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CALL TO ORDER

At 10:00 a.m., Deputy Speaker Pia S. Cayetano called the session to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PRAYER

Pursuant to Section 73, Rule XI of the amended Provisional Rules of the House, the Members sang the National Anthem and thereafter, observed a minute of silent prayer.

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

Thereupon, on successive motions of Rep. Jericho Jonas B. Nograles, there being no objection, the Body deferred the calling of the Roll and the approval of the Journal of the previous session.

ROLL CALL

On motion of Representative Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Secretary General called the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abayon
Abu
Abueg
Acop
Acosta
Aggabao
Alejano
Alonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (P.)
Amante
Amatong
Antonio
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Aumentado
Banal
Belaro
Belmonte (F.)
Belmonte (J.C.)
Biazon
Billones
Bondoc
Bordado

Bravo (A.)
Bravo (M.V.)
Brosas
Bulut-Begtang
Calixto-Rubiano
Canama
Cari
Castelo
Castro (F.H.)
Cayetano
Chavez
Cortes
Crisologo
Cuaresma
Cueva
Dalipe
Datul
Daza
De Jesus
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Dimaporo (A.)
Dimaporo (M.K.)
Dy
Erice
Ermita-Buhain
Escudero
Espina
Fariñas
Ferrer (J.)
Flores
Fortun
Fortuno
Garbin
Garcia (G.)
Garcia (J.E.)
Gasataya
Geron
Go (A.C.)
Go (M.)
Gonzaga
Gonzales (A.P.)
Gonzales (A.D.)
Gonzalez
Hernandez
Herrera-Dy
Hofer
Jalosjos
Kho
Khonghun

Labadlabad
 Lagman
 Lanete
 Lopez (M.L.)
 Macapagal-Arroyo
 Maceda
 Madrona
 Malapitan
 Mangaoang
 Marcoleta
 Martinez
 Matugas
 Mending
 Nava
 Noel
 Nograles (J.J.)
 Nolasco
 Nuñez-Malanyaon
 Oaminal
 Olivarez
 Ong (H.)
 Ortega (P.)
 Pacquiao
 Paduano
 Palma
 Panganiban
 Panotes
 Papandayan
 Pichay
 Pimentel
 Pineda
 Primicias-Agabas
 Radaza
 Ramirez-Sato
 Ramos
 Relampagos
 Roa-Puno
 Roque (H.)
 Sacdalan
 Sahali
 Salceda
 Salo
 Salon
 Sambar
 Sandoval
 Sarmiento (C.)
 Sarmiento (E.M.)
 Savellano
 Sema
 Siao
 Singson
 Suansing (E.)
 Suansing (H.)
 Suarez
 Tambunting
 Tan (A.)
 Tan (M.)
 Tan (S.)

Tejada
 Tiangco
 Ting
 Tinio
 Tolentino
 Ty
 Umali
 Unabia
 Ungab
 Unico
 Uy (R.)
 Vargas
 Vargas-Alfonso
 Velarde
 Velasco-Catera
 Veloso
 Vergara
 Villanueva
 Villarica
 Violago
 Yap (M.)
 Yu
 Zarate

With 156 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix 1)

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

On motion of Rep. Nograles (J.J.), 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 Verified Complaints, which were referred to the appropriate Committees as hereunder indicated:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 6325, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING CENTERS IN THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, MIMAROPA REGION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representatives Acosta, Abueg and Alvarez (F.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 6326, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MIDSAYAP EXTENSION OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) LOCATED IN MIDSAYAP, NORTH COTABATO INTO A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Sacdalan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 6327, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE AIRPORTS MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY, DEFINING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS, AND RESPONSIBILITIES, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Pimentel

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 6328, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING CORPORATE FARMING AND PROVIDING INCENTIVES THEREFOR”

By Representative Garin (S.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 6329, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA OF AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT WORKERS”

By Representative Garin (S.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 6330, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE RAINFED AGRICULTURE INSTITUTE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Garin (S.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 6332, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9502, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE CHEAPER AND QUALITY MEDICINES ACT OF 2008' ”

By Representative Tan (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 6333, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL ROAD STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY SAN PEDRO, MUNICIPALITY OF ROXAS - BARANGAY SAN JUAN, MUNICIPALITY OF QUIRINO - BARANGAY LULLUTAN, ILAGAN CITY, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA INTO A NATIONAL ROAD, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Go (A.C.), Albano and Ty

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 6334, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THE DXZB-TV 13 COOPERATIVE FOR SERVICE OF ZAMBOANGA A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS IN WESTERN MINDANAO, REGION IX, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Dalipe

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

VERIFIED COMPLAINTS

VERIFIED COMPLAINT FOR IMPEACHMENT AGAINST COMMISSION ON

ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN JUAN ANDRES D. BAUTISTA FILED BY ATTY. JACINTO V. PARAS AND ATTY. FERDINAND S. TOPACIO AND ENDORSED BY REPRESENTATIVES GWENDOLYN F. GARCIA, ABRAHAM N. TOLENTINO AND HARRY L. ROQUE, JR.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

VERIFIED COMPLAINT FOR IMPEACHMENT AGAINST SUPREME COURT CHIEF JUSTICE MARIA LOURDES P.A. SERENO FILED BY ATTY. LORENZO G. GADON AND ENDORSED BY TWENTY-FIVE (25) HOUSE MEMBERS; AND

