAY ITS MATURING LOANS, AND PRES. DUTERTE'S POLICY AND DECISION TO PRIORITIZE RICE IMPORTATION AT THE EXPENSE OF FILIPINO FARMERS”

By Representatives Casilao, Zarate, Tinio, De Jesus, Brosas and Elago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2121, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE MINING OPERATIONS OF THE FILMINERA RESOURCES CORPORATION IN AROY, MASBATE”

By Representative Villarín

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2122, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEMISE OF UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL AND NOBEL PRIZE WINNER HIS EXCELLENCY KOFI ANNAN”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2123, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING WARM FELICITATIONS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO MS. HIDILYN DIAZ FOR WINNING GOLD MEDAL IN WOMEN'S CATEGORY WEIGHTLIFTING IN 18TH ASIAN GAMES”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2124, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING WARM FELICITATIONS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PHILIPPINE WOMEN'S TEAM IN WINNING THE GOLD MEDAL IN WOMEN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT IN 18TH ASIAN GAMES”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2125, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING WARM FELICITATIONS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO MS. YUKA SASO FOR WINNING THE GOLD MEDAL IN WOMEN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT IN 18TH ASIAN GAMES”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2126, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING WARM FELICITATIONS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. FIDEL CALALANG, JR. FOR WINNING SECOND PRIZE IN THE 5TH INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION OF CHORAL COMPOSITION 'ENNIO MORRICONE' IN FLORENCE, ITALY”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2127, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE TEAM FOR THEIR ALL-OUT PERFORMANCE AND DEDICATION IN THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED 18TH ASIAN GAMES HELD IN JAKARTA AND PALEMBANG, INDONESIA, FINISHING AS 19TH BEST OUT OF THE 45 NATIONS THAT COMPETED”

By Representative Vargas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2128, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE ON-GOING QUARRY OPERATIONS IN BARANGAY DULONG BAYAN, MUNICIPALITY OF QUEZON, PROVINCE OF

NUEVA ECIIJA BY PACIFIC CONCRETE PRODUCTS INC., A CONTRACTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CENTRAL LUZON LINK EXPRESSWAY”

By Representative Suansing (E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2129, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING, COMMENDING, AND AWARDING CONGRESSIONAL MEDALS OF DISTINCTION TO HIDILYN DIAZ FOR WINNING GOLD MEDAL IN THE WOMEN'S 53-KILOGRAM WEIGHT-LIFTING DIVISION, YUKA SASO FOR WINNING GOLD MEDAL IN WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL GOLF, AND FOR WINNING THE WOMEN'S TEAM GOLF GOLD MEDAL, AND MARGIELYN DIDAL FOR WINNING THE GOLD MEDAL IN THE WOMEN'S STREET SKATEBOARD COMPETITION IN THE 2018 ASIAN GAMES HELD IN JAKARTA AND PALEMBANG, INDONESIA ON 18 AUGUST TO 2 SEPTEMBER 2018”

By Representative Yap (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2130, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MARGIELYN ARDA DIDAL FOR WINNING GOLD IN THE WOMEN'S SKATEBOARDING STREET EVENT ON WEDNESDAY, 29 AUGUST 2018, IN THE 2018 ASIAN GAMES HELD AT THE JSC SKATEBOARD STADIUM, PALEMBANG, INDONESIA”

By Representative Sambar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2131, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE COACHES AND STAFF OF ALL THE PARTICIPATING ATHLETES IN THE 2018 ASIAN GAMES HELD IN JAKARTA, INDONESIA”

By Representative Sambar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2132, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING PAULINE LOUISE LOPEZ, RODOLFO REYES JR., DUSTIN JACOB MELLA, JEORDAN DOMINGUEZ, JUVENILE FAYE CRISOSTOMO, RINNA BABANTO, JANNA DOMINIQUE OLIVA, JEFFERSON RHEY LOON, DINES DUMAAN, CHERRY MAY REGALADO, DIVINE WALLY, AGATHA CHRYSTENZEN WONG, MARGARITA OCHOA, JUNNA TSUKIL, DANIEL CALUAG, BIANCA PAGDANGANAN FOR WINNING THE BRONZE MEDAL IN THEIR RESPECTIVE SPORTS IN THE 2018 ASIAN GAMES HELD IN JAKARTA, INDONESIA”

By Representative Sambar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2133, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINA MARGIELYN DIDAL FOR WINNING GOLD IN THE SKATEBOARD WOMEN'S STREET COMPETITION IN THE 18TH ASIAN GAMES IN JAKARTA, INDONESIA”

By Representative Pacquiao

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2134, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINA WEIGHTLIFTER HIDILYN DIAZ FOR WINNING THE PHILIPPINES' FIRST GOLD MEDAL IN THE 18TH ASIAN GAMES IN JAKARTA, INDONESIA”

