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**CALL TO ORDER**

At 10:00 a.m., Deputy Speaker Raneo "Ranie" E. Abu called the session to order.

**NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PRAYER**

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

**DEFERMENT OF THE ROLL CALL,  
APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL,  
AND REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

On successive motions of Representative Juan Pablo "Rimpy" P. Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body deferred the calling of the Roll, the approval of the Journal of the previous session, and the Reference of Business.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:  
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2  
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 3408**

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 3408, as embodied in Committee Report No. 2 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 SEVENTEEN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

Rep. Bondoc stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED  
BUDGET OF THE CONGRESS  
OF THE PHILIPPINES**

On Rep. Bondoc's successive motions, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the Congress of the Philippines; and the Chair recognized Rep. Karlo Alexei B. Nograles, chairperson of the Committee on Appropriations, to sponsor said measure and Rep. Eugene Michael B. De Vera for his interpellation.

**TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD  
OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON  
THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE  
CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES**

There being no interpellations, on joint motion of Rep. De Vera on behalf of the Minority and Rep. Bondoc on behalf of the Majority, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budget of the Congress of the Philippines.

**SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION  
ON SECOND READING  
OF HOUSE BILL NO. 3408**

On motion of Rep. Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 3408.

**REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Gerald Anthony "Samsam" V. Gullas Jr., there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Reference of Business.

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

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

House Bill No. 3832, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING TAX AMNESTY ON ALL UNPAID INTERNAL REVENUE TAX LIABILITIES FOR TAXABLE PERIOD JANUARY 2006 TO JUNE 2016”

By Representative Suarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 3833, entitled:

“AN ACT RECOGNIZING AND GIVING LIFE TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL MANDATE FOR FREE AND READY ACCESS TO OFFICIAL RECORDS AS WELL AS DOCUMENTS AND PAPERS PERTAINING TO OFFICIAL ACTS, TRANSACTIONS, AND OTHER DEALINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Zubiri

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 3834, entitled:

“AN ACT CLASSIFYING THE SALE OF ELECTRICITY BY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES AS VALUE-ADDED TAX EXEMPT TRANSACTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE 109 (1) OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9337, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Zubiri

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 3835, entitled:

“AN ACT REDUCING THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX RATE, AMENDING SECTIONS 27 AND 28 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Zubiri

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 3836, entitled:

“AN ACT PUNISHING DOG MEAT TRADE”

By Representative Herrera-Dy

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 3837, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING AND PENALIZING THE UNLAWFUL USE OF FIREARMS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 254 OF ACT NO. 3815, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE REVISED PENAL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES', AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Herrera-Dy

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 3838, entitled:

“AN ACT RIGHTSIZING THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY”

By Representative Velasco

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION

House Bill No. 3839, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY NORTH SIGNAL VILLAGE IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG, METRO MANILA”

By Representative Cayetano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3840, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY SOUTH SIGNAL VILLAGE IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG, METRO MANILA”

By Representative Cayetano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3841, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY CENTRAL SIGNAL VILLAGE IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG, METRO MANILA”

By Representative Cayetano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3842, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY NORTH DAANG HARI IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG, METRO MANILA”

By Representative Cayetano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3843, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY SOUTH DAANG HARI IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG, METRO MANILA”

By Representative Cayetano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3844, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY CENTRAL BICUTAN IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG, METRO MANILA”

By Representative Cayetano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3845, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY NEW LOWER BICUTAN IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG, METRO MANILA”

By Representative Cayetano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3846, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY FORT BONIFACIO IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG, METRO MANILA”

By Representative Cayetano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3847, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY PINAGSAMA IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG, METRO MANILA”

By Representative Cayetano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3848, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY KATUPARAN IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG, METRO MANILA”

By Representative Cayetano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3849, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY TANYAG IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG, METRO MANILA”

By Representative Cayetano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3601, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CHARTER OF THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION”

House Bill No. 3850, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY SAN MIGUEL IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG, METRO MANILA”

By Representatives Salon and Lee

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

By Representative Cayetano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3854, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A SPECIAL POVERTY ALLEVIATION FUND TO BE USED TO FINANCE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY-BASED SUPPLEMENTAL FEEDING PROGRAMS AND RELATED POVERTY ALLEVIATION EFFORTS USING THE MINIMUM BASIC NEEDS (MBN) APPROACH IN THE POOREST OF THE POOR COMMUNITIES IN THE COUNTRY AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES”

House Bill No. 3851, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES TO ISSUE GOVERNMENT GRATUITOUS PERMITS FOR SAND, GRAVEL AND OTHER QUARRY RESOURCES IN THEIR TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTION 138 OF REPUBLIC ACT 7160 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991 AND SECTION 43 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7942 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE MINING ACT OF 1995”

By Representative Billones

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION

By Representative Cari

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 3855, entitled:

“AN ACT ABOLISHING THE ROAD BOARD CREATED BY VIRTUE OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8794 AND TRANSFERRING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8794”

House Bill No. 3852, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CHILDREN OF SMALL FARMERS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bravo (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