VERIFIED COMPLAINT FOR IMPEACHMENT AGAINST SUPREME COURT CHIEF JUSTICE MARIA LOURDES P.A. SERENO FILED BY MR. DANTE LA. JIMENEZ AND ATTY. ELIGIO P. MALLARI AND ENDORSED BY SIXTEEN (16) HOUSE MEMBERS

BOTH COMPLAINTS AGAINST CHIEF JUSTICE SERENO ARE SIMULTANEOUSLY REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

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

Reps. Eric D. Singson, Gwendolyn F. Garcia, Sharon S. Garin, Bai Sandra Sinsuat A. Sema, Ferdinand L. Hernandez, Frederick "Erick" F. Abueg, Gil "Kabarangay" P. Acosta, Rodrigo A. Abellana, Ma. Lourdes Acosta-Alba, Ma. Lourdes R. Aggabao, Erico Aristotle C. Aumentado, Jorge T. Almonte, Isagani S. Amatong, Michelle M. Antonio, Salvador B. Belaro Jr., Lorna P. Bautista-Bandigan, Gabriel H. Bordado Jr., Mercedes "Didi" C. Cagas, Peter John D. Calderon, Wilfredo S. Caminero, Aurora Enerio Cerilles, Jonas C. Cortes, Leo Rafael M. Cueva, Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla, Bayani F. Fernando, Lawrence H. Fortun, Juliet Marie D. Ferrer, Florencio T. Flores Jr., M.D., Rico B. Geron, Mark O. Go, Ruwel Peter S. Gonzaga, Glona G. Labadlabad, Benhur B. Lopez Jr., Emmanuel F. Madrona, Allen Jesse C. Mangaoang, Evelyn P. Mellana, Carlito S. Marquez, Pablo C. Ortega, Johnny Ty Pimentel, Aileen C. Radaza, Gavini

"Apol" C. Pancho, Marisol C. Panotes, Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas, H. Harry L. Roque Jr., Jesus Nonato Sacdalan, Ramon V.A. "Rav" Rocamora, Maximo B. Rodriguez Jr., Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo, Rogelio Neil P. Roque, Manuel T. Sagarbarria, Ron P. Salo, Cesar V. Sarmiento, Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento, Milagrosa "Mila" T. Tan, Jose "Pingping" I. Tejada, Alberto T. Ungab, Alfred D. Vargas, Divina Grace C. Yu, Manuel F. Zubiri, and Maria Carmen S. Zamora for House Resolution No. 1283;

Rep. Aileen C. Radaza for House Bill No. 2625;

Rep. Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla for House Bill No. 2622;

Rep. Manuel F. Zubiri for House Bills No. 2622 and 2628;

Rep. Micaela S. Violago for House Bills No. 19, 1250, 1252, 1258, 1265, 1267, 1272, 1274, 1457, 1709, 1713, 1718, 2323, 2628, 3128, 5112, 5178, and 5581 and House Resolutions No. 1, 2, and 4;

Reps. Alex "AA" L. Advincula, Luis Raymund F. Villafuerte Jr., and Ann K. Hofer for House Bill No. 2624;

Rep. Robert Ace S. Barbers for House Bills No. 2627, 4344, and 4703;

Rep. Tricia Nicole Q. Velasco-Catera for House Bills No. 4344 and 4703;

Rep. Reynaldo V. Umali for House Bills No. 2625 and 4344;

Rep. Maria Valentina G. Plaza for House Bills No. 2624 and 4344;

Rep. Joseph Stephen S. Paduano for House Bills No. 4344 and 4703;

Rep. Frederick "Erick" F. Abueg for House Bills No. 2624 and 4344;

Rep. Pablo C. Ortega for House Bills No. 2627, 4344, and 4703;

Reps. Jericho Jonas B. Nograles and Victoria Isabel G. Noel for House Bills No. 4344 and 4703;

Reps. Mark Aeron H. Sambar, Ma. Theresa V. Collantes, Melecio J. Yap Jr., Eric M. Martinez, Milagrosa "Mila" T. Tan, and Federico "Ricky" S. Sandoval II for House Bill No. 4344;

Rep. Henry S. Oaminal for House Bills No. 2627, 4344, and 4703;

Rep. Elisa "Olga" T. Kho for House Bills No. 2625, 4344, and 4703;

Reps. Alex "AA" L. Advincula, Ma. Lourdes R. Aggabao, Florencio T. Flores Jr., M.D., Erico Aristotle C. Aumentado, and Dale "Along" R. Malapitan for House Bills No. 2627 and 2628;

Reps. Robert Ace S. Barbers, Pablo C. Ortega, and Henry S. Oaminal for House Bills No. 2625 and 2628;

Reps. Henry S. Oaminal, Reynaldo V. Umali, Florencio T. Flores Jr., M.D., Cecilia Leonila V. Chavez, Aniceto "John" D. Bertiz III, Manuel Luis T. Lopez, Greg G. Gasataya, Arnulfo P. Fuentesbella, Ruby M. Sahali, Ma. Lourdes R. Aggabao, Arcadio H. Gorriceta, H. Harry L. Roque Jr., Rolando "Klarex" A. Uy, Robert Ace S. Barbers, Erico Aristotle C. Aumentado, Conrado M. Estrella III, Pablo C. Ortega, Eric D. Singson, Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo, and Luisa Lloren Cuaresma for House Bills No. 2622 and 2624;

