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CALL TO ORDER

At 10:00 a.m., Deputy Speaker Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica 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, Rep. Ma. Lourdes R. Aggabao delivered the invocation.

**DEFERMENT OF THE ROLL CALL
AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL**

On successive motions of Rep. Juan Pablo “Rimpy” P. Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body deferred the calling of the Roll as well as the approval of the Journal of the previous session.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

On motion of Representative Bondoc, 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 Communication and Committee Reports, which were referred to the appropriate Committees as hereunder indicated:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 6287, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING A PHILIPPINE LABOR FORCE COMPETENCIES COMPETITIVENESS PROGRAM, ESTABLISHING FREE ACCESS TO TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 6288, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PHILIPPINE QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK (PQF) AND ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 6289, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MINALABAC, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE
AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 6290, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LIBMANAN, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE
AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 6291, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PASACAO, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE
AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 6292, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 6293, entitled:

“AN ACT REMOVING THE RESTRICTIONS IN THE REGISTRATION OF LAND TITLES UNDER SECTIONS 118, 119, AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS AGAINST ENCUMBRANCE OR ALIENATION ON FREE PATENTS ISSUED UNDER SECTION 44 OF COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 141 OR THE PUBLIC LAND ACT, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 6295, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9231, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'SPECIAL PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AGAINST CHILD ABUSE, EXPLOITATION AND DISCRIMINATION ACT', TO FOSTER ALL EFFORTS TO THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN AND ENHANCE THEIR OPPORTUNITIES FOR A USEFUL AND HAPPY LIFE, TO PROMOTE THE BEST INTERESTS OF CHILDREN THAT ARE PARAMOUNT CONSIDERATION IN ALL ACTIONS CONCERNING THEM WHETHER UNDERTAKEN BY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SOCIAL WELFARE INSTITUTIONS, COURTS OF LAW, ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITIES, AND LEGISLATIVE BODIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 6296, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9147 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'WILDLIFE RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION ACT', TO ADOPT A MORE COMPREHENSIVE AND EFFECTIVE POLICY TO CONSERVE AND PROTECT THE COUNTRY'S WILDLIFE RESOURCES AND THEIR HABITATS FOR SUSTAINABILITY, PROVIDING STIFFER PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 6297, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7586 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM ACT OF 1992', TO FOSTER A MORE HOLISTIC PLAN OF PRESERVING OUR NATURAL HERITAGE, TO PROMOTE COOPERATION AMONG NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND CONCERNED PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS, TO ADOPT A MORE CONSISTENT POLICY OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 6298, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE SERVICES OF A PRIVATE AUCTION HOUSE THAT SHALL UNDERTAKE ALL PUBLIC AUCTIONS AT THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10863, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CUSTOMS MODERNIZATION AND TARIFF ACT”

By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 6299, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING NATIONAL INTEGRATED CANCER CONTROL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Herrera-Dy

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

DACLAN AND DIRECTING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE AND THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION TO CONDUCT A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION ON THE SAID DEATH AS WELL AS THE THREATS AND INTIMIDATION BEING PERPETRATED AGAINST THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF DAVAO DEL NORTE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (DANECO-NEA)”

House Bill No. 6300, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FUNDING FOR GENERAL PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATIONS FROM THE SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND, AMENDING BOOK I, TITLE IV, SECTION 272 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

RESOLUTIONS

By Representative Uybarreta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Resolution No. 1238, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE LAWN BOWLS TEAM FOR WINNING THE GOLD MEDAL IN THE 29TH SOUTH-EAST ASIAN GAMES HELD IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA FROM AUGUST 19 TO 31, 2017”

House Resolution No. 1235, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING THE METROBANK FOUNDATION OUTSTANDING FILIPINOS OF 2017”

By Representative Acop

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

By Representative Estrella

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 1236, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MR. EUMIR FELIX MARCIAL FOR BAGGING GOLD MEDAL IN THE MEN'S MIDDLE WEIGHT CLASS (75 KG) CATEGORY DURING THE 29TH SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA”

By Representative Dalipe

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 1239, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING SPRINTER TRENTEN ANTHONY BERAM FOR WINNING TWO GOLD MEDALS IN THE 2017 SOUTH-EAST ASIAN GAMES HELD IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA FROM AUGUST 19 TO 31, 2017”

By Representative Estrella

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 1237, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE SENSELESS MURDER OF ENGR. GLEN

House Resolution No. 1240, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING JOHN MARVIN FOR WINNING THE GOLD MEDAL IN THE MEN'S LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT BOXING FINALS IN THE 29TH SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES HELD AT KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA ON AUGUST 19 TO 31, 2017”

By Representative Estrella

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND
SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

GOLD MEDAL FOR THE PHILIPPINES IN
THE 29TH SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES
HELD IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA
FROM AUGUST 19 TO 31, 2017”

House Resolution No. 1241, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND
COMMENDING FELIX MARCIAL FOR
WINNING THE GOLD MEDAL IN THE
MEN'S 75-KG MIDDLEWEIGHT CLASS
BOXING FINALS IN THE 29TH SOUTH-
EAST ASIAN GAMES HELD AT KUALA
LUMPUR, MALAYSIA ON AUGUST 19
TO 31, 2017”

By Representative Estrella

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND
SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

By Representative Estrella

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND
SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 1245, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CON-
GRATULATING MR. MELVIN CALANO
FOR WINNING THE BRONZE MEDAL IN
THE MEN'S ATHLETICS FIELD (JAVELIN
THROW COMPETITION) OF THE 2017
SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES HELD IN
KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA”

House Resolution No. 1242, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND
COMMENDING ERIC SHAUWN CRAY
AND ARIES TOLEDO FOR WINNING
GOLD MEDALS IN THE 2017 SOUTH-
EAST ASIAN GAMES HELD IN KUALA
LUMPUR, MALAYSIA FROM AUGUST 19
TO 31, 2017”

By Representative Estrella

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND
SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

By Representative Unico

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND
SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 1246, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE ADOP-
TION OF A THIRD PARTY INSPECTION
SYSTEM OF CARGO FROM THE POINT
OF ORIGIN FOR ALL SHIPMENTS TO
THE PHILIPPINES IN ORDER TO STOP
IMPORTATION OF ILLEGAL GOODS;
COUNTER GRAFT AND CORRUPTION;
AND INCREASE REVENUES OF THE
GOVERNMENT”

House Resolution No. 1243, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND
COMMENDING JUDOKA KIYOMI
WATANABE AND MARIYA TAKAHASHI
FOR WINNING TWO GOLD MEDALS
FOR THE PHILIPPINES IN THE 29TH
SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES HELD IN
KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA FROM
AUGUST 19 TO 31, 2017”

By Representative Estrella

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND
SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND
MEANS

House Resolution No. 1247, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DECLARING FEBRUARY 2
OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-
WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE
OF ILOCOS SUR AND SHALL BE
KNOWN AS ILOCOS SUR DAY
(‘KANNAWIDAN ILOCOS FESTIVAL’)”