By Representative Pacquiao

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2135, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINA GOLFERS YUKA SASO, BIANCA PAGDANGANAN, AND LOIS KAYE GO FOR DOMINATING THE WOMEN'S TEAM CATEGORY FOR GOLF IN THE 18TH ASIAN GAMES IN JAKARTA, INDONESIA”

By Representative Pacquiao

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2136, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINA GOLFER YUKA SASO FOR WINNING THE WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL GOLF COMPETITION IN THE 18TH ASIAN GAMES IN JAKARTA, INDONESIA”

By Representative Pacquiao

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2137, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MEDAL-WINNING ATHLETES OF THE PHILIPPINE DELEGATION TO THE 2018 ASIAN GAMES HELD IN JAKARTA AND PALEMBANG, INDONESIA FROM 18 AUGUST TO 02 SEPTEMBER 2018”

By Representatives Bernos and Mangaoang

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2138, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS TO WEIGHTLIFTER HIDILYN FRANCISCO DIAZ FOR WINNING A GOLD MEDAL IN THE WOMEN'S 53-KILOGRAM (KG) WEIGHTLIFTING EVENT IN THE 2018 ASIAN GAMES”

By Representative Nieto

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2139, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING GOLFERS YUKA SASO, BIANCA PAGDANGANAN, AND LOIS KAYE GO FOR WINNING THE WOMEN'S TEAM GOLF EVENT IN THE 2018 ASIAN GAMES”

By Representative Nieto

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2140, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEES ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON POSSIBLE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS COMMITTED AGAINST MR. PATRICIO M. TAGO, JR., A LABOR LEADER BASED IN CAPAS, TARLAC”

By Representative Mendoza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2141, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING ROGEN LADON AND KIYOMI WATANABE FOR WINNING THE SILVER MEDAL IN THEIR RESPECTIVE SPORTS IN THE 2018 ASIAN GAMES HELD IN JAKARTA, INDONESIA”

By Representative Sambar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2142, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CLAIMS OF DR. FARRAH AGUSTIN-BUNCH NATURAL MEDICAL CENTER IN VICTORIA, TARLAC REGARDING CANCER TREATMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROTECTING THE HEALTH AND

WELFARE OF THE PUBLIC AND UP-HOLDING THE RIGHT OF PATIENTS TO FIND CURE FOR THEIR ILLNESSES CONSISTENT WITH GOVERNMENT STANDARDS ON MEDICAL PRACTICE”

By Representative Tan (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2143, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING MS. MARGIELYN DIDAL FOR WINNING THE WOMEN'S STREET SKATEBOARD COMPETITION IN THE 2018 ASIAN GAMES”

By Representative Brosas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2144, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING GOLFERS MS. YUKA SASO, MS. BIANCA PAGDANGANAN, AND MS. LOIS KAY GO, FOR WINNING THE WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL GOLF DIVISION AND TEAM GOLF DIVISION IN THE 2018 ASIAN GAMES”

By Representative Brosas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2145, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING WEIGHTLIFTER MS. HIDILYN DIAZ, FOR WINNING THE 53-KG CATEGORY OF THE WOMEN'S WEIGHTLIFTING DIVISION IN THE 2018 ASIAN GAMES”

By Representative Brosas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2146, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING OUR FILIPINA GOLD MEDALISTS IN THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED 18TH ASIAN GAMES IN INDONESIA”

By Representative Silverio

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2147, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING MR. SARJI ELIJAH SEE BONA FOR WINNING THE BRONZE MEDAL IN THE BULGARIA INTERNATIONAL MATHEMATICS COMPETITION 2018 HELD AT BURGAS, BULGARIA”

By Representative Abueg

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Resolution No. 2148, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING BOXER RAGON LADON AND JUDO-KA KIYOMI WATANABE FOR THEIR COMMENDABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE 2018 ASIAN GAMES WHICH RESULTED IN TWO SILVER MEDALS FOR THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Nieto

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2149, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PROPOSED RULES FOR MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES”

By Representative Roa-Puno

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2150, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING OUR FILIPINO ATHLETES WHO HAVE GIVEN HONOR TO OUR COUNTRY BY WINNING MEDALS IN THE VARIOUS SPORTING COMPETITIONS IN THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED ASIAN GAMES HELD IN JAKARTA AND PALEMBANG, INDONESIA LAST AUGUST 18 UP TO SEPTEMBER 2, 2018”

By Representative Tambunting

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2151, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION AND/OR INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION, DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN CONNECTION TO THE DAMAGED LEARNING MATERIALS DISCOVERED AT LEXICON INC. WAREHOUSE THEREBY CAUSING THE GOVERNMENT TO LOSE A TOTAL AMOUNT OF P25,513,511.10 THEREBY CONSIDERING POSSIBLE INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TEXTBOOK PROGRAM”