Reps. Gus S. Tambunting, Makmod D. Mending Jr., Fernando V. Gonzalez, Abraham "Bambol" N. Tolentino, Johnny Ty Pimentel, Lorna P. Bautista-Bandigan, Milagros Aquino-Magsaysay, Yedda Marie K. Romualdez, Imelda R. Marcos, Ann K. Hofer, Allen Jesse C. Mangaoang, Arthur R. Defensor Jr., Eric D. Singson, John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto, Sandra Y. Eriguel, M.D., Edgar R. Erice, Cecilia Leonila V. Chavez, Manuel T. Sagarbarria, Arnulfo P. Fuentesbella, Winston "Winnie" Castelo, Aniceto "John" D. Bertiz III, Scott Davies S. Lanete, M.D., Rose Marie "Baby" J. Arenas, Michael L. Romero, Ph.D., and Francisco G. Datol Jr. for House Bills No. 2625, 4344, and 4703;

Reps. Florencio T. Flores Jr., M.D., Manuel F. Zubiri, Erico Aristotle C. Aumentado, Henry S. Oaminal, and Pablo C. Ortega for House Bills No. 2192 and 2193;

Rep. Ben P. Evardone for House Bill No. 3177;

Rep. Manuel Luis T. Lopez for House Resolutions No. 1196 and 1197;

Rep. Eric L. Olivarez for House Bills No. 197, 4954, 5061, 5382, 5505, 5506, 6122, 6148, and 6302;

Rep. Ricardo "RJ" T. Belmonte Jr. for House Bills No. 568, 2171, 2178, 4337, 5934, 6112, and 6203;

Rep. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas for House Bills No. 344, 449, 2171, and 2951;

Rep. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo for House Bill No. 6204;

Rep. Nancy A. Catamco for House Bill No. 4672;

Reps. H. Harry L. Roque Jr. and Jonas C. Cortes for House Bill No. 4174;

Reps. Robert Ace S. Barbers and Johnny Ty Pimentel for House Bills No. 555 and 558;

Rep. Francisco Jose F. Matugas II for House Bill No. 558;

Rep. Imelda R. Marcos for House Bills No. 2622 and 2624;

Rep. Raneo "Ranie" E. Abu for House Bill No. 6308;

Rep. Estrellita B. Suansing for House Resolution No. 1178;

Rep. "Kuya" Jose Antonio R. Sy-Alvarado for House Bills No. 5745, 5784, 5808, 6250, 6251, 6256, 6259, 6260, 6264, 6295, 6296, and 6297;

Rep. Christopher V.P. de Venecia for House Bills No. 344, 5501, and 5784;

Rep. Salvador B. Belaro Jr. for House Bills No. 5858, 5860, 5863, 5896, 5983, and 6156;

Reps. Lucy T. Gomez and Vicente "Ching" S.E. Veloso for House Bill No. 4383;

Rep. Jonas C. Cortes for House Bill No. 344;

Rep. John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto for House Bills No. 344, 3185, 4755, 5848, 5849, 5850, 5853, 5854, 5855, 5856, 5857, 5858, 5859, 5860, 5861, 5863, 5864, 5874, 5891, 5908, 5938, 5941, 6059, 6156, and 6204, and Resolution of Both Houses No. 8;

Rep. Eleanor C. Bulut-Begtang for House Bill No. 6067 and House Resolution No. 1148;

Rep. Vini Nola A. Ortega for House Bill No. 6025;

Rep. Manuel Luis T. Lopez for House Resolution No. 1194;

Rep. Carmelo "Jon" B. Lazatin II for House Bills No. 223, 5847, 5848, 5852, 5862, 5893, 5894, 5908, 5971, 5977, and 5978;

Rep. Jericho Jonas B. Nograles for House Bill No. 4971;

Rep. Cesar V. Sarmiento for House Bill No. 802;

Rep. H. Harry L. Roque Jr. for House Bills No. 51, 535, 1858, 1859, 2192, 2193, 2625, 2627, 2628, 2798, 2881, 2926, 3318, 3468, 4344, 4703, 5164, 5523, 5524, and 6027;

Rep. Victor A. Yap for House Bill No. 225;

Rep. Angelina "Helen" D.L. Tan, M.D. for House Bills No. 662, 915, and 917;

Rep. Alfred D. Vargas for House Bills No. 5853 and 5854; and

Rep. Manuel Jose "Mannix" M. Dalipe for House Bills No. 225 and 6113.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 363
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 6215**

Thereafter, 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.

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.”

Representative Nograles stated that the parliamentary status of the measure was that it was in the period of sponsorship and debate.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED
BUDGETS OF THE DOST AND
ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES**

On successive motions of Representative Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budgets of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and its attached agencies; and the Chair recognized Rep. Seth Frederick P. Jalosjos to sponsor the measure.

Representative Nograles also acknowledged the presence of the DOST family led by Sec. Fortunato Dela Peña.

**INTERPELLATION OF
MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ**

Recognized by the Chair upon motion of Representative Nograles (J.J.), Minority Leader Suarez inquired on the percentage share of the proposed DOST budget in the country's gross domestic product (GDP).

Thereupon, Minority Leader Suarez and Representative Jalosjos talked about the benefits received by the students of Philippine Science High School (PSHS). They also discussed the budget reduction of the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical, and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) and the latter's lack of radar and forecasting equipment and facilities.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 10:30 a.m., upon motion of Representative Jalosjos.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 10:34 a.m.

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

The Members subsequently discussed the DOST's research on aquaculture in aquatic and natural resources in different parts of the country, with Minority Leader Suarez requesting technical assistance for his aquaculture project in his hometown. They further analyzed the performance of graduates of the PSHS and Science Education Institute (SEI); and the PAGASA's forecasting systems as well as the salaries and benefits of its employees.