House Resolution No. 1244, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND
COMMENDING EQUESTRIAN RIDER
COLIN SYQUIA FOR WINNING THE

By Representative Savellano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF
LAWS

House Resolution No. 1248, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING GILAS PILIPINAS FOR WINNING THE GOLD MEDAL IN MEN'S BASKETBALL IN THE 29TH SOUTH-EAST ASIAN GAMES HELD AT KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA ON AUGUST 19 TO 31, 2017”

By Representative Estrella

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

By Representative Del Rosario

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 1252, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, IN COORDINATION WITH THE PHILIPPINE AIR FORCE, TO CONVERT THE BALO-I AIRPORT TO AN AIR FORCE BASE TO AUGMENT THE SECURITY FORCES IN THE LANA O REGION”

House Resolution No. 1249, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING BILLIARD PLAYERS CHEZKA CENTENO AND CARLO BIADO FOR WINNING GOLD MEDALS FOR THE PHILIPPINES IN THE 29TH SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES HELD IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA FROM AUGUST 19 TO 31, 2017”

By Representative Estrella

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

By Representative Dimaporo (M.K.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Resolution No. 1253, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES TO MAINTAIN FIVE (5) BATTALIONS IN LANA O DEL NORTE FOR THE PERIOD THAT THE MILF ARE ACTIVE IN THE LANA O REGION”

By Representative Dimaporo (M.K.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Resolution No. 1250, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO GIVE HONOR AND RECOGNITION TO PAULINE LOUISE D. LOPEZ OF THE PHILIPPINE TAEKWONDO TEAM FOR WINNING A GOLD MEDAL IN THE 2017 CHUNCHEON KOREA OPEN TAEKWONDO CHAMPIONSHIPS”

By Representative Del Rosario

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 1254, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, TO SUBMIT TO THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE A COPY OF THE CASES FILED AGAINST ABDULLAH MAKAPAAR, AKA COMMANDER BRAVO, AND HIS WARRANT OF ARREST IN RELATION TO THE 2008 MILF ATTACK IN LANA O DEL NORTE”

By Representative Dimaporo (M.K.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1251, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO GIVE HONOR AND RECOGNITION TO GOLD MEDAL WINNERS OF THE PHILIPPINE TEAM THAT COMPETED AT THE 29TH SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES”

House Resolution No. 1255, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON MUSLIM FILIPINOS, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, TO PROVIDE A

BRIEFING TO THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF THE CASES FILED AND FINDINGS REGARDING THE INDONESIANS USING PHILIPPINE HAJJ PASSPORTS DURING THE 2016 HAJJ PILGRIMAGE”

By Representative Dimaporo (M.K.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1256, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUSLIM AFFAIRS TO REVIEW THE CONDUCT OF THE 2017 HAJJ PILGRIMAGE HEADED BY THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON MUSLIM FILIPINOS”

By Representative Dimaporo (M.K.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1257, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE TO PROVIDE A SECURITY BRIEFING OF THE MINDANAO REGION”

By Representative Dimaporo (M.K.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1258, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE METRO-BANK FOUNDATION OUTSTANDING FILIPINOS OF 2017”

By Representative Espino

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

With the permission of the Body, the following Members were made coauthors of the Bills, Resolution, and Resolution of Both Houses hereunder indicated:

Rep. Rozzano Rufino B. Biazon for House Bill No. 11;

Rep. Rene L. Relampagos for House Bills No. 12, 4127, and 5549;

Rep. Dennis C. Laogan for House Bill No. 2473;

Rep. Florencio T. Flores Jr., M.D. for House Bill No. 5524;

Reps. Mercedes "Didi" C. Cagas, Ma. Lourdes R. Aggabao, and Winston "Winnie" Castelo for House Bill No. 2716;

Reps. Maria Carmen S. Zamora, Alberto T. Ungab, and Mercedes "Didi" C. Cagas for House Bill No. 6069;

Rep. Scott Davies S. Lanete, M.D. for House Bill No. 3468;

Rep. Ricardo "RJ" T. Belmonte Jr. for House Bills No. 3351, 3353, 3605, and 5609;

Rep. Cesar V. Sarmiento for House Bills No. 4982 and 5355;

Rep. Wes Gatchalian for House Bills No. 479 and 3666;

Rep. Alfred D. Vargas for House Bills No. 2967, 3310, 3868, 4143, 5355, 5964, and 6015;

Rep. Eleanor C. Bulut-Begtang for House Bills No. 74, 2716, 5355, and 5587;

Rep. Jose Antonio "Kuya Jonathan" R. Sy-Alvarado for House Bills No. 6125 and 6153;

Rep. John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto for House Bills No. 162, 5355, 5493, 5495, 5499, 5503, 6125, 6126, 6127, and 6128;

Rep. Evelina G. Escudero for House Bill No. 5355;

Rep. Romeo M. Acop for House Bills No. 3468, 5164, and 5523;

Rep. Lorna C. Silverio for House Bills No. 49, 328, 1843, 2805, 6175, 6222, and 6224;

Rep. Luis "Jon-Jon" A. Ferrer IV for House Bill No. 4689;

Rep. Erico Aristotle C. Aumentado for House Bills No. 4742, 5960, and 6014;

Reps. Lianda B. Bolilia, Fernando V. Gonzalez, Lorna P. Bautista-Bandigan, Ma. Lourdes R. Aggabao, and Ramon "Red" H. Durano VI for House Bill No. 6025;

Reps. Ma. Theresa V. Collantes, Cecilia Leonila V. Chavez, and Rodante D. Marcoleta for House Bills No. 6025 and 6026;

Rep. Luis Raymund F. Villafuerte Jr. for House Bill No. 6026;

Rep. Gary C. Alejano for House Bills No. 742, 772, and 3984 and House Resolution No. 1117;

Rep. Rosanna "Ria" Vergara for House Bills No. 1137, 1143, and 6152;

Rep. Estrellita B. Suansing for House Bills No. 1116, 1137, 4116, 5213, and 6029;

Rep. Florida "Rida" P. Robes for House Bills No. 1137, 1143, and 6014;

Rep. Rico B. Geron for House Bill No. 1143;

Rep. Lawrence H. Fortun for House Bill No. 3150;

Rep. Eric L. Olivarez for House Bills No. 1143, 2716, and 5808 and Resolution of Both Houses No. 4;

Rep. Mark O. Go for House Bills No. 2716 and 4672;

Rep. Jose Enrique "Joet" S. Garcia III for House Bill No. 6152;

Reps. Joey Sarte Salceda and Ben P. Evardone for House Bill No. 6286;

Rep. Gerald Anthony "Samsam" V. Gullas Jr. for House Bill No. 5745;

Rep. Christopher V.P. de Venecia for House Bill No. 6118;

Rep. Salvador B. Belaro Jr. for House Bills No. 6117, 6224, and 6227;

Rep. Angelina "Helen" D.L. Tan, M.D. for House Bill No. 965;

Rep. Carlos Roman L. Uybarreta for House Bills No. 2625, 4344, and 4703;

Rep. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas for House Bills No. 3467 and 6276;

Rep. Reynaldo V. Umali for House Bill No. 5549;

Rep. Gus S. Tambunting for House Bills No. 6138 and 6215;

Rep. Juliet Marie D. Ferrer for House Bill No. 2881;

Rep. Cecilia Leonila V. Chavez for House Bill No. 6118;

Rep. Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento for House Bills No. 5164 and 5523;

Rep. Jesulito A. Manalo for House Bill No. 449;

Rep. Manuel Jose "Mannix" M. Dalipe for House Bills No. 3368 and 3909;

Rep. Lianda B. Bolilia for House Bills No. 192, 194, 1301, 1302, 1563, 4603, 5197, and 5499; and

Rep. Pantaleon D. Alvarez for House Bills No. 5086, 5718, and 6069.