By Representative Cortuna

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2152, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING THE METROBANK FOUNDATION OUTSTANDING FILIPINOS OF 2018”

By Representatives Macapagal-Arroyo, Andaya, Durano, Hofer, Espino, Acop, Gorriceta, Oaminal, Cuaresma, Belmonte (F.), Cayetano, Banal, Bautista-Bandigan and Uy (J.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Message dated August 29, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on even date the Senate approved the Conference Committee Report of the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 6202, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SOUTH COTABATO STATE COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SURALLAH, PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO, INTEGRATING THEREWITH THE SURALLAH NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL

SCHOOL LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SURALLAH, PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated August 29, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on even date the Senate approved the Conference Committee Report of the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1233, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE COCONUT FARMERS AND INDUSTRY TRUST FUND, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND UTILIZATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

and House Bill No. 5745, entitled:

“AN ESTABLISHING THE COCONUT FARMERS AND INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND AND PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND UTILIZATION”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated August 30, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on August 29, 2018, the Senate designated Senators Joel Vilanueva, Sonny Angara, Joseph Victor G. Ejercito, Win Gatchalian and Paolo Benigno “Bam” Aquino IV as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1363, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING TELECOMMUTING IN THE WORKPLACE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

and House Bill No. 7402, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING TELECOMMUTING AS AN ALTERNATIVE WORK ARRANGEMENT FOR EMPLOYEES IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMITTEE REPORT

Report by the Committee on Labor and Employment (Committee Report No. 849), re H.B. No. 8186, entitled:

“AN ACT REDUCING THE MINIMUM MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT FOR

REGISTRATION OF UNIONS OR FEDERATIONS, AND STREAMLINING THE PROCESS OF REGISTRATION, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 1355 and 4928

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS

Thereupon, Rep. Johnny Ty Pimentel acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Baby Aline Vargas-Alfonso.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS UNDER THE BUSINESS FOR THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

On an omnibus motion of Rep. Ortega (V.N.), there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading the following House Bills calendared under the Business for Thursday and Friday contained in Committee Reports submitted by the Committees concerned; dispensed with the reading of the texts of the measures without prejudice to their insertion into the Record of the House; adopted the Explanatory Notes as the sponsorship remarks on the measures; terminated the period of sponsorship and debate; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of Committee and individual amendments; and approved the same on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting:

1. House Bill No. 6326 contained in Committee Report No. 823 as submitted by the Committees on Transportation, and Appropriations, converting the Midsayap Extension Office of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) in Midsayap, North Cotabato into a regular LTO district office;
2. House Bill No. 8112 contained in Committee Report No. 825 as submitted by the Committee on Revision of Laws, declaring February 13 of every year a special nonworking holiday in Parañaque City, in commemoration of its founding anniversary;

3. House Bill No. 8133 contained in Committee Report No. 827 as submitted by the Committees on Higher and Technical Education, and Appropriations, authorizing the Central Mindanao University to construct additional classrooms, laboratories, and dormitories;
4. House Bill No. 8140 contained in Committee Report No. 829 as submitted by the Committees on Higher and Technical Education, and Appropriations, establishing a provincial office of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) in Negros Occidental;
5. House Bill No. 8141 contained in Committee Report No. 830 as submitted by the Committees on Higher and Technical Education, and Appropriations, establishing a campus of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP) in Caloocan City-North to be known as the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP)-Caloocan City-North Campus;
6. House Bill No. 8142 contained in Committee Report No. 831 as submitted by the Committees on Tourism, and Appropriations, declaring the Island of Balangingi in Pio V. Corpuz, Masbate an ecotourism site;
7. House Bill No. 8146 contained in Committee Report No. 835 as submitted by the Committees on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources, and Appropriations, establishing a brackish water multi-species hatchery in Lala, Lanao del Norte;
8. House Bill No. 8147 contained in Committee Report No. 836 as submitted by the Committees on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources, and Appropriations, establishing a multi-species marine hatchery in Libon, Albay;
9. House Bill No. 8151 contained in Committee Report No. 838 as submitted by the Committees on Transportation, and Appropriations, converting the satellite office of the Maritime Industry Authority in Calbayog City, Samar into an extension office; and

10. House Bill No. 8156 contained in Committee Report No. 840 as submitted by the Committee on Legislative Franchises, renewing for another twenty-five (25) years the franchise granted to Mountain Province Broadcasting Corporation under Republic Act No. 8164.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 3:47 p.m. upon motion of Representative Ortega (V.N.).

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:51 p.m.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 842 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 8165

On motion of Representative Ortega (V.N.), there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 8165 contained in Committee Report No. 842 as reported out by the Committees on Government Reorganization, National Defense and Security, and Appropriations.