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

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 budgets of the DOST and its attached agencies.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 10:50 a.m., upon motion of Representative Nograles (J.J.).

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 10:51 a.m.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED-
BUDGETS OF THE DICT AND
ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES**

On successive motions of Representative Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budgets of the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) and its attached agencies; and the Chair thereafter recognized Rep. Erlpe John "Ping" M. Amante to sponsor the said budget.

Representative Nograles then acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the DICT family headed by Sec. Rodolfo Salalima.

**INSERTION INTO THE RECORDS
OF REPRESENTATIVE JALOSJOS'
SPONSORSHIP SPEECH**

On motion of Rep. Juan Pablo "Rimpy" P. Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body approved to insert Representative Jalosjos' sponsorship speech on the previously approved budget of the DOST into the records of the House.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Nograles (J.J.), the session was suspended at 10:54 a.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 10:57 a.m., the session resumed.

**INTERPELLATION OF
MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ**

Recognized by the Chair on motion of Representative Nograles (J.J.), Minority Leader Suarez and Representative Amante discussed the pronouncement of Smart Communications, Inc. and Globe Communications, Inc. that it was not economically viable to expand their operations through the installation of more cellular sites.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon request of the Minority Leader, the Chair suspended the session at 11:03 a.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 11:08 a.m.

**REMARKS OF
MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ**

Before resuming his interpellation, the Minority Leader informed the Body that he was able to convince the Land Transportation Office to set up a driver's license renewal facility in the South Wing Annex Building of the Batasan Complex.

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

After the two Members analyzed other factors that hampered cellular site installation and alternatives to address the problem, Representative Amante said that the two aforementioned telecommunications companies had assured the DICT Secretary that they had budgets for such installation.

The two Members next discussed the bugging of communications equipment; the possible entry of PT&T in the telecommunications industry; and the implementation of a metering system in the use of cellphones. Representative Amante said that the Department was open to the latter suggestion, subject to public consultations.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Minority Leader Suarez, the Chair suspended the session at 11:30 a.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 11:31 a.m.

**INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY
LEADER SUAREZ**

(Continuation)

At this point, Minority Leader Suarez and Representative Amante discussed how the former could seek redress for the attacks that were made against his person in broadcast media; and how the National Telecommunications Commission and Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster ng Pilipinas (KBP) could help in this regard.

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

Thereafter, 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 budgets of the DICT and its attached agencies.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED
BUDGET OF THE SPDA**

On successive motions of Representative Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the Southern Philippines Development Authority (SPDA) whose officials were present in the Session Hall; and the Chair recognized Rep. Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo to sponsor the same.

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

There being no interpellations, on a joint motion of Representatives Bravo (A.) and Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budget of the SPDA.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED
BUDGET OF THE ZCSEZA**

On successive motions of Representative Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the Zamboanga City Special Economic Zone Authority (ZCSEZA); and the Chair recognized Representative Dimaporo (M.K.) to sponsor said budget.

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

There being no interpellations, on a joint motion of Representatives Bravo (A.) and Representative Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budget of the ZCSEZA.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE
PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE OPAPP**

On motion of Representative Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP).

Representative Nograles acknowledged the presence of the OPAPP family headed by Secretary Jesus G. Dureza; and upon his motion, the Chair recognized Representative Dimaporo (M.K.) to sponsor said budget and Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate to interpellate thereon.

MANIFESTATION OF REP. ZARATE

Representative Zarate appealed for a return to the principles specified in The Hague Joint Declaration of 1992 and to continue the peace process between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GRP) and the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP).

**SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF
THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE OPAPP**

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Chair suspended the consideration of the budget of the OPAPP.

**RECONSIDERATION OF THE
TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD
OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE
ON THE PROPOSED BUDGETS OF THE
DICT AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES**

On motion of Rep. Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body then reconsidered the termination of the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budgets of the DICT and its attached agencies.

**MANIFESTATION OF
REPRESENTATIVE BONDOC**

Representative Bondoc manifested that the proposed budgets of the DICT and its attached agencies would be taken up again in plenary.

RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE OPAPP

On successive motions of Representative Bon-doc, there being no objection, the Body resumed the consideration of the proposed budget of the OPAPP; and the Chair recognized Representative Dimaporo (M.K.) to continue sponsorship of the said budget.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. CASTRO (F.L.)

Recognized by the Chair upon Rep. Alexandria P. Gonzales' motion, Rep. France L. Castro inquired about the situation of political prisoners in the country. The Sponsor relayed the OPAPP's stand that it was a friend of the NDFP; the government does not have political prisoners and that these so-called prisoners are all facing criminal charges; and that the OPAPP will try to assist and release elderly prisoners for humanitarian reasons.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TINIO

Recognized by the Chair on motion of Representative Gonzales (A.P.), Rep. Antonio L. Tinio asked about (1) the OPAPP's total number of regular personnel, plantilla positions, and contracts of service and job orders; and (2) functions and objectives of the Payapa at Masaganang Pamayanan (PAMANA) Program.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Gonzales (A.P.), the Chair suspended the session at 12:05 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 12:44 p.m.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TINIO (Continuation)

Upon resumption of session, Representatives Dimaporo (M.K.) and Tinio focused their discussion on the PAMANA Program's beneficiaries, identification of the conflict-affected communities, implementation mechanisms, support for surrenderees, and funding.

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

There being no further interpellations, on a joint motion of Rep. Luis Jose Angel N. Campos Jr. and Representative Gonzales (A.P.), on behalf 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 OPAPP.