WITHDRAWAL OF COAUTHORSHIP

Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate withdrew his coauthorship of House Bill No. 5745.

COMMUNICATION

Letter dated 29 August 2017 of Roger E. Dino, Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), furnishing the House of Representatives with duly certified and authenticated BSP issuances, to wit:

1. Circular No. 969 dated 22 August 2017;
2. Circular No. 970 dated 22 August 2017;
3. Circular No. 971 dated 22 August 2017;
4. Circular No. 972 dated 22 August 2017; and
5. Circular Letter No. CL-2017-049 dated 22 August 2017

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education (Committee Report No. 367), re H.R. No. 1260, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING MARK PENULIAR CASTILLO AND RICHARD CABUAY MACAPULAY OF THE TARLAC STATE UNIVERSITY (TSU) FOR TOPPING THE SEPTEMBER 2016 LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS FOR TEACHERS (LET) IN THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY LEVELS, RESPECTIVELY, AND COMMENDING THE TSU FOR PROVIDING EXEMPLARY INSTRUCTION AND ACADEMIC TRAINING TO ITS STUDENTS IN THE FIELD OF TEACHER EDUCATION”

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolution No. 611

Sponsors: Representatives Hofer and Yap (V.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms (Committee Report No. 368), re H.B. No. 6308, entitled:

“AN ACT POSTPONING THE OCTOBER 23, 2017 SYNCHRONIZED BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10656 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10923”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 5359, 5361, 5380, 5510, 5653 and House Resolution No. 905

Sponsors: Representatives Tugna, Barbers, Velasco, Panganiban, Sy-Alvarado, Pimentel, Castelo, Violago and Robes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

**BUSINESS FOR THE DAY:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 363
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 6215**

On motion of Rep. Victoria Isabel G. Noel, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second

Reading House Bill No. 6215, as embodied in Committee Report No. 363 and reported out by the Committee on Appropriations.

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

“AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FROM JANUARY ONE TO DECEMBER THIRTY-ONE, TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Representative Noel, 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 further motion of Representative Noel, the Chair then recognized Rep. Karlo Alexei B. Nograles, Chairperson of the Committee on Appropriations, for his sponsorship speech.

**SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF
REPRESENTATIVE NOGRALES**

Representative Nograles initially adverted to the 2017 national budget which was referred to as the “Transition Budget” and the 2018 General Appropriations Bill (GAB) which was also called “A Budget That Reforms and Transforms.”

Speaking in Filipino, he then said that both budgets reflected the Duterte Administration’s desire to implement real change. He enumerated the goals that the government wanted to achieve by 2022 such as internal and external peace, reduced poverty and unemployment rates, and higher salaries. He also said that attaining these goals depended on the principles of credible and disciplined fiscal policy, equitable progress and social order, reflection of agency policies, accountability and transparency, and local government partnership.

He added that the 2018 GAB was crafted to finance the most urgent priority programs of the government and to address the lingering twin problems of poverty and inequality through better education, health, labor and employment, food security, trade and industry development, agriculture, sustainable development, infrastructure, energy development, peace and order, environmental protection, science and technology, good governance, and justice delivery programs and services; as well as adequate funding for the same.

In line with the President's vision of providing genuine and continuous reforms that would truly benefit the Filipino people, Representative Nograles then called on his colleagues to face the challenge and perform their mandated duty to help attain prosperity and peace in the country. He asked the Members to support and approve the proposed 2018 national budget.

DEFERMENT OF THE DEBATE ON THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND PROVISIONS OF THE 2018 GAB

On motion of Representative Noel, there being no objection, the Body deferred the debate on the General Principles and Provisions of the 2018 GAB.

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGETS OF THE NEDA AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES/CORPORATION

On motion of Representative Noel, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budgets of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) and its attached agencies/corporation.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Representative Noel acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the NEDA family headed by Secretary Ernesto M. Pernia.

Representative Noel thereafter moved for the recognition of Rep. Joey Sarte Salceda to sponsor the NEDA budget and Minority Leader Danilo E. Suarez to interpellate thereon.

INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ

Minority Leader Suarez initially sought information on the 2017 budget of the NEDA and how it was spent.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Salceda, the session was suspended at 10:49 a.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 10:59 a.m.

INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ

(Continuation)

Minority Leader Suarez then inquired on the NEDA's working relationship with the Department of Finance (DOF) and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) in relation to the proposed 2018 national budget; and long-term vision in terms of the country's gross domestic product (GDP).

At this point, Minority Leader Suarez requested the presence during the budget plenary sessions of NEDA's key officers representing its different agency sectors. After Representative Salceda gave his assurance thereon, the Minority Leader suspended his interpellation in the meantime.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Benhur B. Lopez Jr., the Chair recognized Rep. Antonio L. Tinio for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TINIO

Representatives Tinio and Salceda discussed the effect of extrajudicial killings and human rights violations and the non-adherence to due process, on the country's economic growth; the more than double budget allocations for the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) as compared to the combined allocations for the Department of Agriculture (DA) and Department of Trade and Industry (DTI); the government's loss of focus on agricultural and industrial development; and the allocation of funds for programs that will not support the economy's productive sectors.

Representative Tinio also expressed concern about such programs as the Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) program which is touted as the country's social safety net under the regime of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). He stressed that it will not ensure social protection especially for the poor and did not have a significant impact on the economy and poverty alleviation after several years of implementation.

The Chair next recognized Minority Leader Suarez to continue with his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ

(Continuation)

After Representative Salceda gave him a hard copy of the NEDA's proposed 2018 budget summary, Minority Leader Suarez inquired about the agency's

statistics on poverty incidence, programs that would justify its proposed budget, and processing and funding of local government projects.

The Minority Leader also opined that the NEDA should participate on deliberations on the increases in the rates of electricity, water, and expressway tolls.

MOTION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ

Representative Suarez thereafter moved to terminate the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budget of the NEDA.

However, on motion of Representative Bondoc, the Chair recognized Rep. Mark O. Go for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE GO (M.)

