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**CALL TO ORDER**

At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Gwendolyn F. Garcia 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 followed by Representative Jocelyn Sy Limkaichong's invocation.

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

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

**REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

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

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

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

House Bill No. 3396, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE ROAD WHICH STRETCHES FROM BARANGAY BAGATANGKI, MUNICIPALITY OF MALINAO, PROVINCE OF ALBAY TO BARANGAY SAN RAMON, CITY OF IRIGA, UPTO BARANGAY HANAWAN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF OCAMPO, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE GOV. FELIX O. ALFELOR, SR. NATIONAL HIGHWAY PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9686 AS A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Fortuno

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS  
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3397, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE ROAD FROM THE BOUNDARY OF IRIGA CITY AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF BUHI, PASSING THROUGH BARANGAYS STA. JUSTINA AND LOURDES AND ENDING AT THE MUNICIPAL HALL OF BUHI, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MAXIMO NOBLE, SR. HIGHWAY PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9687 AS A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Fortuno

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS  
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3398, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8972, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SOLO PARENTS' WELFARE ACT OF 2000, BY PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL BENEFITS AND PENAL PROVISION FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ACT”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF  
LAWS

House Bill No. 3399, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8291, ALSO KNOWN AS THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM ACT OF 1997, EXPANDING THE MEMBERSHIP AND BENEFITS OF THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM TO COVER BARANGAY OFFICIALS”

By Representative Vergara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT  
ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 3400, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING FEBRUARY 3 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF CABANATUAN, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, TO COMMEMORATE THE FOUNDATION ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF CABANATUAN”

By Representative Vergara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 3401, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE PATERNITY LEAVE FROM SEVEN (7) DAYS TO FIFTEEN (15) DAYS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTIONS 2 AND 3 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8187, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE PATERNITY LEAVE ACT OF 1996' ”

By Representative Pimentel

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 3402, entitled:

“AN ACT PRESCRIBING A FIXED TERM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Pimentel

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 3403, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE LEGAL PROCEDURE IN THE DISPOSITION AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG DEPENDENTS AND/OR DRUG PUSHERS OR DEALERS WHO VOLUNTARILY SURRENDER, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE RA 9165, AS AMENDED”

By Representatives Batocabe, Garbin and Co

TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

House Bill No. 3404, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE 30TH OF AUGUST OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF MANDAUE, PROVINCE OF CEBU IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS CHARTER DAY”

By Representative Cortes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 3405, entitled:

“AN ACT DESIGNATING CASINO OPERATORS AS COVERED PERSONS UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING ACT OF 2001', AS AMENDED”

By Representative Collantes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 3406, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING DRUG TRAFFICKING AND OTHER DRUG-RELATED OFFENSES FROM THE PROHIBITION IN REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4200 OR THE ANTI-WIRE TAPPING LAW”

By Representative Barbers

TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

House Bill No. 3407, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROVIDE HUMANE WORKING CONDITIONS, SALARIES, AND BENEFITS FOR DAY CARE WORKERS”

By Representative Aragones

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 3408, 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 SEVENTEEN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Nograles (K.), Alvarez (P.), Zamora (M.), Javier, Leachon, Olivarez, Sandoval, Garin (O.), Salceda, Biazon, Dimaporo (M.), Duavit, Lanete, Dy, Cojuangco, Del Mar, Vargas, Lobregat, Go (A.), Malanyaon, Villafuerte, Jalosjos, Amante, Cuaresma, Antonino, Sambar, Almonte, Calixto-Rubiano, Cari, Celeste, Cerafica, Gonzalez, Primicias-Agabas, Ramos, Sacdalan, Villarica, Abellanos, Abueg, Aragonese, Arenas, Caminero, Sahali, Suansing (E.), Acosta, Alonte-Naguiat, Bagatsing, Bernos, Fernando, Gonzaga, Malapitan, Matugas, Nava, Nieto, Nolasco, Pacquiao, Papandayan, Pimentel, Suansing (H.), Veloso, Mangaoang, Savellano, Siao, Acharon, Bulut-Begtang, Yap (A.), Maceda, Lopez (M.), Sagarbarria, Yu, Marquez, Gasataya, Enverga, Yap (M.), Escudero, Durano, Dimaporo (A.), Ong (E.), Sy-Alvarado, Garcia (J.), Laogan, Estrella, Manalo, Paduano, Montoro, Ungab, Fortuno, Arbison, Tejada, Amatong, Abad, Catamco, Adiong, Agarao, Deloso-Montalla, Bataoil, Mellana, Pancho, Silverio, Uy (J.) and Zubiri

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 3409, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SECURITY OF TENURE FOR BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS AND INCLUDING BARANGAY NUTRITION SCHOLAR AS BARANGAY HEALTH WORKER, AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7883, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ACT OF 1995' ”

By Representative Unabia

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3410, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PRICE SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7607, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'MAGNA

CARTA OF SMALL FARMERS' AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Unabia