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE MinDA

On successive motions of Representative Gonzales (A.P.), there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA); and the Chair recognized Representative Dimaporo (M.K.) to sponsor the same.

Representative Gonzales (A.P.) also acknowledged the presence of the MinDA family.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On another motion of Representative Gonzales (A.P.), the Chair suspended the session at 1:02 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 1:03 p.m.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 1:04 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 1:11 p.m., the session resumed.

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

There being no interpellations, on a joint motion of Representatives Bravo (A.) and Gonzales (A.P.), on behalf 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 MinDA.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Gonzales (A.P.), the Chair suspended the session at 1:13 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 1:37 p.m.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6215

On motion of Rep. Arthur R. Defensor Jr., there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6215.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

On another motion of Representative 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 House Bills which were referred to the appropriate Committees as hereunder indicated:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 6335, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR FREE FREIGHT SERVICES IN THE TRANSPORTATION OF RELIEF GOODS TO CALAMITY-STRICKEN AREAS”

By Representative Robes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 6336, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF MARINDUQUE A MINING-FREE ZONE”

By Representative Velasco

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 6337, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE OF PAG-IBIG FUND IN MAASIN CITY, SOUTHERN LEYTE”

By Representative Mercado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 6338, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AND INSTITUTIONALIZING THE SEAL OF GOOD LOCAL GOVERNANCE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, AND ALLOCATING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE SEAL OF GOOD LOCAL GOVERNANCE FUND”

By Representative Garcia (J.E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Defensor, the Chair declared a recess at 1:39 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 1:52 p.m.

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

On motion of Representative Gonzales (A.P.), 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.”

Representative Gonzales stated that the parliamentary status of the Bill was that it was in the period of sponsorship and debate.

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE PDEA

On successive motions of Representative Gonzales (A.P.), there being no objection, the Body next considered the proposed budget of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA); and the Chair recognized Rep. Scott Davies S. Lanete, M.D. to sponsor the same.

Representative Gonzales then acknowledged the presence of the PDEA family headed by Deputy Director Ricardo Quinto and its Directors.

INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ

Recognized by the Chair upon motion of Rep. Francisco Jose F. Matugas II, Minority Leader Suarez asked on the government agencies tasked to combat illegal drugs other than the PDEA; consumption of illegal drugs by drug users; and the value of illegal drugs in the market.

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Cayetano relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Gwendolyn F. Garcia.

Minority Leader Suarez and Representative Lanete then discussed the sources and suppliers of drugs and intelligence data thereon. He asked the Sponsor to join him in appealing to the leadership of the House for an increase in the PDEA's budget.

On motion of Representative Matugas, the Chair next recognized Rep. Emmi A. De Jesus for her interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE DE JESUS

Representative De Jesus' initial queries focused on the PDEA's vision and targets and ability to capture the "big fish" in the illegal drug trade.

Representative De Jesus' succeeding queries were on the agency's training and scholarship program and printing and publication expenses; and on the deployment project involving the PDEA Evidence Inventory Information System (PEIIS).

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Matugas, the Chair recognized Rep. Edcel C. Lagman for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN

Representatives Lagman and Lanete discussed the mandated powers of the PDEA and agreed that it was seemingly taking a marginalized role in the fight against illegal drugs including the custody of confiscated or surrendered drugs as compared to the PNP and National Bureau of Investigation (NBI).

After the Members discussed the establishment of crime laboratories in every PNP office nationwide and funding for the same, Representative Lagman requested data on (1) the status of cases filed by the PDEA -- between July 1, 2016 to July 31, 2017; and (2) the number of drug pushers, manufacturers, importers, and dependents under rehabilitation; the number of drug-affected barangays; and the rate of consumption of illegal drugs as of August 31, 2017. The Sponsor committed to provide the same.

Concluding his interpellation, Representative Lagman asked what the country's anti-illegal drug policy was that the PDEA was supposed to enforce.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ROQUE (H.)

On motion of Representative Matugas, the Chair recognized Rep. H. Harry L. Roque Jr. who initially inquired on what special acts the PDEA has carried out in exercising its lead in the ongoing war against drugs.

Thereafter, Representative Roque discussed the following issues with Representative Lanete: coordination with the members of the PNP who are responsible for more killings in the anti-drug war than

the PDEA; professionalism in implementing the Dangerous Drugs Act; status of the drug trade in Muntinlupa City; monitoring by the PDEA of the activities of convicted drug lords in Camp Crame; recent entry of a huge amount of shabu through the country's ports; and alleged involvement of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte's son in the illegal drug trade.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Representative Matugas acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the Members of Parliament (MPs) of Japan, who were guests of Rep. Reynaldo V. Umali.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TINIO

On motion of Representative Matugas, the Chair then recognized Representative Tinio who said that it was problematic to use the term "drug personality" to refer to all drug users, pushers, manufacturers, and protectors; sought data on the number of drug users in the country; and asked for the basis of intelligence reports on the drug problem.