As regards the country's foreign debt, Representatives Go and Salceda delved into the government's timetable for the payment thereof; annual reduction of total borrowings; and the expected absorptive capacity of different government agencies to determine how government borrowings can be reduced.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE DE JESUS

Recognized by the Chair upon Representative Noel's motion, Rep. Emmi A. De Jesus sought information about the Manggahan Floodway Project.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Salceda, the Chair suspended the session at 12:18 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 12:21 p.m.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE DE JESUS (Continuation)

Representative De Jesus then said that government housing projects should be extensively studied as she stressed that they are located far from basic services and facilities and benefit only a few. She noted that the poor and marginalized sectors should not become collateral damage thereof.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGETS OF THE NEDA AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES/CORPORATION

Recognized by the Chair, Minority Leader Suarez reiterated his earlier motion to terminate the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budget of the NEDA. With the Majority concurring, on motion of Representative Noel, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budgets of the NEDA and its attached agencies/corporation.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Noel, the Chair suspended the session at 12:29 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 12:29 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE DBM

On motion of Rep. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM).

Upon Representative Primicias-Agabas' motion, the Chair recognized Representative Nograles (K.A.) to sponsor said budget.

SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE NOGRALES (K.A.)

Representative Nograles stated that the proposed budget of the DBM, including automatic appropriations, stood at ₱1.936 billion

After Representative Primicias-Agabas acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the DBM family headed by Secretary Benjamin E. Diokno; she moved that the Chair recognize Minority Leader Suarez for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ

Representatives Suarez and Nograles (K.A.) discussed the DBM's utilization of its 2017 budget and rationale for an increase in its 2018 budget. While the Minority Leader asked about releasing cash allocations to the different agencies on time and assisting those which had underspent their allocations such as

the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and the Department of Education (DepEd), the Sponsor affirmed the DBM's need to monitor said agencies.

They also talked about domestic and foreign borrowings and government-to-government borrowings, with Minority Leader Suarez saying that he will ask for the decrease or increase of certain agency budgets at the proper time and Representative Nograles affirming the Committee's position that the power of the purse belongs to Congress.

They further talked about the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act, with the Sponsor stating that Congress will look for funding for the same.

After discussing the strengths and weaknesses of the proposed 2018 budget, the Sponsor then gave the assurance that the DBM will ensure that the different agencies will not underutilize their budgets for 2018.

On motion of Representative Primicias-Agabas, the Chair next recognized Representative Tinio to interpellate the Sponsor.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TINIO

After initially asking on where the Capital Outlay of the DBM National Capital Region (NCR) – Central Office will be used, Representative Tinio sought clarification on the performance-based bonus (PBB) of government employees.

At this point, Deputy Speaker Villarica relinquished the Chair to Representative Victoria Isabel G. Noel.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair suspended the session at 1:11 p.m. on motion of Representative Nograles (K.A.).

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 1:14 p.m., the session resumed with Deputy Speaker Sharon S. Garin presiding.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TINIO (Continuation)

Thereupon, Representatives Tinio and Nograles (K.A.) debated on the discrepancy between the guidelines on the PBB as found in DBM Memo Circular

(M.C.) No. 1 and Executive Order (E.O.) No. 201 that provided for the same.

Representative Tinio then stressed that PBB funds for 2017 should not be decreased for 2018 because it would mean less benefits to government workers. The Sponsor said that the DBM will consider his colleague's concerns even as it was in the process of evaluating the effectivity of the PBB.

On motion of Representative Primicias-Agabas, the Chair recognized Rep. H. Harry L. Roque Jr. for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ROQUE (H.)

Representative Roque first focused on the status of the request of the DPWH for additional plantilla positions for engineers, as he said that the present manpower will not be sufficient to accomplish the projects under the "Build, Build, Build Program" of the government.

At this point, Deputy Speaker Garin (S.) relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Villarica.

He then focused on the absorptive capacity of certain agencies such as the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) and DepEd. He asked for figures on reverted funds since 2016 and proposed to realign them for the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act and other programs, thus negating the need for additional taxes.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Primicias-Agabas, the Chair recognized Rep. France L. Castro for her interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE CASTRO (F.L.)

Representatives Castro and Nograles (A.K.) discussed the continuing allocations for budget improvement, public financial management, and fiscal transparency and participation and strategies under the DBM's maintenance and other operating expenses (MOOE's); the decrease in the PBB for 2018; and the increase in the proposed budget for the Collective Negotiation Agreement (CNA) incentive.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE DBM

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration of the proposed budget of the DBM.

**SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION
OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6215**

On motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6215.

ROLL CALL

On motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Secretary General called the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abayon
Abellanosa
Abu
Abueg
Acop
Acosta
Advincula
Agarao
Aggabao
Albano
Alejano
Almario
Almonte
Alonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (P.)
Amatong
Andaya
Antonio
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Bagatsing
Banal
Barzaga
Bataoil
Batocabe
Bautista-Bandigan
Belaro
Belmonte (F.)
Belmonte (J.C.)
Belmonte (R.)
Bernos
Bertiz
Biazon
Billones
Biron
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Brosas

Bulut-Begtang
Cagas
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Campos
Canama
Cari
Casilao
Castro (F.L.)
Castro (F.H.)
Cayetano
Cerafica
Cerilles
Chavez
Chipeco
Co
Collantes
Cortes
Cortuna
Cosalan
Crisologo
Cua
Cuaresma
Dalipe
Datul
Daza
De Jesus
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Del Rosario
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (A.)
Dimaporo (M.K.)
Duavit
Durano
Enverga
Erice
Ermita-Buhain
Escudero
Espina
Eusebio
Evardone
Fariñas
Fernando
Ferrer (J.)
Ferriol-Pascual
Flores
Fortun
Fortuno
Garbin
Garcia (G.)
Garcia (J.E.)
Garin (R.)
Garin (S.)
Gasataya

Gatchalian
Go (A.C.)
Go (M.)
Gonzaga
Gonzales (A.P.)
Gonzales (A.D.)
Gonzalez
Hernandez
Herrera-Dy
Hofer
Jalosjos
Javier
Kho
Khonghun
Labadlabad
Lacson
Lagman
Lanete
Laogan
Lazatin
Leachon
Lee
Lobregat
Lopez (B.)
Lopez (M.L.)
Loyola
Macapagal-Arroyo
Maceda
Malapitan
Manalo
Mangaoang
Mangudadatu (Z.)
Marcoleta
Mariño
Marquez
Martinez
Matugas
Mellana
Mending
Mercado
Mirasol
Montoro
Nava
Nieto
Noel
Nogales (J.J.)
Nogales (K.A.)
Nolasco
Nuñez-Malanyaon
Oaminal
Ocampo
Olivarez
Ong (E.)
Ong (H.)
Ortega (P.)
Ortega (V.N.)
PacQUIAO
Paduano
Palma
Panganiban
Panotes
Papandayan
Pichay
Pimentel
Pineda
Primicias-Agabas
Quimbo
Radaza
Ramirez-Sato
Ramos
Revilla
Roa-Puno
Rocamora
Rodriguez (I.)
Rodriguez (M.)
Roman
Romualdez
Romualdo
Roque (H.)
Roque (R.)
Sacdalan
Sagarbarria
Sahali
Salceda
Salimbangon
Salo
Salon
Sambar
Sandoval
Sarmiento (C.)
Sarmiento (E.M.)
Savellano
Silverio
Singson
Suansing (E.)
Suansing (H.)
Suarez
Tambunting
Tan (M.)
Tejada
Ting
Tinio
Tolentino
Treñas
Tugna
Tupas
Ty
Umali
Unabia
Ungab
Unico
Uy (J.)
Uy (R.)
Uybarreta