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the title of the Bill, to wit:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF DISASTER RESILIENCE, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.”

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Representative Ortega, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the text of the measure without prejudice to its insertion into the Record of the House.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Ortega, the Chair recognized Rep. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo, Chairperson of the Committee on Government Reorganization, to deliver his speech on the measure which was coauthored by Reps. Rodel M. Batocabe and Joey Sarte Salceda.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ROMUALDO

At the outset, Representative Romualdo stated that House Bill No. 8165 was a consolidation of numerous measures, seeking to create the Department

of Disaster Resilience (DDR). He then cited statistics which showed the damages brought about by natural disasters and calamities and the government's *ad hoc*, coordinative and reactive approach to disaster risk management. In this regard, he spoke on the need to anchor climate and disaster resilience to the very foundations of sustainable development by creating a Cabinet-level agency that builds a culture of resilience, organizes and strengthens the nation to prepare for or face catastrophic events, and reduces the complexity of responding to the threats of current and future climate and disaster risks.

Representative Romualdo then enumerated the Bill's objectives towards an improved centralized disaster resiliency system with an integrated approach to risk reduction; discussed how the new disaster agency would function and work with other government agencies; and emphasized the need to invest in disaster resilience programs and projects as well as to adopt a multi-stakeholder approach and strong partnership.

As the Bill was in compliance with President Rodrigo Roa Duterte's declaration during his 2018 State of the Nation Address (SONA) that the country needs a truly empowered disaster resilience department, the Sponsor subsequently urged his colleagues to support the approval of the instant Bill.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE BATOCABE

Upon recognition of the Chair, Representative Batocabe stated for the record that he was in possession of the sponsorship speech of Rep. Yedda Marie K. Romualdez and asked that it be made as an integral part of the proceedings on House Bill No. 8165.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE BATOCABE

Representative Batocabe recalled how Congress, the principal authors of the DDR Bill, local government units (LGUs) and other stakeholders had worked together towards responding to the need for a more resilient Philippines amidst the adverse impact of climate change. He stressed that collectively, they initiated the creation of a new department that envisions to ensure that vulnerable communities are able to adapt to the impact of climate change and disasters.

Admitting that the Bill has its flaws which may need refinements, Representative Batocabe however pointed out that the use of advisory councils

during disasters only led to many delays, confusion, and lack of accountability which has cost properties, livelihood, and even lives.

He thereafter enjoined his colleagues to join him in the quest towards making a disaster-resilient Philippines.

INSERTION INTO THE RECORDS OF REPRESENTATIVE ROMUALDEZ' SPONSORSHIP SPEECH

Whereupon, on motion of Representative Roa-Puno, the Chair directed the Secretariat to insert into the records the sponsorship speech of Representative Romualdez on House Bill No. 8165.

On another motion of Representative Roa-Puno, the Chair recognized Representative Salceda for his sponsorship speech.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE SALCEDA

Representative Salceda cited the damages brought about by several disasters because of climate change and how people especially the poor took efforts to recover and rehabilitate on their own.

Talking on a personal note, Representative Salceda shared that he lost his mother due to Typhoon Juaning in 2011 and the Bill was a tribute to her and other victims of calamities as it seeks to address the causes of their death especially in terms of the institutional capacity of the State .

Representative Salceda appealed for his colleagues' support for the prompt approval of House Bill No. 8165 for the sake of the most vulnerable sectors of the society like children, women, senior citizens, and persons with disability. He then endorsed his complete sponsorship speech to the Secretariat.

REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

The Chair remarked that inasmuch as she wanted to hear the whole speech of Representative Salceda, she was more than happy to know about the latter's inspiration for filing the Bill.

INSERTION INTO THE RECORDS OF REPRESENTATIVE SALCEDA'S FULL SPONSORSHIP SPEECH

The Chair thereafter asked the Secretariat to insert into the records the full sponsorship speech of Representative Salceda.

**SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION
OF HOUSE BILL NO. 8165**

On motion of Representative Ortega (V.N.), there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 8165.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 4:15 p.m., upon motion of Representative Ortega (V.N.).

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:16 p.m., the session resumed.

**BUSINESS FOR THE DAY:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 808
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 8014**

On motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 8014 contained in Committee Report No. 808 as reported out by the Committees on Social Services, and Appropriations.

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the title of the Bill, to wit:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MANDATORY PHILHEALTH COVERAGE OF ALL PERSONS WITH DISABILITY (PWD), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'MAGNA CARTA FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY'.”

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the text of the measure without prejudice to its insertion into the Record of the House.

On motion of Representative Roa-Puno, the Chair recognized Representative Batocabe, Vice Chairperson of the sponsoring Committee, to deliver his sponsorship speech.

**SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF
REPRESENTATIVE BATOCABE**

After citing the United Nations facts and figures on persons with disabilities (PWDs) in the Philippines, Representative Batocabe stated that the pro-

vision of accessible health care to PWDs entails additional mechanisms to fully realize the government's vision to alleviate their conditions and ensure their inclusion in development.

As he urged his colleagues to immediately act on the Bill in order to help PWDs enjoy the entitlements enjoyed by senior citizens, Representative Batocabe said the Senate had already approved on Third Reading its version of the measure.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair declared a recess at 4:21 p.m. upon Representative Roa-Puno's motion.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

Upon resumption of session at 4:23 p.m., the Chair recognized Rep. Jose L. Atienza Jr. to interpellate Representative Batocabe.

**INTERPELLATION OF
REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA**

Speaking in Filipino, Representative Atienza expressed support for House Bill No. 8014; informed the Sponsor that he prepared his own version thereof because PWDs needed to be given more in law; and said that Congress, if it is to help the needy and the poorest of the poor, should give special attention and provide vital medical assistance to the physically and mentally disadvantaged. He then asked for the Sponsor's assurance that the Bill will have funds available for its implementation and PWDs will not have to pay for anything else in order to enjoy the benefits under the measure.

Representative Batocabe guaranteed that the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation's (PhilHealth's) National Health Insurance Fund, which is automatically sourced from excise taxes on alcohol and tobacco, will be used to fund the Bill. He added that the House intended to provide automatic PhilHealth coverage to PWDs for free at no additional cost.

Representative Atienza urged his colleagues to correct mistakes in the past where social service programs subjected beneficiaries to certain conditions so that they could avail of the program benefits.

**ADDITIONAL COAUTHOR
OF HOUSE BILL NO. 8014**

Upon his request, the Body approved Representative Atienza's inclusion in House Bill No. 8014 as additional coauthor thereof.

QUERY FROM THE CHAIR

Upon the query of the Chair who stated that she was a Sponsor of the Excise Tax Law in the Senate, Representative Batocabe affirmed that the Bill was an additional earmarking under said law for the benefit of PWDs.

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

There being no more interpellations, on motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate; and thereafter proceeded to the period of amendments.

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no Committee and individual amendments, on motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of amendments.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 8014

On motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 8014.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUEST

At this point, Representative Roa-Puno acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guest of Rep. Franz E. Alvarez.

ADOPTION OF SENATE BILL NO. 178 AS AN AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL NO. 5000

Representative Roa-Puno thereafter informed the Body that the Committee on Banks and Financial Intermediaries and the authors of House Bill No. 5000 were in concurrence with the provisions of Senate Bill No. 178, both providing for the regulation and supervision of payment systems.

In accordance with the Rules of the House, on motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body adopted Senate Bill No. 178 as an amendment to House Bill No. 5000.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF MEASURES UNDER THE BUSINESS FOR THE DAY

On successive motions of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body subse-

quently considered on Second Reading the following House Bills calendared under the Business for the Day, contained in Committee Reports as submitted by the Committee on Legislative Franchises; dispensed with the reading of the texts of the measures without prejudice to their insertion into the Record of the House; adopted the Explanatory Notes of the Bills as the sponsorship remarks on the measures upon motion of Representative Alvarez (F.), Chairperson of the sponsoring Committee; terminated the period of sponsorship and debate; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of Committee and individual amendments; and approved the same on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting:

1. House Bill No. 8155 contained in Committee Report No. 839, renewing for another twenty-five (25) years the franchise granted to the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines, Inc.; and
2. House Bill No. 8157 contained in Committee Report No. 841, renewing for another twenty-five (25) years the franchise granted to the Tirad Pass Radio TV Broadcasting Network, Inc. under Republic Act No. 8070.

ADOPTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

On successive motions of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body considered the following House Resolutions; dispensed with the reading of the texts of the measures without prejudice to their insertion into the Record of the House; and unanimously adopted the same:

1. House Resolution No. 2084, entitled: "RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF FORMER REPRESENTATIVE AND NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER ROILO S. GOLEZ," in consolidation with House Resolutions No. 1951, 1952, 1958, and 1961; and
2. House Resolution No. 2085, entitled: "RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF MANUEL SWEGEN AGYAO, FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LONE DISTRICT OF KALINGA

DURING THE FOURTEENTH, FIFTEENTH AND SIXTEENTH CONGRESSES.”

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 732
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 7652**

On motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 7652 contained in Committee Report No. 732 as reported out by the Committee on Information and Communications Technology.

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the title of the Bill, to wit:

“AN ACT REQUIRING PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENTITIES TO PROVIDE NATIONWIDE MOBILE NUMBER PORTABILITY TO SUBSCRIBERS.”

Representative Roa-Puno stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate.

**TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF
SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE**

There being no Member who wished to interpellate, on motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate; and thereafter proceeded to the period of amendments.