Thereafter, Representatives Tinio and Lanete examined the PDEA's role in and coordination with the PNP in drug operations that resulted in the deaths of ordinary people. The Sponsor said that he will submit data on drug operations conducted by the PDEA and the big fish that it had neutralized. Representative Tinio urged the government to focus on organized groups and syndicates instead and asked about the volume of drug trade in the country.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6215

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

ROLL CALL

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

Abaya
Abayon
Abellanosa
Abu
Abueg
Acop
Acosta

Adiong
Aggabao
Albano
Alejano
Almario
Alonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (P.)
Amante
Amatong
Andaya
Angara-Castillo
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Aumentado
Bagatsing
Bataoil
Batocabe
Bautista-Bandigan
Belaro
Belmonte (F.)
Belmonte (J.C.)
Belmonte (R.)
Bertiz
Biazon
Billones
Biron
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Bravo (M.V.)
Brosas
Bulut-Begtang
Campos
Canama
Cari
Casilao
Castro (F.L.)
Castro (F.H.)
Cayetano
Cerilles
Chavez
Chipeco
Cojuangco
Cortes
Cortuna
Crisologo
Cua
Cuaresma
Cueva
Dalipe
Datol
Daza
De Jesus

de Venecia
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (A.)
Dimaporo (M.K.)
Dy
Elago
Ermita-Buhain
Escudero
Espina
Evardone
Fariñas
Ferrer (J.)
Ferrer (L.)
Fortun
Fortuno
Garbin
Garcia (G.)
Garcia (J.E.)
Gasataya
Gatchalian
Go (A.C.)
Go (M.)
Gonzales (A.P.)
Gonzales (A.D.)
Gonzalez
Gullas
Hernandez
Hofer
Jalosjos
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Labadlabad
Lagman
Lanete
Laogan
Lazatin
Leachon
Lobregat
Lopez (B.)
Lopez (M.L.)
Loyola
Macapagal-Arroyo
Maceda
Madrona
Malapitan
Mangudadatu (S.)
Mangudadatu (Z.)
Marcoleta
Martinez
Matugas
Mending
Mercado
Montoro
Nava
Nieto
Noel
Nograles (K.A.)
Nolasco
Nuñez-Malanyaon
Oaminal
Ocampo
Olivarez
Ong (H.)
Ortega (P.)
Ortega (V.N.)
Pacquiao
Paduano
Palma
Pancho
Panganiban
Panotes
Papandayan
Pichay
Pimentel
Pineda
Plaza
Primicias-Agabas
Quimbo
Ramirez-Sato
Ramos
Relampagos
Revilla
Roa-Puno
Robes
Rodriguez (I.)
Romualdo
Roque (H.)
Roque (R.)
Sacdalan
Sagarbarria
Sahali
Salceda
Salimbangon
Salo
Salon
Sambar
Sandoval
Sarmiento (C.)
Sarmiento (E.M.)
Savellano
Sema
Siao
Silverio
Singson
Suansing (E.)
Suansing (H.)
Suarez
Sy-Alvarado
Tambunting
Tan (A.)
Tan (M.)
Tan (S.)
Tejada
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Umali
Unabia
Ungab
Unico
Uy (R.)
Vargas
Vargas-Alfonso
Velarde
Velasco
Velasco-Catera
Velo
Vergara
Villanueva
Villarica
Violago
Yap (A.)
Yap (M.)
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Zamora (R.)
Zarate
Zubiri

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE PDEA (Continuation)

On successive motions of Representative Matugas, there being no objection, the Body continued its deliberation on the budget of PDEA; and the Chair recognized Representative Lanete to defend the measure and Rep. Gary C. Alejano for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ALEJANO

Representative Alejano and the Sponsor discussed the root causes of the country's drug problem; the government solution and strategy thereon; and the lessons that should be learned and applied from the experience of other countries in curbing the problem.

After the Sponsor relayed the PDEA's support for a comprehensive and holistic approach to the drug problem in coordination with the Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB) and other government agencies, he and his colleague discussed the need for scientific surveys and better registration processes in order to come up with a more realistic picture of the drug problem. Representative Alejano stressed that only 10% of the entire drug-using population were heavy users.

Subsequently, Representative Alejano raised the following concerns: 1) the effectiveness of the war on drugs; 2) the President's list of names in relation to the war on drugs; 3) the current percentage rate of barangays affected with drugs; 4) the status of the five generals who are allegedly involved in drugs; and 5) the resumption of the drug trade and the eradication of drug usage inside the New Bilibid Prison.

Representative Alejano then asked whether China was using drugs to wage an unrestricted kind of warfare against their target countries. He expressed dismay over the fact that the victims of the drug war were ordinary citizens and not the Chinese suppliers or manufacturers.

With 209 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix 2)

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

On motion of Representative Matugas, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 18, dated September 5, 2017.

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

On further motion of Representative Matugas, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6215 as contained in Committee Report No. 363 and submitted 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

REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

The Chair reminded Representative Alejano that he was about to exceed the one hour allotted to each Member under the House Rules; and asked him to wind up his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ALEJANO (Continuation)

In closing, Representative Alejano stressed that it is the duty of Congress to come up with sound policies that will benefit the general welfare of the Filipinos.

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

There being no further interpellations, on a joint motion of Minority Leader Suarez and Rep. Salvador B. Belaro Jr., representing the Minority and Majority, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budget of the PDEA.

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE DDB

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Vincent “Bingbong” P. Crisologo, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB).

Representative Crisologo acknowledged the presence of the DDB family headed by Secretary Dionisio Santiago; and upon his motion, the Chair recognized Representative Lanete to defend the budget proposal.

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

There being no interpellations, on a joint motion of Minority Leader Suarez and Representative Crisologo, representing the Minority and Majority, respectively, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budget of the DDB.

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE CCC

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Belaro, there being no objection, the Body considered

the proposed budget of the Climate Change Commission (CCC).