Vargas
Vargas-Alfonso
Velarde
Velasco
Velasco-Catera
Velo
Vergara
Villafuerte
Villanueva
Villaraza-Suarez
Villarica
Villarin
Violago
Yap (A.)
Yap (M.)
Yap (V.)
Yu
Zamora (M.C.)
Zamora (R.)
Zarate
Zubiri

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

With 236 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix 1)

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE BONDOC

At this juncture, Representative Bondoc stated that the Roll Call will be called again at five o'clock in the afternoon.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

On motion of Deputy Speaker Andaya, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 16, dated August 30, 2017.

RESUMPTION OF THE CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6215

On motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6215 as contained in Committee Report No. 363 and reported out by the Committee on Appropriations, entitled:

“AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FROM JANUARY ONE TO DECEMBER

THIRTY-ONE, TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

RESUMPTION OF THE CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE DBM

On motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration of the proposed budget of the DBM.

On further motion of Representative Bondoc, the Chair recognized Representatives Nograles (K.A.) and Castro (F.L.), to continue the sponsorship of and interpellation on said measure, respectively.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE CASTRO (F.L.) (Continuation)

Representative Castro first asked about the process and funding of unfilled positions in different government agencies and then about the confidential and intelligence allotments for the Office of the President.

REMINDER FROM THE CHAIR

Thereupon, the Chair advised Representative Castro (F.L.) to ask questions only on the DBM's budget. The latter said that she will ask the proper questions at the proper time.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE DBM

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Jericho Jonas B. Nograles, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration of the proposed budget of the DBM.

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGETS OF THE DOF AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES/CORPORATIONS

On motion of Representative Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budgets of the Department of Finance (DOF) and its attached agencies/corporations.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Representative Nograles (J.J.) acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the officials and personnel of the DOF, Bureau of Customs (BOC), Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), Bureau of Treasury (BOT), Bureau of Local Government

Finance (BLGF), Central Board of Assessment Appeals (CBAA), Insurance Commission (IC), National Tax Research Center (NTRC), Privatization and Management Office (PMO), Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP), and Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP).

On further motion of Representative Nograles, the Chair recognized Rep. Luis Raymund F. Villafuerte Jr. and Minority Leader Suarez, to sponsor the measure and interpellate thereon, respectively.

INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ

Minority Leader Suarez asked why there was a decrease in the proposed budgets of the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) and Bureau of Customs (BOC); and whether these agencies were able to meet their collection targets. He and Representative Villafuerte also discussed how a balanced budget could be achieved with the implementation of the Attrition Law and why the Civil Service Commission (CSC) and the Commission on Audit (COA) should revisit the same.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 2:24 p.m., upon Minority Leader Suarez' request.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 2:25 p.m., the session resumed.

INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ (Continuation)

Subsequently, the two Members discussed the more efficient way of collecting real property taxes. As regards the anomalies in the BOC, they also analyzed the hiring by the government of the Société Générale de Surveillance (SGS).

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Villafuerte, the Chair suspended the session at 2:41 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 2:43 p.m.

INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ

(Continuation)

Upon the request of Minority Leader Suarez, the Sponsor said that he will submit background data on the five companies that had been contracted for pre-shipment inspection in the BOC. He also affirmed that Congress will be given data on the target rates of all revenue district offices and sea/air ports of entry for the implementation of the Attrition Law.

On motion of Rep. Nograles (J.J.), the Chair next recognized Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ZARATE

Speaking in Filipino, Representative Zarate asked for more information on the DOF's low utilization rate in terms of Capital Outlay (CO) and Personnel Services (PS) from 2013 to 2016. He also discussed with Representative Villafuerte the tax targets and collection performance of the BIR and BOC; effects of the fluctuating dollar-to-peso rates on the economy; income that will be generated with the implementation of the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) Bill once enacted into law; and repercussions of the non-passage of said measure.

To Representative Zarate's succeeding questions, the Sponsor explained the so-called contingent liabilities of the government mostly arising from public-private partnership (PPP) projects.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Villafuerte, the Chair suspended the session at 3:26 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:27 p.m., the session resumed.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ZARATE

(Continuation)

Upon resumption of session, the Sponsor stated that excess funds out of dividends from government-owned and -controlled corporations (GOCCs) were tapped to pay the liabilities to the Philippine International Air Terminals Company, Inc. (PIATCO), the contractor of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) Terminal 3. This was to comply with the order of the courts, he said.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Villafuerte, the Chair suspended the session at 3:29 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:31 p.m., the session resumed.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ZARATE
(Continuation)

Representative Zarate then inquired on the amount of said excess funds in 2017.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Villafuerte, the Chair suspended the session at 3:33 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:36 p.m., the session resumed.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ZARATE
(Continuation)

Representatives Zarate and Villafuerte further discussed a portion of the excess revenue in 2016 that was paid to PIATCO.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair declared a recess at 3:38 p.m. on motion of Representative Villafuerte.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:38 p.m.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ZARATE
(Continuation)

After Representative Zarate next asked whether Unprogrammed Funds will also be tapped for the arbitral award for Maynilad Water Services, Inc., the Sponsor said that the water concession contracts were entered into during the previous administration. He relayed the assurance of the DOF that it will be more diligent about such contracts and will follow a policy of no sovereign guarantees for private companies.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN

Recognized by the Chair upon motion of Rep. Alexandria P. Gonzales, Rep. Edcel C. Lagman's interpellation focused on the weakening of the peso against the dollar and its effect on budgetary allocations; relation to the inflation rate; and impact on debt service.

Thereupon, Representative Lagman asked whether the BSP had already intervened in the fluctuation of the exchange rate.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was then suspended at 3:59 p.m. on motion of Representative Villafuerte.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:00 p.m.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN
(Continuation)

To Representative Lagman's previous query regarding fluctuations in the foreign exchange rate, the Sponsor gave the commitment to submit pertinent data. To his colleague's succeeding queries on the TRAIN Bill, he relayed the DOF's opinion that the deficit level will be maintained at three percent if there is a shortfall and hope that the Senate will pass the measure which covers new taxes for sugar-sweetened beverages and higher taxes for petroleum products.

INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ

Recognized by the Chair, Minority Leader Suarez inquired whether it was possible to improve the ceiling for expenditures instead of merely increasing or decreasing certain budgets or to increase the proposed 2018 budget by at least two percent.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Minority Leader Suarez, the session was suspended at 4:13 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:16 p.m.

INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ

(Continuation)

Minority Leader Suarez said that the House leadership agreed to allow the Members to reduce or increase the budgets of particular agencies; but that the DOF Secretary said that the budget increase was not possible because of so-called punitive actions on the part of the country's creditors.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGETS OF THE DOF AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES/CORPORATIONS

There being no further interpellations, on joint motion of Minority Leader Suarez and Representative Gonzales (A.P.), there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budgets of the DOF and its attached agencies/corporations.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:17 p.m., the Chair *motu proprio* declared a recess.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:24 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Rep. Gonzales (A.P.) acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the Executive Director of the Anti-Money Laundering Council (AMLC).

REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

At this point, the Chair stated the following: (1) Congress could not increase the budget as presented by the Executive but could only reduce the appropriated amount or pass the budget as it is; (2) unused appropriations are due to the DBM's failure to release the same, and unreleased and unobligated appropriations are due to a government agency's failure to speed up its procurement process; (3) the budget deficit should be considered on a long-term and not one-year basis; and (4) Congress should be informed of target changes and the effect thereof on budget operation because it approved the budget based on the targets and macroeconomic assumptions of the Development Budget Coordinating Committee (DBCC).

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE AMLC

On successive motions of Representative Gonzales (A.P.), there being no objection, the Body subsequently considered the proposed budget of the Anti-Money Laundering Council (AMLC); and the Chair recognized Representative Salceda and Minority Leader Suarez to sponsor the measure and to interpellate thereon, respectively.

INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ

Minority Leader Suarez first acknowledged the remarks of the Chair who was a former DBM Secretary. He and Representative Salceda then discussed the status and percentage of cases acted upon by the AMLC and inquired on the agency's quality management strategy in order to reach its targets.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 4:32 p.m., upon motion of Minority Leader Suarez.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:34 p.m. the session resumed.

INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ (Continuation)

The two Members likewise discussed the right of the AMLC to issue freeze orders and investigate Anti-Money Laundering Act (AMLA) offenses but not to review Statement of Assets, Liabilities, and Net Worth (SALN) reports.

Minority Leader Suarez then asked the Sponsor if the AMLC officials who had filed cases against former Vice President Jejomar Binay were still in office.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 4:40 p.m., upon motion of Representative Salceda.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:42 p.m.

**INTERPELLATION OF
MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ**

(Continuation)

At this point, Minority Leader Suarez asked for an assurance from the Sponsor that the AMLA will not be used for political reasons; and the latter relayed the agency's commitment thereon.

**TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF
SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE
PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE AMLC**

There being no further interpellations, on a joint motion of Minority Leader Suarez and Representative Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budget of the AMLC.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED
BUDGET OF THE GCG**

On successive motions of Representative Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the Governance Commission for GOCCs (GCG) and the Chair recognized Representative Villafuerte to sponsor the same.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Representative Nograles (J.J.) acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the GCG officials and personnel.

**TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF
SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE
PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE GCG**

There being no interpellations, on a joint motion of Minority Leader Suarez and Representative Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budget of the GCG.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED
BUDGET OF THE CFO**

On successive motions of Representative Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO) and the Chair recognized Rep. Ana Cristina Siquian Go to sponsor the same.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Representative Nograles (J.J.) acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the head of the CFO.

**TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF
SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE
PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE CFO**

There being no interpellations, on a joint motion of Minority Leader Suarez and Representative Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budget of the CFO.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 4:52 p.m., upon motion of Representative Nograles (J.J.).

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:53 p.m.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED
BUDGET OF THE TESDA**

On successive motions of Representative Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the TESDA and the Chair recognized Rep. Mark Aeron H. Sambar to sponsor the same.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Representative Nograles (J.J.) acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the officials and personnel of the TESDA.

On further motion of Representative Nograles, the Chair recognized Minority Leader Suarez for his interpellation.

**INTERPELLATION OF
MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ**

Minority Leader Suarez asked whether the TESDA could provide meal and transportation allowances for its trainees.

**SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION
OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6215**

To give way to the Roll Call, on motion of Representative Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body suspended consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6215.

ROLL CALL

Likewise, on motion of Representative Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abayon
Abellanos
Abu
Abueg
Acharon
Acop
Acosta
Advincula
Agarao
Aggabao
Albano
Alejano
Almario
Almonte
Alonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (M.)
Alvarez (P.)
Amante
Amatong
Andaya
Angara-Castillo
Antonio
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Aumentado
Bagatsing
Banal
Barzaga
Bataoil
Batocabe
Bautista-Bandigan
Belaro
Belmonte (F.)
Belmonte (J.C.)
Belmonte (R.)
Bernos
Bertiz
Billones
Biron
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Bravo (M.V.)
Brosas

Bulut-Begtang
Cagas
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Campos
Canama
Cari
Casilao
Castro (F.L.)
Castro (F.H.)
Cayetano
Cerafica
Cerilles
Co
Cojuangco
Collantes
Cortes
Cortuna
Cosalan
Crisologo
Cua
Cuaresma
Dalipe
Datol
Daza
De Jesus
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Del Rosario
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (A.)
Dimaporo (M.K.)
Duavit
Durano
Dy
Elago
Enverga
Erice
Eriguel
Ermita-Buhain
Escudero
Espina
Espino
Evardone
Fariñas
Fernando
Ferrer (J.)
Flores
Fortun
Fortuno
Garbin
Garcia (G.)
Garcia (J.E.)
Garcia-Albano
Garin (R.)

Garin (S.)	Ortega (P.)
Gasataya	Ortega (V.N.)
Gatchalian	Pacquiao
Geron	Paduano
Go (A.C.)	Palma
Go (M.)	Pancho
Gonzaga	Panganiban
Gonzales (A.P.)	Panotes
Gonzales (A.D.)	Papandayan
Gonzalez	Pichay
Hernandez	Pimentel
Herrera-Dy	Pineda
Hofer	Primicias-Agabas
Jalosjos	Quimbo
Javier	Radaza
Kho	Ramirez-Sato
Khonghun	Ramos
Labadlabad	Relampagos
Lacson	Revilla
Lagman	Roa-Puno
Lanete	Rocamora
Laogan	Rodriguez (I.)
Lazatin	Rodriguez (M.)
Leachon	Roman
Lobregat	Romualdez
Lopez (B.)	Romualdo
Lopez (C.)	Roque (H.)
Lopez (M.L.)	Roque (R.)
Loyola	Sacdalan
Macapagal-Arroyo	Sahali
Maceda	Salceda
Madrona	Salimbangon
Malapitan	Salo
Manalo	Salon
Mangaoang	Sambar
Marcoleta	Sandoval
Marcos	Sarmiento (C.)
Mariño	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Marquez	Savellano
Martinez	Silverio
Matugas	Singson
Mending	Suansing (E.)
Mendoza	Suansing (H.)
Mercado	Suarez
Mirasol	Sy-Alvarado
Montoro	Tambunting
Nava	Tan (A.)
Nieto	Tan (M.)
Noel	Tejada
Nogralas (J.J.)	Teves
Nogralas (K.A.)	Ting
Nolasco	Tinio
Nuñez-Malanyaon	Tolentino
Oaminal	Treñas
Ocampo	Tugna
Olivarez	Tupas
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Uy (J.)
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Uybarreta
Vargas
Vargas-Alfonso
Velarde
Velasco
Velasco-Catera
Velo
Vergara
Villafuerte
Villanueva
Villaraza-Suarez
Villarica
Villarin
Violago
Yap (M.)
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Zamora (M.C.)
Zamora (R.)
Zarate
Zubiri

With 246 Members responding to the call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix 2)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Representative Gonzales (A.P.) acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Rep. Jeffrey D. Khonghun.

RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 363 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 6215

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6215, as embodied in Committee Report No. 363 and reported out by the Committee on Appropriations, entitled:

“AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FROM JANUARY ONE TO DECEMBER THIRTY-ONE, TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

Representative Nograles (J.J.) stated that the parliamentary status was that the Body was in the period of sponsorship and debate on the budget of TESDA; and upon his motion, the Chair recognized anew Representative Sambar and Minority Leader Suarez to continue the sponsorship and interpellation thereon, respectively.

INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ (Continuation)

Minority Leader Suarez inquired about the significant decrease in the total CO budget of the TESDA and suggested that the latter improves the facilities of its regional offices. He then moved to increase the agency’s budget by ₱1 billion.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE DE JESUS

Recognized by the Chair upon motion of Representative Gonzales (A.P.), Representative De Jesus sought information on the employment rate of TESDA graduates as well as on the agency’s evaluation and monitoring programs, nontraditional scholarship programs especially for women trainees, and emergency training programs for displaced overseas Filipino workers (OFWs).

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF TESDA

There being no further interpellations, on a joint motion of Rep. Alfredo A. Garbin Jr. and Representative Gonzales (A.P), on the part of the Minority and the Majority, respectively, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budget of the TESDA.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Gonzales (A.P.), the Chair suspended the session at 5:32 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:32 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGETS OF THE DOT AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES/CORPORATIONS EXCEPT TIEZA

On motion of Representative Gonzales (A.P.), there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budgets of the Department of Tourism (DOT)

and its attached agencies/corporations except the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA).

On motion of Representative Gonzales, the Chair recognized Rep. Michael John R. Duavit to sponsor the proposed budgets of the DOT and its attached agencies/corporations except TIEZA.

SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE DUAVIT

Representative Duavit said that he was ready to answer interpellations from the Members.

At this point, Representative Nograles (J.J.) acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the DOT family.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Nograles (J.J.), the Chair suspended the session at 5:35 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:37 p.m.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Nograles (J.J.), the Chair recognized Minority Leader Suarez for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ

Minority Leader Suarez and Representative Duavit discussed the decrease in the budget utilization of the Office of the Secretary and the National Parks and Development Committee; the agency's flawed ads and campaigns and the realignment of funds for the same to improve tourist facilities; and tourist practices that disrupt the ecosystem.

After Minority Leader Suarez showed an audio visual presentation of the Niyogyugan Festival in the province of Quezon in commemoration of the birth of former President Manuel L. Quezon, he then asked whether the DOT could include the same in the DOT's tourist packages. The Sponsor relayed the agency's commitment to continue supporting such festivals.

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Andaya relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Eric D. Singson.

Next focusing on tourist arrivals, Minority Leader Suarez inquired about what the government has done and is doing to boost the tourism industry; tourists who had experienced criminality and abuse in the country; improvement of airports, seaports, and tourism facilities; and other problems affecting the tourism industry such as traffic.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Salvador B. Belaro Jr., the Chair recognized Representative De Jesus for her interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE DE JESUS

Representatives De Jesus and Duavit initially talked about the restoration of Manila Bay. The former said that the government must address the displacement of residents therein; and the latter clarified that the implementor of the project was the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

Thereupon, Representative De Jesus asked on the DOT's stand on (1) the use of women and sex to boost tourism in the country, and (2) DOT's expensive tourism campaigns and programs. After her colleague explained the stages of tourism promotion, she emphasized that public funds should be used for the benefit of the majority and should not contribute to the detriment of the image of Filipino women.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE SALON

On motion of Representative Belaro, the Chair next recognized Rep. Orestes T. Salon who asked about other infrastructure requirements under the Tourism Act of 2009 aside from the building of roads, airports, and seaports under the Tourism Road Infrastructure Program (TRIP).

Representative Salon thereafter discussed with Representative Duavit the Capital Outlay of the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA) for site development; the banner programs of the DOT; the role of tourism in the Philippine Development Plan for 2017-2022; and tourism-related products and services using community-based approaches. The Sponsor said that during the period of amendments, the Committee will look into Representative Salon's concerns.

On motion of Rep. Belaro, the Chair recognized Rep. Anthony M. Bravo, Ph.D. for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE BRAVO (A.)

As he agreed with Representative Salon's view that the previous national budget had neglected significant areas that would encourage tourism, Representative Bravo inquired on the DOT's banner programs aside from infrastructure; tourism's contribution to the gross domestic product (GDP); and the need to review the DOT's 2018 budget proposal to ascertain which programs should be prioritized.

Representative Duavit then assured Representative Bravo that at the proper time, the Committee will study his proposals.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGETS OF THE DOT AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES/CORPORATIONS EXCEPT THE TIEZA

There being no further interpellations, on joint motion of Representatives Garbin and Belaro, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budgets of the DOT and its attached agencies/corporations except the TIEZA.

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGETS OF THE DOLE AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES

On successive motions of Rep. Vincent "Bingbong" P. Crisologo, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budgets of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and its attached agencies; and the Chair recognized Representative Go (A.C.) to sponsor the measure.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this juncture, Representative Crisologo acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of officials and personnel of the DOLE and its attached agencies, headed by Sec. Silvestre Bello III.

SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE GO (A.C.)

Upon previous recognition, Representative Go stated that the proposed budgets of the DOLE including its attached agencies amounted to ₱10.816 billion.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Crisologo, the Chair recognized Rep. Ariel "Ka Ayik" B. Casilao for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE CASILAO

Representatives Casilao and Go (A.C.) discussed the status of the updated disbursement of the cash bonus fund (CBF) of the Bureau of Workers with Special Concerns (BWSC) in relation to the Social Amelioration Program of the DOLE. The Sponsor promised to submit documents thereon that his colleague had requested.

Both Members also delved into the proposed 2018 budget of the Special Program Employment of Students (SPES) and the rationale behind the 60-40 percentage arrangement of paying students enrolled in said program.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 7:16 p.m. upon motion of Representative Go (A.C.).