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 3411, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE AUTHORIZED ELECTION CAMPAIGN EXPENSES OF CANDIDATES AND POLITICAL PARTIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7166, ENTITLED, 'AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SYNCHRONIZED NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS AND FOR ELECTORAL REFORMS, AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' ”

By Representative Unabia

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 3412, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JUAN, LA UNION AS A TOURIST DESTINATION AND THE 'SURFING CAPITAL OF THE NORTH', PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Ortega (V.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 3413, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 11 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF LA UNION, TO BE KNOWN AS 'PRESIDENT FERDINAND MARCOS DAY' ”

By Representative Ortega (V.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 3414, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE BRGY. MABINI - CARIDAD NORTE ROAD IN LLANERA,

NUEVA ECIJA GOING TO SAN JOSE CITY, NUEVA ECIJA INTO A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Violago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3415, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MAGHAWAY - TAPUL ROAD FROM A BARANGAY ROAD TO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Gullas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3416, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE SAN FERNANDO AND PINAMUNGAHAN ROAD FROM A PROVINCIAL TO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Gullas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3417, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING TAMBO HIGH SCHOOL SITUATED IN BARANGAY TAMBO, PARAÑAQUE CITY TO TAMBO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 3418, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPOSING THE DEATH PENALTY ON ANY PUBLIC OFFICER AND EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FLIGHT OF DRUG MULES FROM PHILIPPINE AIR AND SEA PORTS”

By Representative Barbers

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 3419, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A SYSTEM OF FOOD DISTRIBUTION FOR ADDRESSING THE NUTRITIONAL NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE PROVIDING FOR ITS PROCUREMENT PROCESS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Banal

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD AND THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FOOD SECURITY

House Bill No. 3420, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING SUSTAINABILITY IN THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PROCESS BY INCORPORATING POLICY IN PROCUREMENT AND CONSIDERING ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC FACTORS AS ADDITIONAL CRITERIA FOR BIDDING AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Banal

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 3421, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE TERMINALS OF PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLES INSIDE THE MALLS”

By Representative Velasco

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 3422, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE CORN AND OTHER CEREALS RESEARCH INSTITUTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Romero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 3423, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO MR. LIU, HSIPIIN”

By Representative Romero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 3424, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY RIZAL IN THE CITY OF MAKATI”

By Representative Campos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3425, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A UNIFIED NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM IN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Erice

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 3426, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE MINDANAO CENTRAL SANITARIUM INTO A TERTIARY LEVEL HOSPITAL AND INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY FOR GENERAL CARE SERVICES TO THREE HUNDRED (300), APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Dalipe

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

#### **ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS**

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

Rep. Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano for House Bills No. 31, 33, 34, 74, 128, 278, 288, 290, 322, 324, 416, 434, 551 and 683;

Rep. Raul V. Del Mar for House Bills No. 458 and 3181;

Rep. Juliette T. Uy for House Bills No. 82 and 83 and House Joint Resolution No. 3;

Rep. Michelle M. Antonio for House Bill No. 38;

Reps. Corazon T. Nuñez-Malanyaon, Pedro B. Acharon Jr., Arnel M. Cerafica and Mario Vittorio “Marvey” A. Mariño for House Bill No. 2798;

Rep. Jose "Pingping" I. Tejada for House Bills No. 334, 1208, 2045, 2798 and 2912 and House Resolutions No. 16, 17 and 258;

Rep. Nancy A. Catamco for House Bills No. 2852 and 2906;

Rep. Amado T. Espino Jr. for House Bill No. 26;

Rep. Joaquin M. Chipeco Jr. for House Bill No. 553;

Reps. Divina Grace C. Yu, Arlene B. Arcillas, Orestes T. Salon and Carmelo "Jon" B. Lazatin II for House Bills No. 262, 264 and 2430;

Reps. Sandra Y. Eriguel, M.D., Makmod D. Mending Jr. and Greg G. Gasataya for House Bills No. 262 and 264;

Rep. Antonio R. Floirendo Jr. for House Bills No. 1, 3, 5, 6, 9 and 388;

Rep. Gwendolyn F. Garcia for House Bills No. 458, 2798 and 3181;

Reps. Maximo B. Dalog and Randolph S. Ting for House Bill No. 381;

Rep. Raul A. Daza for House Joint Resolution No. 4;

Reps. Bernadette "BH" Herrera-Dy, Orestes T. Salon and Vicente "Ching" S.E. Veloso for House Bills No. 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 796, 797, 798, 1870, 1871, 1872, 2287, 2396, 2514 and 2531;

Rep. Alberto T. Ungab for House Bills No. 478, 479, 2287, 2396, 2514 and 2531;

Rep. Emmanuel F. Madrona for House Bills No. 477, 478, 479, 1871, 2287, 2396, 2514 and 2531;

Rep. Luisa Lloren Cuaresma for House Bills No. 477, 478, 479, 1871, 2287, 2396, 2514 and 2531;

Rep. Arnolfo "Arnie" A. Teves Jr. for House Bills No. 478, 479, 1871, 2396, 2514 and 2531;