**TERMINATION OF
PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS**

There being no Committee and individual amendments, on motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of amendments.

**APPROVAL ON SECOND READING
OF HOUSE BILL NO. 7652**

On motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 7652 through *viva voce* voting.

**BUSINESS FOR THE DAY:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 828
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 8139**

On successive motions of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 8139 contained in Committee Report No. 828 as submitted by the Committees on Higher and Technical Education, Labor and Employment, and Appropriations, instituting a Philippine Labor Force Competency Competitiveness Program and free access to technical-vocational education and training (TVET); dispensed with the reading of the text of the measure without prejudice to its insertion into the Record of the House; adopted the Explanatory Note of the Bill as the sponsorship remarks on the measure, on motion of Rep. Randolph S. Ting, Chairperson of the Committee on Labor and Employment; terminated the period of sponsorship and debate; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of Committee and individual amendments; and approved House Bill No. 8139 on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting.

**ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS
OF CERTAIN HOUSE BILLS**

On motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body approved to include as additional coauthors of House Bills No. 1700, 7513, 8100, 8101, 8102, 8112, 8121, 8143, 8144, 8145, 8146, 8147, 8155, 8165, 8176, 8177, and 8179, the names of Members contained in the list to be submitted by the Committee on Rules.

**ADDITIONAL COAUTHOR
OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6475**

On motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body approved to include Rep. Ramon V.A. “Rav” Rocamora as additional coauthor of House Bill No. 6475 who was inadvertently not included in the list of authors of said Bill.

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

On motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body approved to include as additional coauthors of House Bills and Resolutions that are pending in the Committees, the names of Members appearing in the lists to be submitted by the Committee on Rules after due verification of their requests for inclusion as coauthors of such Bills and Resolutions.

On motion of Representative Roa-Puno, the Chair recognized Rep. Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte on a question of privilege.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE OF REPRESENTATIVE BELMONTE (J.C.)

Speaking out of fear as one of the four civilians who was granted amnesty by former President Benigno S. Aquino III, Representative Belmonte stated that Proclamation No. 572 published in the newspaper on September 4, 2018 was unconstitutional and a direct violation of the Constitution. This, as he noted how the Solicitor General in effect revoked the amnesty granted seven years ago to Senator Antonio F. Trillanes IV. He then explained the effects of the implementation of said Proclamation to Senator Trillanes, other officers, and enlisted personnel whose applications for amnesty were approved by the Department of National Defense including, among others, Rep. Gary C. Alejandro, officials who are presently working under the Duterte Administration, and those involved in the coup who refused amnesty.

He expressed fear that Proclamation No. 572 would indiscriminately be used as another tool of political persecution to silence those who oppose and criticize the present Administration. He stressed that amnesty offers a chance to return and be a better member of society and obliterates the supposed crime committed by the grantee unlike pardon which merely forgives the perpetrators.

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Cayetano relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica.

Thereafter, Representative Belmonte pointed out that the current trend in the country is to make issues to cover up bigger problems, but stressed that the problem on corruption never ceased. He expressed concern that people tend to forget the era of the dictatorship but he will never forget those times where too many of his countrymen had given their youth, poured blood, sweat, and life to counter its cause and allow normalcy to return. He maintained that he is afraid for himself but more afraid not only for his own children but for all Filipino children.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN

On motion of Representative Roa-Puno, the Chair recognized Rep. Edcel C. Lagman who congratulated Representative Belmonte (J.C.) for denouncing the improvident and unlawful revocation of the amnesty granted to Senator Trillanes.

At this point, Deputy Speaker Villarica relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Cayetano.

Representative Lagman then asked Representative Belmonte what prompted the President to issue Proclamation No. 572 and if there were any pending criminal cases in any regular court or military tribunal against Senator Trillanes in connection with the Oakwood Mutiny. Representative Belmonte replied that it has been known that Senator Trillanes has always been critical of the Duterte Administration and has stood up on many occasions questioning the President and his policies and actions, which could be the main reason for singling out the Senator. He also said that all cases filed against then Lt. Senior Grade Trillanes had been dismissed.

Representative Lagman then asked Representative Belmonte to coauthor House Resolution No. 2155, which he filed that day expressing the collective sentiment of Members of the House of Representatives denouncing the baseless, unlawful, and improvident revocation of the grant of amnesty to Senator Trillanes which Representative Belmonte gladly accepted.

REFERRAL OF THE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE BELMONTE (J.C.)

On motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Belmonte's speech to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL NO. 15

On further motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 15 dated September 4, 2018.