Representative Belaro acknowledged the presence of the CCC family led by Commissioner Noel Antonio Gaerlan; and upon his motion, the Chair recognized Minority Leader Suarez for his interpellation.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair suspended the session at 5:19 p.m., upon motion of Representative Belaro.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:19 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE CCC (Continuation)

On motion of Representative Belaro, the Chair recognized Rep. Joey Sarte Salceda to sponsor the budget of the CCC.

INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ

On motion of Representative Belaro, the Chair recognized Minority Leader Suarez who asked the Sponsor to apprise him of the purpose and functions of the Commission and why was there no allocation for Capital Outlay (CO) such as sophisticated equipment for monitoring. He and the Sponsor also talked about global warming and its effects on climate change.

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

There being no further interpellations, on a joint motion of Minority Leader Suarez and Representative Belaro, 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 CCC.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Representative Belaro acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Jose Enrique “Joet” S. Garcia III.

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

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Belaro, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budgets of the Department of Health (DOH) and its attached agencies and corporations.

Representative Belaro acknowledged the presence of the DOH family headed by Secretary Paulyn Jean B. Rosell-Ubial.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Belaro, the Chair suspended the session at 5:32 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:37 p.m.

On motion of Representative Belaro, the Chair recognized Representative Lanete and Minority Leader Suarez for sponsorship and interpellation, respectively.

INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ

Minority Leader Suarez adverted to the DOH's utilization of its total appropriations which was lower than the average annual amount for the period 2012-2015.

Minority Leader Suarez and Representative Lanete then focused on the delayed or failed construction of health facilities; defective and uninstalled hospital equipment and facilities; provision of efficient and professional health services; a buffer account to enable hospitals to survive in the light of the Anti-Hospital Deposit Law; purchase of expired vaccines and other medicines; and regulation and testing of imported medicines.

On motion of Rep. Benhur B. Lopez Jr., the Chair recognized Representative Zarate for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ZARATE

Representatives Zarate and Lanete discussed the basis for the budgetary cuts in the National Expenditure Program (NEP) of public hospitals in

general and drug rehabilitation centers in particular; and its impact on bringing quality health services to the people. The Sponsor said that he will welcome the former's amendment, at the proper time, to restore the DOH budget to the 2017 level or to its original budget proposal for 2018.

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Garcia (G.) relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Bai Sandra Sinsuat A. Sema.

The Members subsequently discussed the level of dependence of drug users and the duration of treatment for drug abuse; as well as Representative Zarate's recommendation to divert the funds of Oplan Double Barrel to drug rehabilitation programs and facilities.

They also discussed the filling up of positions in different hospitals; hiring additional health professionals and upgrading of the salary grades of nurses; and ending the contractualization of public health workers. They highlighted the fact that providing basic health services especially for the poor, should be the government's utmost concern.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ROQUE (H.)

On motion of Rep. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas, there being no objection, the Chair recognized Representative Roque who discussed the following matters with Representative Lanete: the DOH Secretary's error in stating that the first incident of zika virus infection only occurred in 2017; the safety of the dengue vaccine; the efficacy of and budget for Japanese encephalitis vaccine; and the discretion of the DOH to spend the budget for a particular vaccine for other purposes other than what had been declared to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM).

After the Sponsor said that he will act on the request for an itemization of vaccine funds on the basis of a particular vaccine and not in a generic manner, he responded to his colleague's questions about the problem of Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (HIV/AIDS). He discussed the meager budget for the same and how it compared to the budget for mental health and the anti-tobacco campaign; and ways to address and prevent it such as including condom distribution to high school students. He also promised to give a breakdown of the proposed budget for the HIV/AIDS program.

Representatives Roque and Lanete thereafter talked about medical equipment procurement for military hospitals as ordered by President Duterte; the budget for national immunization; and subsidies for the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth). The Sponsor relayed the DOH's position that criminal cases will be filed against those liable for the operational loss of PhilHealth.

On behalf of some of his colleagues, Representative Roque then complained that DOH offices seem to give more priority to the opinion of local officials rather than the Members in the choice of hospital directors or procurement of equipment. He said that the following week, he will meet with Secretary Ubial on the matter.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. Victoria Isabel G. Noel, the Chair suspended the session at 7:58 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 8:02 p.m.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE DE JESUS

Recognized by the Chair on motion of Representative Noel, Representative De Jesus asked about the status of birth control medicines under the Reproductive Health Law; subdermal implants; the privatization of Dr. Jose Fabella Memorial Hospital; policies on home-birthing; and use of nutrition-related commodities under the DOH's Nutrition Program for which she proposed a budget increase.

The Sponsor then relayed the Secretary's commitment to find plantilla positions for nutritional scholars and to look for funds to sustain the DOH nutrition program.

On motion of Representative Primicias-Agabas, the Chair next recognized Rep. Cecilia Leonila V. Chavez for her interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE CHAVEZ

Representative Chavez brought to fore the lack of health care professionals as well as access to essential medicines and medical equipment, especially for indigent patients. After an assurance from the Sponsor that the DOH has increased access to hospitals through decentralization and satellite programs in the different regions, she also raised her concern about the agency's lack of policy directions. She also questioned the viability of the PhilHealth.

On motion of Representative Primicias-Agabas, the Chair recognized Rep. Tinio for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TINIO

Representative Tinio reiterated the concerns of his colleagues about the proposed cut in the maintenance and other operating expenses (MOOE) of public hospitals which the DOH has attributed to the fund's underutilization. Representative Lanete affirmed that the Committee was willing to restore the MOOE for public hospitals to at least the previous year's level and that the DOH will make sure that it will utilize all of its funds by the end of the year.