Rep. Frederick W. Siao for House Bills No. 477, 478, 1871, 2287 and 2396;

Rep. Peter John D. Calderon for House Bill No. 2514;

Rep. Allen Jesse C. Mangaoang for House Bills No. 208, 209, 210, 211, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915 and 1916;

Rep. Emmanuel A. Billones for House Bills No. 476, 477, 796, 797, 798, 1870, 1871, 1872, 2287, 2396, 2514 and 2531;

Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo for House Bills No. 476 and 477;

Rep. Jose Antonio "Kuya Jonathan" R. Sy-Alvarado for House Bill No. 515;

Rep. Robert Ace S. Barbers for House Bill No. 477;

Rep. Franz E. Alvarez for House Bills No. 997 and 2673;

Rep. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo for House Bill No. 41;

Rep. Manuel Monsour T. Del Rosario III for House Bills No. 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000, 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 2650, 2651, 2652, 2653, 2654 and 2655;

Rep. Cristal L. Bagatsing for House Bills No. 1159, 1163 and 1165;

Rep. Ma. Lourdes R. Aggabao for House Bills No. 2651, 2652, 2653 and 2655;

Rep. Luis Jose Angel N. Campos Jr. for House Bills No. 1596 and 2903;

Rep. Leo Rafael M. Cueva for House Bill No. 3010;

Reps. Jorge "Bolet" Banal, Alberto T. Ungab and Arnel M. Cerafica for House Resolution No. 258;

Rep. Mercedes K. Alvarez for House Bills No. 391, 392, 393, 394, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579 and 2247;

Rep. Divina Grace C. Yu for House Bills No. 391, 392 and 576;

Rep. Vini Nola A. Ortega for House Bills No. 479, 2287 and 2396;

Rep. Gus S. Tambunting for House Bills No. 402 and 458; and

Rep. Fernando V. Gonzalez for House Bill No. 3504.

## COMMUNICATIONS

Letters dated August 25 and 31, 2016 of Roger E. Dino, Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, furnishing the House of Representatives with duly certified and authenticated Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas issuances, to wit:

1. Circular No. 920 dated 18 August 2016;
2. Circular Letter No. CL-2016-068 dated 11 August 2016;
3. Circular Letter No. CL-2016-069 dated 8 August 2016;
4. Circular Letter No. CL-2016-070 dated 18 August 2016;
5. Circular No. 921 dated 22 August 2016;
6. Circular Letter No. CL-2016-071 dated 17 August 2016;
7. Circular No. 922 dated 23 August 2016; and
8. Circular Letter No. CL-2016-072 dated 23 August 2016.

## TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

### THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

With the unanimous consent of the Body, on motion of Rep. Defensor, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour and thereafter recognized Rep. Tom S. Villarín from Akbayan Party-List for his privilege speech.

### PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. VILLARIN

Initially, Rep. Villarín offered his sympathies to the families of the victims of the September 2, 2016 Davao City bombing. He then spoke on the challenge of addressing the concern of millions of informal settlers in Metro Manila, as well as in other highly urbanized parts of the country. This, as he cited the constitutional provision mandating the State to undertake, with the private sector, a continuing program of urban land reform and housing which will make available at affordable cost, decent housing and basic services to

the underprivileged and homeless citizens, providing employment opportunities, but respecting the rights of small property owners.

Rep. Villarín then mentioned several problems related to urbanization and informal settlements, including among others, the increase in the number of informal settlers in recent years, the supposed housing backlog for informal settler families, and the ineffectiveness of the national government's effort in focusing on off-city housing projects.

As Vice President Leni Robredo has declared the suspension of off-city resettlement programs while President Duterte has announced a "no eviction, no demolition without resettlement" policy, Rep. Villarín asked where the government would get the funds if they would focus on in-city housing projects considering that the NHA funds have already been used up for off-city relocation projects. To address the issue, he then gave the following remedies which had been enacted during the past Aquino Administration and which he opined, should be continued: 1) the Alternative Housing Program and People's Proposal; and 2) the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)/local government unit (LGU) partnership in socialized housing.

In conclusion, Rep. Villarín said that Congress can push for policies on the building of disaster-resilient settlements for urban communities; institutionalization of the DILG's role in the implementation of the Urban Development and Housing Act of 1992 and relevant laws; funding for a socialized housing finance corporation; and provision of additional allocations for the ISF resettlement fund.

#### **REFERRAL OF REP. VILLARIN'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH**

On motion of Rep. Ron P. Salo, there being no objection, the Body referred Rep. Villarín's privilege speech to the Committee on Rules.

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

The Chair declared a recess at 4:33 p.m., upon Rep. Salo's motion.

#### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

At 4:33 p.m., the session resumed.

#### **SUSPENSION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR**

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

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

Rep. Salo subsequently recognized the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Deputy Speaker Garcia (G.).