BUSINESS FOR THURSDAY AND FRIDAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 794 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 7882

On successive motions of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 7882 contained in Committee Report No. 794 as submitted by the Committees on Tourism, and Appropriations, declaring the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary of Manaoag in Manaoag, Pangasinan a pilgrimage site and tourist destination, and providing for its development; dispensed with the reading of the text of the measure without prejudice to its insertion into

the Record of the House; adopted the Explanatory Note of the Bill as the sponsorship remarks on the measure, on motion of Rep. Corazon T. Nuñez-Malanyaon, Chairperson of the Committee on Tourism; terminated the period of sponsorship and debate; approved the individual amendments as presented on the floor by Rep. Victoria Isabel G. Noel; terminated the period of amendments; and approved House Bill No. 7882 on Second Reading, as amended, through *viva voce* voting.

**BUSINESS FOR THURSDAY AND FRIDAY:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 819
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 8084**

On successive motions of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 8084, calendared under the Business for Thursday and Friday contained in Committee Report No. 819 submitted by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education, rectifying the period to constitute the search committee for the presidency of the Palompon Institute of Technology and extending the deadline for its compliance with the requirements of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) for conversion into a State university; dispensed with the reading of the text of the measure without prejudice to its insertion into the Record of the House; adopted the Explanatory Note of the Bill as the sponsorship remarks on the measure, on motion of Rep. Greg G. Gasataya, Vice-Chairperson of the sponsoring Committee; terminated the period of sponsorship and debate; approved the individual amendments as presented on the floor by Rep. Ann K. Hofer; terminated the period of amendments; and approved House Bill No. 8084 on Second Reading, as amended, through *viva voce* voting.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Roa-Puno, the session was suspended at 5:18 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:29 p.m.

**ELECTION OF
REPRESENTATIVE BELARO
TO THE COMMITTEE ON
BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE**

On behalf of the Minority, on motion of Rep. Strike B. Revilla, there being no objection, the

Body elected Rep. Salvador B. Belaro Jr. as a member of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture.

The Chair then noted the manifestation of Representative Revilla.

**VACANCY OF POSITIONS DECLARED
IN CERTAIN COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS**

Thereupon, on successive motions of Majority Leader Rolando G. Andaya Jr., there being no objection, the Body declared vacant the positions of the following Committee memberships:

1. member no. 60 of the Committee on Energy;
2. member no. 6 of the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability;
3. member no. 4 of the Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization; and
4. members no. 8 and 10 of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education.

**ELECTION OF MAJORITY MEMBERS
TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES**

On successive motions of Majority Leader Andaya, there being no objection, the Body elected the following members of the Majority to the Committees specified hereunder:

Committee on Constitutional Amendments

(as Member)

Rep. Jesulito A. Manalo vice Rep. Ruwel Peter S. Gonzaga

Committee on Ethics and Privileges

(as Chairperson)

Rep. Danilo E. Suarez vice Rep. Delphine Gan Lee

Committee on Government Reorganization

(as Chairperson)

Rep. Mariano Michael M. Velarde Jr. vice Rep. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo

Committee on Legislative Franchises

(as Member)

Rep. Romero “Miro” S. Quimbo vice Rep.
Rodante D. Marcoleta

Committee on Mindanao Affairs

(as Member)

Rep. Karlo Alexei B. Nograles vice Rep. Ruwel
Peter S. Gonzaga

Committee on Rules

(as Assistant Majority Leader)

Rep. Magnolia C. Antonino

**ELECTION OF
REPRESENTATIVE GARBIN TO THE
COMMISSION ON APPOINTMENTS**

On further motion of Majority Leader Andaya,
there being no objection, the Body elected Rep. Al-
fredo A. Garbin Jr. as member of the Commission
on Appointments vice Rep. Roy M. Loyola.

**ELECTION OF MAJORITY MEMBERS
TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES**
(Continuation)

Special Committee on Climate Change

Rep. Christopher S. Co as member no. 3

Committee on Good Government
and Public Accountability

Rep. Rodel M. Batocabe as member no. 6

Committee on Higher and Technical Education

Rep. Salvador B. Belaro Jr. as member no. 8

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Noel, there being
no objection, the Chair declared the session ad-
journed until three o’clock in the afternoon of Mon-
day, September 10, 2018.

It was 5:34 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the forego-
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(Sgd.) **MR. DANTE ROBERTO P. MALING**
Acting Secretary General

Approved on September 10, 2018.