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 7:18 p.m.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE CASILAO (Continuation)

After also inquiring on the absorption of SPES students in companies they have worked for, Representative Casilao sought information on labor disputes and strikes with regard to contractualization and on the implementation of the DOLE regularization program.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Crisologo, the Chair recognized Minority Leader Suarez for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ

Minority Leader Suarez discussed with the Sponsor the non-utilization of the agency's budget; lack of funds for the regularization of job order personnel; excessive appropriations for the mitigation of the adverse effects of the K-12 program; problematic collection of loans granted to labor organizations; and various instances of inefficient documentation, monitoring, and recording systems.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

As requested by Representative Go (A.C.), the session was suspended at 7:40 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 7:42 p.m., the session resumed.

**INTERPELLATION OF
MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ**
(Continuation)

Minority Leader Suarez thereafter adverted to the economic contribution of OFWs and workers in the business process outsourcing (BPO) sector and asked how the Department can protect their interests and fund the training and schooling of workers for them to acquire competitive skills.

**SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION
OF THE PROPOSED BUDGETS OF THE
DOLE AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES**

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Crisologo, there being no objection, the Body suspended consideration of the proposed budgets of the DOLE and its attached agencies.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED
BUDGET OF THE AFAB**

On motion of Representative Crisologo, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the Authority of the Freeport Area of Bataan (AFAB).

On further motion of Representative Crisologo, the Chair recognized Representative Salceda to sponsor said budget.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Representative Crisologo acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the AFAB officials and employees.

**TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF
SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE
ON THE BUDGET OF THE AFAB**

There being no interpellators, on a joint motion of Representatives Garbin and Crisologo, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budget of the AFAB.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED
BUDGET OF THE SBMA**

On successive motions of Representative Francisco Jose F. Matugas II, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) whose officers were present in the Session Hall; and the Chair recognized Representatives Salceda and Bravo (A.) for sponsorship and interpellations, respectively.

**INTERPELLATION OF
REPRESENTATIVE BRAVO (A.)**

Representative Bravo discussed with the Sponsor information on the intelligence funds of the SBMA.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 7:57 p.m. on motion of Representative Salceda.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 7:57 p.m.

**TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD
OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE
ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF SBMA**

There being no further interpellations, on a joint motion of Representatives Bravo (A.) and Matugas representing the Minority and the Majority, respectively, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budget of the SBMA.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED
BUDGET OF THE CIC**

On motion of Representative Matugas, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the Credit Information Corporation (CIC).

Representative Matugas acknowledged the presence of CIC head, Mr. Jaime Castro Jose Garchitorenna; and on his motion, the Chair recognized Representative Salceda to sponsor the agency's budget.

**TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD
OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE
ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF CIC**

There being no interpellations, on a joint motion of Representatives Bravo (A.) and Matugas representing the Minority and the Majority, respectively, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budget of the CIC.

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE CCP

On motion of Representative Matugas, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP).

Representative Matugas acknowledged the presence of CCP's President and Vice President; and upon his motion, the Chair thereafter recognized Representative Salceda to sponsor the budget and Minority Leader Suarez to interpellate thereon.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Minority Leader Suarez, the Chair suspended the session at 8:03 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 8:05 p.m.

INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ

Minority Leader Suarez and Representative Salceda debated on the real ownership of the contested hectares of land in the CCP and its attached properties, and the Supreme Court ruling thereon.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Salceda, the Chair suspended the session at 8:12 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 8:14 p.m.

INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ

(Continuation)

After consultation with the resource persons, Representative Salceda agreed to defer the proposed budget of the CCP until certain issues were clarified.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE CCP

On motion of Representative Matugas, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration of the proposed budget of the CCP.

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE DAP

On successive motions of Representative Matugas, there being no objection, the Body considered the

proposed budget of the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP); and the Chair recognized Representative Salceda to sponsor the same.

Representative Matugas also acknowledged the presence of DAP officials inside the Session Hall.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE DAP

There being no interpellations, on a joint motion of Rep. Aniceto "John" D. Bertiz III and Representative Matugas representing the Minority and the Majority, respectively, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budget of the DAP.

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE PCED

On successive motions of Representative Matugas, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the Philippine Center for Economic Development (PCED); and the Chair recognized Representative Salceda to sponsor the same.

Representative Matugas also acknowledged the presence of the PCED Executive Director.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE PCED

There being no interpellations, on joint motion of Representatives Bravo (A.) and Matugas representing the Minority and the Majority, respectively, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budget of the PCED.

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE APEZFA

On successive motions of Representative Matugas, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the Aurora Pacific Economic Zone and Freeport Authority (APEZFA); and the Chair recognized Representative Salceda to sponsor the same.

Representative Matugas likewise recognized the presence of the officials and President and CEO of the APEZFA.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TINIO

Recognized by the Chair upon Rep. Matugas' motion, Representative Tinio asked on the rationale behind the increase in the proposed budget of the agency.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF APEZFA

There being no further interpellations, on a joint motion of Reps. Garbin and Matugas., there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budget of APEZFA.

RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGETS OF THE DOLE AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES

On successive motions of Representative Matugas, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration of the proposed budgets of the DOLE and its attached agencies; and the Chair recognized Representatives Go (A.C.) and De Jesus to sponsor the same and interpellate thereon, respectively.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE DE JESUS

Speaking in Filipino, Representative De Jesus discussed with the Sponsor the DOLE's intervention in the plight of home-based workers and policy on the BPO industry; the budget of the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) Fund for its emergency repatriation program; and the need to pay attention to the needs and protect the welfare of OFWs.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Matugas, the Chair recognized Rep. Arlene D. Brosas for her interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS

Representative Brosas' issues in her interpellation were the lack of labor laws compliance officers (LLCOs), contractualization in establishments, and the allocation of more funds for employment facilitation than for employment regulation. On her concern for the technical working group on the compressed work week proposal to further study the scheme, Representative Go (A.C.) gave the DOLE's assurance that it will gather and consider suggestions thereon.

Representatives Brosas and Go then discussed the 2017-2022 Philippine Development Plan and eight-point labor agenda under the 2011-2016 Philippine Labor and Employment Plan with employment and security of tenure as its priority.

In ending her interpellation, Representative Brosas called for an end to contractualization; the implementation of a national minimum wage; and an increase in the wages of laborers.

TERMINATION ON THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGETS OF THE DOLE AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES

There being no other Members who wished to interpellate, on a joint motion of Representatives Matugas and Bertiz, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budgets of the DOLE and its attached agencies.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6215

On motion of Representative Matugas, there being no objection, Body suspended further consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6215.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Matugas, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until ten o'clock in the morning of Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

It was 9:06 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

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

Approved on September 6, 2017.

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House Bill No. 6221, entitled:

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2:00 PM, Monday, September 04, 2017

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	BATOCABE	****	*****
	BAUTISTA-BANDIGAN	CUEVA	GOMEZ
	BELARO	DALIPE	GONZAGA
	BELMONTE (F.)	DATOL	GONZALES (A.P.)
		DAZA	GONZALES (A.D.)
		DE JESUS	GONZALEZ
		* DE VENECIA	****
			GORRICETA

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

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** On official mission

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***** Absent without notice

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