#### **QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE OF REP. TAN (S.)**

On motion of Rep. Salo, the Chair then recognized Rep. Shernee Abubakar Tan from Party-List Kusug Tausug who rose on a question of privilege to condemn an attempt to open her vehicle in the House of Representatives (HOR) North Wing parking lot the previous day. She said that the Philippine National Police (PNP) had ruled out carjacking or theft as the motive and surmised that the culprit had intended to plant explosives under the front seat where she usually sat. She stressed the need to strictly implement security measures in the HOR premises as she recalled the 2007 bombing in the South Wing that resulted in the death and injury of several persons including two House Members.

Rep. Tan stated that the country has been jittery since the recent Davao City bombing and the ongoing intense military operations against the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) and that they cannot count out the possibility that the mastermind in the previous night's incident would ride on the Abu Sayyaf fever and point out the latter as the perpetrators.

She then called for a thorough investigation of the incident and issued a warning to those who had intended to harm her that they would not succeed in silencing her voice as the Representative of Party-List Kusug Tausug.

#### **REFERRAL OF REP. TAN'S (S.) SPEECH**

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body referred the speech of Rep. Tan (S.) to the Committee on Rules.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

At this point, Rep. Defensor acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Reps. Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla, Michael L. Romero, Ph.D., and Villarín.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Defensor, the Chair recognized Rep. Emmi A. De Jesus for a manifestation.



## MANIFESTATION OF REP. DE JESUS

Rep. De Jesus enjoined her colleagues to sign a petition calling for a stop in the budget cuts of the maintenance and other operating expenses (MOOE) of the 72 Department of Health (DOH) hospitals considering that the 2017 National Expenditure Program (NEP) of the government revealed that the DOH specialty and regional hospitals will all suffer hefty cuts in their MOOEs. She then invited all the Members to unite in one voice and fight against the proposed budget cuts in the MOOEs of all government hospitals in the country.

## SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 4:46 p.m., upon motion of Rep. Defensor.

## RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:07 p.m.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Rep. Defensor acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Deputy Speaker Raneo "Ranie" E. Abu and Rep. Mario Vittorio "Marvey" A. Mariño.

## ROLL CALL

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Roll Call.

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General called the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abad  
Abayon  
Abellanosa  
Abu  
Abueg  
Acharon  
Acop  
Acosta-Alba  
Adiong  
Advincula  
Agarao  
Aggabao  
Akbar  
Albano  
Alcala  
Alejano  
Almario

Almonte  
Alonte-Naguiat  
Alvarez (F.)  
Amatong  
Andaya  
Angara-Castillo  
Aragones  
Arcillas  
Arenas  
Atienza  
Aumentado  
Bag-ao  
Banal  
Barbers  
Bataoil  
Bautista-Bandigan  
Belaro  
Belmonte (F.)  
Belmonte (J.)  
Belmonte (R.)  
Benitez  
Bernos  
Bertiz  
Biazon  
Billones  
Biron  
Bolilia  
Bondoc  
Bordado  
Bravo (A.)  
Bravo (M.)  
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Bulut-Begtang  
Cagas  
Calderon  
Calixto-Rubiano  
Caminero  
Campos  
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Cari  
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Castro (F.H.)  
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Celeste  
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Chavez  
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De Venecia  
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Eusebio  
Evardone  
Fernando  
Ferrer (J.)  
Ferrer (L.)  
Floirendo  
Flores  
Fortun  
Fortuno  
Fuentebella  
Garbin  
Garcia (G.)  
Garcia-Albano  
Garin (R.)  
Garin (S.)  
Gatchalian  
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Go (A.C.)  
Go (M.)  
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Gonzales (A.P.)  
Gonzales (A.D.)  
Gonzalez  
Gorriceta  
Gullas  
Hernandez  
Herrera-Dy  
Hofer  
Jalosjos  
Javier  
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Khonghun  
Labadlabad  
Lacson  
Lagman  
Lanete  
Laogan  
Lazatin  
Leachon  
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Lopez (B.)  
Lopez (C.)  
Lopez (M.)  
Macapagal-Arroyo  
Maceda  
Madrona  
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Mangaoang  
Mangudadatu (Z.)  
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Mariño  
Marquez  
Martinez  
Matugas  
Mercado  
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Nolasco  
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Ocampo  
Olivarez  
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Ortega (P.)  
Ortega (V.)  
Pacquiao  
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Pichay  
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Plaza  
Primicias-Agabas  
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Ramirez-Sato  
Ramos  
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Revilla  
Roa-Puno  
Robes  
Rodriguez (I.)  
Roman  
Romero  
Romualdez  
Romualdo

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With 237 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See also Appendix 1)

## SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. Defensor, the Chair suspended the session at 5:20 p.m.

## RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 6:24 p.m.

## ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

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

House Resolution No. 303, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING SENIOR POLICE OFFICER 1 (SPO1) NIDA LACHICA GREGAS FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF NUMANCIA, AKLAN FOR BEING AWARDED AS ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S OUTSTANDING POLICE OFFICERS IN SERVICE (COPS) 2016 BY THE METROBANK FOUNDATION, INC. (MBFI), ROTARY CLUB OF NEW MANILA EAST (RCNME), AND PHILIPPINE SAVINGS BANK (PSBANK)”