Thereafter, the two Members discussed the PhilHealth's membership component, fund utilization rate, and paid-up benefits to the formal and informal sectors; and the health care services provided by the private sector as compared to the public sector.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE SALON

Rep. Orestes T. Salon, whom the Chair recognized upon motion of Representative Lopez (B.), sought detailed information about the DOH Health Facilities Enhancement Program; assistance to indigent patients; and human resources for health deployment. The Sponsor committed to give data on said programs including a breakdown of the allocations.

Thereafter, on further motion of Representative Lopez, the Chair recognized Rep. Castro (F.L.) for her interpellation

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE CASTRO (F.L.)

Representative Castro initially discussed with the Sponsor the fund for assistance for indigent patients, specifically the mechanics and coverage thereof, and the hospitals where they could be availed.

After obtaining information about the availability of free medicines and treatment of rare diseases, Representative Castro next inquired about the Department's role in mandatory drug testing and how it will work closely with the Department of Education (DepEd) thereon. She also asked questions on the agency's strategic plans and programs to cope with the possible influx of drug dependents.

On motion of Representative Lopez (B.), the Chair next recognized Rep. Ferjanel G. Biron, M.D. for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE BIRON

Adverting to the DOH-HFEP, Representative Biron delved into the decrease in the allocation for infrastructure and medical equipment for district hospitals. He also asked about reports of anomalous activities in the Western Visayas Sanitarium.

Representative Biron subsequently aired his concern about the delayed or erroneous resolutions of the DOH-Central Office Bids and Awards Committee. He also proposed to provide a budget solely for expenditures in warehousing and logistics, to which the Sponsor relayed the agency's agreement.

On motion of Representative Lopez (B.), the Chair recognized Rep. Arlene D. Brosas for her interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS

Representative Brosas asked how the DOH addresses the provision of updated and reliable data on its programs, activities, and projects; equity in the distribution of health facilities; delays in the infrastructure program; and health facility workforce complementation. The Sponsor committed to provide a list of priority areas for the distribution of health facilities.

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Sema relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Ranie "Ranie" E. Abu.

Representative Brosas subsequently asked about the assessment of DOH programs such as tobacco control and anti-public smoking; health risks posed by the programs of other departments such as the Department of Public Works and Highways (DWPW), and by rapid urbanization; and the agency's disease prevention programs. The Sponsor committed to provide pertinent information and said that the DOH considered non-communicable diseases as a top priority.

Thereafter, the Members discussed the DOH's capacity to provide health services during emergency situations such as the Marawi siege and plans to improve health service delivery in the poorest areas of the country's regions, cities, and municipalities.

On motion of Representative Lopez (B.), the Chair next recognized Representative Sarah Jane I. Elago for her interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ELAGO

Representative Elago initially asked for a breakdown of the internally generated income of all DOH hospitals and facilities because this has an impact on the quality of their health services. The Sponsor committed to submit the same.

After discussing the agency's drug rehabilitation program with Representative Lanete, Representative Elago sought information about the DOH Pre-Service Scholarship Program. The Sponsor also committed to submit the pertinent data to her colleague, including the list of partner medical schools.

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

There being no further interpellations, on a joint motion of Minority Leader Suarez and Representative Lopez (B.), representing the Minority and Majority, respectively, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budgets of the DOH and its attached agencies/corporations.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6215

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

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 365 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 6283

On successive motions of Representative Primicias-Agabas, there being no objection, the Body considered House Bill No. 6283, entitled, "AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE OBSERVANCE OF NOVEMBER 17 OF EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL STUDENTS' DAY," as contained in Committee Report No. 365 and submitted by the Committees on Basic Education and Culture, and Higher and Technical Education; dispensed with the reading of the text thereof without prejudice to its

insertion into the Record of the House; adopted the Explanatory Note as the sponsorship remarks on the measure as concurred in by Rep. Ann K. Hofer, Chairperson of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education; terminated the period of sponsorship and debate; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of Committee and individual amendments; and approved House Bill No. 6283 on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 10:39 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 10:40 p.m.

ADOPTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1260

On successive motions of Representative Primicias-Agabas, there being no objection, the Body considered House Resolution 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”; dispensed with the reading of the text thereof without prejudice to its insertion into the Record of the House; and unanimously adopted the same.

CHANGE OF REFERRAL OF CERTAIN MEASURES

On motion of Representative Primicias-Agabas, there being no objection, the Body changed the referral of the following measures:

1. House Bills No. 1062, 1629, 2380, and 6027 – from the Committee on Revision of Laws to the Committee on Population and Family Relations; and
2. House Resolution No. 1210 – from the Committee on Rules to the Committee on Youth and Sports Development.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Whereupon, on motion of Representative Primicias-Agabas, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until ten o'clock in the morning of Friday, September 8, 2017.

It was 10:44 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

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

Approved on September 11, 2017.

DOCUMENT DISTRIBUTED

Printed copies of the following measure were distributed to the Members during the session:

House Bill 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”

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Quezon City, Philippines

MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE

Journal No. 20

10:00 AM, Thursday, September 07, 2017

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*	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
***	ALBANO	*****	CAGAS		ESCUDERO
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	ALEJANO		CALIXTO-RUBIANO	*	ESPINO
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****	ALMONTE	*	CAMPOS	*	EUSEBIO
	ALONTE		CANAMA	*	EVARDONE
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	AQUINO-MAGSAYSAY	*	CERILLES	*****	FUENTEBELLA
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*	ARCILLAS	*****	CO		GARCIA (J.E.)
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