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** ABU	* BIAZON	DELOSO-MONTALLA
ABUEG	BILLONES	DIMAPORO (A.)
***** ACHARON	***** BIRON	DIMAPORO (M.K.)
ACOP	BOLILIA	***** DUAVIT
***** ACOSTA	BONDOC	***** DURANO
** ACOSTA-ALBA	BORDADO	DY
ADIONG	BRAVO (A.)	* ELAGO
ADVINCULA	BRAVO (M.V.)	ENVERGA
***** AGARAO	BROSAS	***** ERICE
** AGGABAO	***** BULUT-BEGTANG	** ERIGUEL
***** ALBANO	* CAGAS	* ERMITA-BUHAIN
***** ALCALA	CALALANG	** ESCUDERO
***** ALEJANO	***** CALDERON	***** ESPINA
***** ALMARIO	CALIXTO-RUBIANO	***** ESPINO
** ALMONTE	CAMINERO	ESTRELLA
ALONTE	CAMPOS	***** EUSEBIO
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** ALVAREZ (M.)	***** CARI	***** FARIÑAS
***** ALVAREZ (P.)	CASILAO	FERNANDO
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AMATONG	CASTRO (F.L.)	FERRER (L.)
ANDAYA	CASTRO (F.H.)	FERRIOL-PASCUAL
* ANGARA-CASTILLO	CATAMCO	** FLOIRENDO
ANTONINO	CAYETANO	FLORES
ANTONIO	CELESTE	FORTUN
AQUINO-MAGSAYSAY	* CERAFICA	FORTUNO
ARAGONES	*** CERILLES	* FUENTEBELLA
* ARBISON	CHAVEZ	GARBIN
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** ARENAS	* CO	GARCIA (J.E.)
ATIENZA	***** COJUANGCO	GARCIA-ALBANO
* AUMENTADO	COLLANTES	GARIN (R.)
*** BAG-AO	CORTES	GARIN (S.)
BAGATSING	CORTUNA	GASATAYA
* BAGUILAT	COSALAN	GATCHALIAN
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** BARBERS	***** CUA	***** GO (A.C.)
***** BARZAGA	CUARESMA	GO (M.)
BATAOIL	CUEVA	***** GOMEZ
BATOCABE	DALIPE	GONZAGA
BAUTISTA-BANDIGAN	* DATOL	GONZALES (A.P.)
BELARO	DAZA	GONZALES (A.D.)
** BELMONTE (F.)	** DE JESUS	GONZALEZ
BELMONTE (J.C.)	DE VENECIA	***** GORRICETA
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HOFER		ONG (E.)	SINGSON
*** JALOSJOS		ONG (H.)	SUANSING (E.)
***** JAVIER		ORTEGA (P.)	SUANSING (H.)
** KHO		ORTEGA (V.N.)	SUAREZ
***** KHONGHUN		PACQUIAO	* SY-ALVARADO
LABADLABAD		PADUANO	TAMBUNTING
LACSON		PALMA	*** TAN (A.)
LAGMAN		PANCHO	TAN (M.)
*** LANETE		PANGANIBAN	* TAN (S.)
LAOGAN		PANOTES	TEJADA
***** LAZATIN		PAPANDAYAN	* TEVES
* LEACHON	*****	PICHAY	***** TIANGCO
LEE		PIMENTEL	TING
LIMKAICHONG		PINEDA	***** TINIO
LOBREGAT	*	PLAZA	TOLENTINO
***** LOPEZ (B.)		PRIMICIAS-	TREÑAS
		AGABAS	
***** LOPEZ (C.)		QUIMBO	***** TUGNA
LOPEZ (M.L.)		RADAZA	TUPAS
*** LOYOLA		RAMIREZ-SATO	***** TY
MACAPAGAL-ARROYO		RAMOS	UMALI
MACEDA		RELAMPAGOS	UNABIA
MADRONA		REVILLA	UNGAB
MALAPITAN		ROA-PUNO	UNICO
MANALO		ROBES	UY (J.)
MANGAOANG	*****	ROCAMORA	UY (R.)
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MANGUDADATU (Z.)		RODRIGUEZ (M.)	* VARGAS
MARCOLETA		ROMAN	VARGAS-ALFONSO
MARCOS		ROMERO	**** VELARDE
**** MARIÑO		ROMUALDEZ	** VELASCO
**** MARQUEZ		ROMUALDO	VELASCO-CATERA
MARTINEZ	*****	ROQUE	VELOSO
**** MATUGAS	****	SACDALAN	**** VERGARA
MELLANA		SAGARBARRIA	** VILLAFUERTE
***** MENDING	****	SAHALI	VILLANUEVA
***** MENDOZA	*	SALCEDA	**** VILLARAZA-SUAREZ
MERCADO		SALIMBANGON	VILLARICA
MIRASOL	***	SALO	VILLARIN
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NAVA		SAMBAR	* YAP (A.)
NIETO	*	SANDOVAL	YAP (M.)
NOEL	*****	SANGCOPAN	* YAP (V.)
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NOGRALES (K.A.)		SARMIENTO (C.)	*** ZAMORA (M.C.)
NOLASCO		SARMIENTO (E.M.)	ZAMORA (R.)
NUÑEZ-MALANYAON		SAVELLANO	ZARATE
***** OAMINAL		SEMA	ZUBIRI

* Appeared after the Roll Call

** On official mission

*** Attending 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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