By Representative Marquez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 304, entitled:

“RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE EXTENT OF THE PRESENCE OF ISIS IN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Roque (H.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 305, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS THE BOMB ATTACK AT THE ROXAS NIGHT MARKET IN DAVAO CITY ON THE NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2016 AND

URGING THE GOVERNMENT TO BRING TO JUSTICE THE PERPETRATORS OF SUCH DASTARDLY ACT”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 306, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE DEEP SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES AS WELL AS THE ETERNAL GRATITUDE OF OUR PEOPLE AND OUR NATION TO THE 15 FALLEN SOLDIERS WHO PERISHED IN SULU WHILE IN THE LINE OF DUTY, AND CONDEMNING THE CRUEL ACTS PERPETRATED BY THE ABU SAYYAF GROUP”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 307, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DECLARING HIGH THREATS OF TERRORISM THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY CONDEMNABLE IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERM”

By Representative Montoro

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Resolution No. 308, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN CONDEMNING THE SENSELESS BOMBING IN DAVAO CITY, EXTENDING ITS PROFOUND SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF THE HAPLESS VICTIMS, SUPPORTING THE DECLARATION OF STATE OF LAWLESSNESS BY PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE TO PREVENT OR SUPPRESS LAWLESS VIOLENCE IN THE COUNTRY AND URGING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) TO CONDUCT A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION AND FILE APPROPRIATE CHARGES AGAINST THE PERPETRATORS OF THE DASTARDLY ACT”

By Representative Oaminal

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 309, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING LT. COL. ELIGLEN FERRER VILLAFLORES PA AS ONE OF THE OUTSTANDING PHILIPPINE SOLDIERS (TOPS) OF 2016 AWARDED BY THE METROBANK FOUNDATION, INC.”

By Representative Vergara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 310, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF THE VICTIMS OF DAVAO CITY BOMBING”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 311, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES ON THE DEMISE OF ATTY. MIGUEL B. VARELA, PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF THE PHILIPPINE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (PCCI)”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 312, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES ON THE DEMISE OF THE 290 VICTIMS OF A RECENT EARTHQUAKE IN ITALY”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 313, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONDEMNING TO THE HIGHEST DEGREE THE BOMBING OF THE NIGHT MARKET IN DAVAO CITY

AND SUPPORTING THE PRESIDENT'S  
DECLARATION OF LAWLESS VIO-  
LENCE"

By Representative Garcia (G.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 314, entitled:

"RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTI-  
GATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON  
THE PROLIFERATION OF ILLEGAL  
DRUGS AT THE CEBU PROVINCIAL DE-  
TENTION AND REHABILITATION CEN-  
TER (CPDRC) AND THE GLARING  
GROSS MISMANAGEMENT THEREOF"

By Representative Garcia (G.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 315, entitled:

"RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF  
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RE-  
PUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES IMMEDI-  
ATELY RATIFY THE PARIS AGREEMENT  
AND THAT THE SAME BE CONCURRED  
UPON BY THE SENATE"

By Representative Herrera-Dy

TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AF-  
FAIRS

House Resolution No. 316, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE  
COMMITTEES ON SUFFRAGE AND  
ELECTORAL REFORMS AND GOOD  
GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC ACCOUNT-  
ABILITY, TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF  
LEGISLATION, THE ALLEGED IRREGU-  
LARITIES IN THE CONDUCT OF THE  
MAY 9, 2016 ELECTIONS WITH SPECIAL  
ATTENTION ON THE PARTICIPATION OF  
THE SMARTMATIC COMPANY AND  
CONCERNED PUBLIC OFFICIALS IN-  
CLUDING THE COMMISSION ON ELEC-  
TIONS (COMELEC)"

By Representative Atienza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 317, entitled:

"RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING ALL  
GOVERNMENT OFFICES TO HAVE THE  
PHILIPPINE FLAG PIN AS PART OF  
THEIR OFFICIAL UNIFORM, AS EXEM-  
PLIFIED BY PRESIDENT RODRIGO  
DUTERTE"

By Representative Atienza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE  
AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Resolution No. 318, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE COL-  
LECTIVE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES TO THANK THE  
GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN FOR REAF-  
FIRMING ITS COMMITMENT TO SUP-  
PORT THE MARITIME SECURITY OF  
THE PHILIPPINES"

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AF-  
FAIRS

House Resolution No. 319, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND  
COMMENDING POLICE CHIEF INSPEC-  
TOR RYAN LOPEZ MANONGDO CUR-  
RENTLY ASSIGNED IN ASINGAN, PAN-  
GASINAN FOR BEING AWARDED BY  
THE METROBANK FOUNDATION AND  
ITS PARTNERS AS AN OUTSTANDING  
FILIPINO AND CHOSEN AS ONE OF THE  
COUNTRY'S OUTSTANDING POLICE  
OFFICERS IN SERVICE (COPS) FOR  
2016"

By Representative Primicias-Agabas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

#### COMMITTEE REPORT

Report by the Committee on Suffrage and Electoral  
Reforms (Committee Report No. 1), re H.B. No.  
3504, entitled:

"AN ACT POSTPONING THE OCTOBER 2016  
BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG  
KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AMENDING  
FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO.  
9164, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT  
NO. 9340 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10656,

PRESCRIBING ADDITIONAL RULES GOVERNING THE CONDUCT OF BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 604, 657, 900, 1290, 1464, 1628, 2329, 3158, 3197, 3198, 3225, 3384 and House Resolution No. 51

Sponsors: The Honorable Representatives Alvarez (P.), Fariñas, Suarez, Tugna, Acharon, Abu, Alvarez (M.), Castro (F.H.), Cayetano, Garcia (G.), Garcia-Albano, Garin (S.), Hernandez, Macapagal-Arroyo, Quimbo, Sema and Singson

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Whereupon, Rep. Bernadette "BH" Herrera-Dy acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Reps. Ramon V.A. "Rav" Rocamora, Kaka J. Bag-ao, and Villarín.

#### APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

As copies of Journal No. 18, dated September 5, 2016 had already been distributed to the Members, on successive motions of Rep. Herrera-Dy, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of said Journal and subsequently approved the same.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 6:29 p.m., upon motion of Rep. Herrera-Dy.

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 6:36 p.m.

#### BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 3504

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 3504, as embodied in Committee Report No. 1 and reported out by the Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms.

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

“AN ACT POSTPONING THE OCTOBER 2016 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10656, PRESCRIBING ADDITIONAL RULES GOVERNING THE CONDUCT OF BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Rep. Defensor, 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 further motion of Rep. Defensor, the Chair recognized Rep. Sherwin N. Tugna, Chairperson of the Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms, for his sponsorship speech.

#### SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REP. TUGNA

Rep. Tugna stated that House Bill No. 3504 seeks to postpone the October 2016 barangay and sangguniang kabataan (SK) elections to the fourth Monday of October in 2017. He stated that Commission on Elections (Comelec) Chairperson Juan Andres Bautista had suggested the postponement of the barangay elections to a later date due to election fatigue as the Commission had just concluded the May 2016 elections, and that holding another election in the same year would be costly and may result in low voter turnout.

He stressed that the postponement will give the Comelec more time to prepare its resources and give the voting populace enough time to choose their leaders. He concluded that the Bill includes provisions for the assumption of office of those who will be elected in the proposed elections as well as the stay in hold over capacity of incumbent officials until after the said elections. He then sought the Body's approval of the measure.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Defensor, the Chair recognized Rep. Jose L. Atienza Jr. for his interpellation.

#### RESERVATION OF REP. DEL MAR

At this point however, Rep. Raul V. Del Mar reserved his right to interpellate Rep. Tugna.

## SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

## RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 6:42 p.m.

## INTERPELLATION OF REP. ATIENZA

Upon recognition by the Chair, Reps. Tugna and Atienza discussed, among other issues, the inclusion of barangay chairpersons in the extension of term of office as provided for under House Bill No. 3504; the alleged involvement of certain barangay officials themselves in illegal drug activities; the authority of the President as well as the DILG Secretary as implied in Section 3 of the measure to suspend erring barangay officials; and the responsibility of the DILG to closely monitor the performance of incumbent barangay officials.

In light of the broad implication of Section 3 of the measure, Rep. Tugna then said he was not amenable to Rep. Atienza's proposal to amend House Bill No. 3504 to the effect of adding a phrase that will mandate the DILG to exercise total diligence in supervising the present set of barangay officials.

However, Rep. Tugna agreed to Rep. Atienza's proposal to include in the transmittal letter to the President and in the implementing rules and regulations of the Department concerned the provision that barangay chairpersons who do not deserve to continue office should be removed therefrom even while awaiting the next election.

In closing, Rep. Atienza expressed elation over the Sponsor's assurance that under the Bill, the Members have conveyed to the people the message that Congress is sensitive to public sentiments on the illegal drugs problem hence, the Members are not condoning and rewarding barangay chairpersons who are not deserving of the public trust anymore.

## MANIFESTATION OF REP. DEL MAR

At this point, Rep. Del Mar sought recognition from the Chair.

## REMARKS OF REP. DEFENSOR

Rep. Defensor however stated that the next interpellator was Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate.

## PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY OF REP. DEL MAR

Rep. Del Mar inquired on the procedure that should be followed by the Body during the period of interpellations, this as he pointed out that if the first interpellator came from the Minority, then the next interpellator should be from the Majority.

Rep. Defensor clarified that Rep. Zarate belongs to the Majority. He further explained that with respect to the order of interpellators, the names of the Members who were interested to interpellate the Sponsor were listed only during the day's session, and that Rep. Del Mar would be the third interpellator, with Rep. H. Harry L. Roque Jr. as the fourth.

For the record, Rep. Del Mar said that he was not able to register as the first interpellator because he did not know that the measure would be taken up in the day's session. He said that during the caucus, he was the only Member who manifested an objection to the vote in favor of the measure, and that he expected that he would be naturally listed as the first interpellator. However, he said that he merely wanted a clarification on the issue but that he was willing to give way to Rep. Zarate.

Rep. Defensor thanked Rep. Del Mar and sought for the recognition of Rep. Zarate for his interpellation.

## INTERPELLATION OF REP. ZARATE

After stating that Bayan Muna Party-List belongs to the Majority, Rep. Zarate inquired whether Comelec Chairperson Bautista proposed the postponement of the synchronized barangay and SK elections because the country had just finished with the May elections and that the process would be expensive.

Rep. Tugna clarified that Mr. Bautista's statement was not by way of a recommendation because it was explained in the sponsorship speech that the sentiments of the stakeholders were heard, and that the opinion of the Comelec as a constitutional body tasked with the conduct of elections, was also considered. As a rejoinder, Rep. Zarate thanked the Sponsor for clarifying the issue as the former admitted to having personally heard a radio interview of Mr. Bautista where the latter had said that he will not make such recommendation because he does not want to influence the decision of Congress and that the Comelec is prepared to hold the scheduled elections in October.

Rep. Tugna then exchanged views with Rep. Zarate regarding the latter's following concerns: 1) the various stakeholders who have been invited to and attended the Committee hearings; 2) whether the Committee had considered as an alternative the appointment of officers-in-charge instead of extending the term of office of the incumbent barangay officials allegedly involved in narcopolitics or those officials who are not performing well; and 3) the apprehension of Rep. Zarate that the postponement of the elections would set a bad precedent on future elections.

Rep. Zarate expressed his reservation on the approval of the Bill considering that it is inconsistent with his Party's stance against the extension of the term of office of any elected government official. He hoped that this would not be a precedent in the coming years, citing that the postponement by Congress of the previous Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) elections had not made considerable change on its governance, and stating that the postponement of SK elections had curtailed the voice of the youth in governance.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REP. DEL MAR**

Recognized by the Chair, Rep. Del Mar stated for the record that he was given a copy of the Bill just five minutes ago thus had no time to read it. He also noted that there were few Members in the Session Hall and asked whether they were informed that the Bill would be taken up that day considering its importance. He however said he would not question the quorum as he belongs to the Majority. He then discussed with Rep. Tugna his concern on whether it was the Comelec who recommended the postponement of the synchronized SK and barangay elections and that such postponement should be made not later than the first week of August.

#### **REMINDER FROM THE CHAIR**

At this point, the Chair reminded Rep. Del Mar to address all matters directly to the Chair. Rep. Del Mar said that he was aware of the procedure but more than that, he was aware that the Chair is from Cebu and he would not forget to address his questions through her.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REP. DEL MAR** (Continuation)

Reps. Tugna and Del Mar thereafter continued to debate on certain issues regarding House Bill No. 3504, including the following, among others: the timing of postponing the synchronized SK and barangay

elections scheduled in October 2016; and the budget implications of the proposed postponement.

Given his interest in the measure and being the lone oppositor to the proposed postponement, Rep. Del Mar expressed hope that, while not obligated to do so, Rep. Tugna, in his capacity as chairperson of the sponsoring Committee, would have given him the courtesy of being invited to the Committee hearing on the Bill that was scheduled earlier that afternoon. The Sponsor however cited the rule that notices are only sent to Committee members and ex-officio members as well as to the authors of the measure.

At this point, the Members discussed Rep. Del Mar's concerns on the term of office of barangay officials which was fixed by law to three years and the representation of the youth through the SK in the barangays. Rep. Del Mar then asked whether the head of the National Youth Commission (NYC) had attended the Committee hearing that afternoon and what had transpired therein. Rep. Tugna said that the youth official had been properly represented; the Committee debates lasted for two hours before the measure was approved; resource persons were in attendance; and although there were more ex-officio members and senior House leaders than Committee members, a quorum of eight Members out of the total Committee membership of 27 was established.

Rep. Del Mar expressed concern that the elections might be postponed again the following year. He opined that youth leaders who will be elected under a reformed Sangguniang Kabataan could even help in strengthening the antidrug campaign; and that narcopoliticians and drug lords will not subsidize the electoral process. He reiterated his opposition to the measure and asked that he be given notice on when the Body will vote thereon.

On motion of Rep. Defensor, the Chair next recognized Rep. Roque (H.) for his interpellation.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REP. ROQUE (H.)**

Reps. Tugna and Roque initially discussed the factors affecting and reasons for the postponement of the barangay and SK elections among which were the need to fill up positions in the government by a new President and the expensive cost of holding such elections. Rep. Roque pointed out however that the past Congress knew about those factors but nonetheless passed a law setting the date of the barangay and SK elections to this year, to which the Sponsor replied that the Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms deemed it proper to postpone the barangay and SK



elections because the previous presidential elections caused divisiveness and election fatigue to the electorate.

Rep. Roque maintained however that election fatigue was only the opinion of the Sponsors of the measure bereft of any empirical study and that divisiveness cannot be invoked considering the presence of a super Majority in the House.

Thereupon, both Members next delved into the following matters: 1) the opinion expressed by Comelec Chairperson Bautista that barangay captains and SK members should only be appointed in order to avoid unnecessary election expenses; 2) the rationale behind setting the date of the barangay and SK elections the following year; 3) the synchronization of the barangay and SK elections together with the referendum on the proposed revisions to the Constitution; 4) the timetable for passing House Bill No. 3504; 5) the provision on Section 3 of the Bill which clearly contemplates the possible removal of a barangay official during his term of office; 6) whether any term of office in excess of 2016 is not legally demandable on the part of the elected officials, and that the removal of an official in an interim capacity should be done under due process of law; and 7) whether there is nothing that will keep Congress from providing in Section 3 of the measure that barangay officials may remain in office beyond 2016 unless removed by the President or his authorized representative, with or without due process.

On motion of Rep. Defensor, the Chair recognized Rep. Edcel C. Lagman for his interpellation.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REP. LAGMAN**

Rep. Lagman sought clarification from Rep. Tugna on the following concerns: 1) the presumption of regularity in the performance of duties and obligations by the incumbent barangay officials as embodied in Rule 131, Section 3 (m) of the Revised Rules of Court; 2) the conduct of performance audit showing errant barangay officials the results of which have been disclosed to Congress or Office of the President; 3) pursuant to Section 14(2) of the Bill of Rights on the presumption of innocence, barangay officials suspected of being involved in illegal drugs are not yet guilty and are still entitled to prosecution and final conviction; and 4) the provision of Section 5 of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 9164 providing that barangay officials suspected of involvement in illegal drugs, unless prosecuted and convicted, can stay in office in holdover capacity.

In response, Rep. Tugna answered that no performance audit has been conducted by any government agency insofar as the barangay officials are concerned but according to the 1991 Local Government Code, these officials are under the supervision of mayors and that the DILG is mandated with the task of assessing their performance. He thereafter affirmed that barangay officials suspected of involvement in illegal drugs are entitled to prosecution and that the presumption of innocence prevails; those who are holding office in the interim until October 2017 as provided by Section 5 of R.A. No. 9164 can still be prosecuted and removed from office; and that when the people elected the incumbent barangay officials, they were aware of the law that they were electing officials who could serve for more than three years if their successors were not yet elected and qualified.

Rep. Lagman concluded that he made the aforesaid statements to elicit answers in order to rebut the statements made by their colleagues to the contrary.

On motion of Rep. Defensor, the Chair recognized Rep. Tom S. Villarín for his interpellation.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REP. VILLARIN**

Reps. Villarín and Tugna discussed whether the postponement of the barangay and SK elections would achieve the purpose of the provision under Section 2 of R.A. No. 10742 or the SK Reform Law which was to establish adequate, effective, responsive and enabling mechanisms and support systems to ensure meaningful participation of the youth in local governance in nation building; and whether the incumbent barangay and SK officials could utilize or implement the SK funds under Section 7 of the proposed Bill.

As he raised his concern on the implementation of the SK funds, Rep. Villarín manifested that a group of youth organizations who were pushing for reforms in past Congresses was not invited during the Committee hearing on House Bill No. 3504. The Members also discussed the provision governing holdover officials under the proposed Bill in relation to constitutional proscriptions; whether Congress can demand the holdover officials greater accountability and restrictions or standards above and beyond those imposed on elected officials; whether the Sponsor would agree to a provision requiring the DILG and other agencies to impose additional requirements on the performance of the holdover officials; and the issue of incumbent Association of Barangay Councils (ABC) and SK Federation presidents continuing their term in holdover capacity.

**INTERPELLATION OF REP. DAZA**

On motion of Rep. Defensor, the Chair recognized Rep. Raul A. Daza who initially congratulated Rep. Tugna for acting with dispatch on the urgent measure. They discussed Rep. Tugna's opinion regarding the issue of the holdover incumbent barangay and SK officials under Section 3 of the proposed Bill; the violation of the Constitution on the term of office of incumbent barangay and SK officials; and the consensus between the Senate and the House to pass the proposed Bill.

Rep. Tugna assured Rep. Daza that during the period of amendments, they would not touch the Bill as contained in the committee report so as to avoid its deliberation by a bicameral committee.

**TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE**

There being no further interpellations and no speeches *en contra*, on motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate and thereafter proceeded to the period of amendments.

**TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS**

There being no Committee and individual amendments, on motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of amendments.

**APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 3504**

Likewise, on motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 3504.

**RESUMPTION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR**

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

**TERMINATION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR**

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

**ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION**

Subsequently, on motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until four o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, September 7, 2016.

It was 9:02 p.m.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

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

Approved on September 7, 2016

Congress of the Philippines  
House of Representatives  
Quezon City, Philippines

**MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE****Date: September 06, 2016**

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

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

\* Appeared before/after Roll Call

\*\* On official mission

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

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

\*\*\*\*\* Absent without notice

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