By Representatives Salon and Lee

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 3856, entitled:

House Bill No. 3853, entitled:

“AN ACT ABOLISHING THE IRRIGATION SERVICE FEES IMPOSED ON FARMERS,

“AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALL GOVERNMENT BUILDING CONSTRUCTION TO HAVE RAIN HARVESTING FACILITY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tambunting

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS  
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 3857, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE PRIVATIZA-  
TION OF GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS”

By Representative Tambunting

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3858, entitled:

“AN ACT REENACTING THE PROVISIONS  
OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9003 OTHER-  
WISE KNOWN AS THE SOCIAL SECUR-  
ITY CONDONATION LAW WITH A NEW  
PERIOD OF AVAILMENT OF THE PRO-  
GRAM”

By Representatives Geron, Bravo (A.) and  
Canama

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT  
ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 3859, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ESTABLISH SATELLITE SPE-  
CIALIZED HOSPITALS IN VISAYAS AND  
MINDANAO, ESTABLISHING A MECHA-  
NISM THEREFOR, PROVIDING FUNDS  
THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PUR-  
POSES”

By Representative Lanete

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 3860, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A DEPARTMENT OF  
OCEAN, FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RE-  
SOURCE, PROVIDING FOR ITS POW-  
ERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES”

By Representative Bag-ao

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT  
REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMIT-  
TEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISH-  
ERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 3861, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING POLITICAL DYNASTY  
AND PROHIBITING THE ESTABLISH-  
MENT THEREOF”

By Representatives Bag-ao, Villarín and Catamco

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND  
ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 3862, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING PEOPLE'S  
PARTICIPATION IN THE BUDGET PRO-  
CESS, PARTICULARLY IN PLANNING  
AND IDENTIFICATION OF PROGRAMS  
AND PROJECTS, WITH THE END IN  
VIEW OF ACCELERATION RURAL DE-  
VELOPMENT”

By Representatives Bag-ao, Villarín, Catamco and  
Abad

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PEOPLE'S PAR-  
TICIPATION

#### RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 409, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRI-  
ATE COMMITTEE IN THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN  
INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLA-  
TION, ON THE HARASSMENT OF AETA  
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (IP) BY MEM-  
BERS OF THE 710<sup>TH</sup> SPOW, PHILIPPINE  
AIR FORCE (PAF) BY PROHIBITING THE  
INGRESS OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIA-  
LS TO BE USED BY THE AETA IP FOR  
HOUSE REPAIRS AND THE EGRESS OF  
FOREST AND AGRICULTURAL PROD-  
UCTS BOUND FOR THE MARKET, AND  
OTHER UNLAWFUL ACTS COMMITTED  
BY THE 710<sup>TH</sup> SPOW SUCH AS  
ERECTING PERMANENT STRUCTURES  
WITHIN THE AREA COVERED BY CER-  
TIFICATE OF ANCESTRAL DOMAIN  
CLAIMS (CADC)”

By Representative Villanueva

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 410, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 412, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CALLING FOR THE RETURN BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OF THE THREE BELLS OF BALANGIGA AND OTHER ARTIFACTS TAKEN FROM THE PROVINCE OF SAMAR AS WAR BOOTY DURING THE PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN WAR”

By Representative Zarate

TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Resolution No. 413, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEMISE OF HONORABLE SENATOR MIRIAM DEFENSOR-SANTIAGO”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 414, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES ON THE DEMISE OF FORMER SENATOR MIRIAM PALMA DEFENSOR-SANTIAGO, THE PRIDE OF PANAY ISLAND”

By Representative Marquez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 415, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY TO CONDUCT AN URGENT INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED PREDATORY PRICING OF OIL PRODUCTS IN MINDANAO”

By Representative Zarate

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

#### ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

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

Rep. Evelina G. Escudero for House Bills No. 3457, 3458 and 3459 and House Resolution No. 393;

Reps. Arcadio H. Gorriceta, Gabriel H. Bordado Jr. and Rogelio J. Espina, M.D. for House Joint Resolution No. 4;

Rep. Pia S. Cayetano for House Bill No. 2404;

Rep. Pedro B. Acharon Jr. for House Bills No. 3457, 3458, 3459, 533, 534 and 535 and House Resolution No. 393;

Rep. Joaquin M. Chipeco Jr. for House Bills No. 2954 and 3476;

Reps. Jose Antonio "Kuya Jonathan" R. Sy-Alvarado, Len B. Alonte-Naguiat, Arlene B. Arcillas, Gavini "Apol" C. Pancho, Cesar V. Sarmiento, Wilter "Sharky" Wee Palma II, Harlin Neil J. Abayon III, Michelle M. Antonio, Salvador B. Belaro Jr., Anthony M. Bravo, Ph.D., Sabiniano S. Canama, Christopher S. Co, Julieta R. Cortuna, Eugene Michael B. De Vera, Alfredo A. Garbin Jr., Sharon S. Garin, Rico B. Geron, Virgilio S. Lacson, Benhur B. Lopez Jr., Jesulito A. Manalo, Makmod D. Mending Jr., Teodoro "Ted" G. Montoro, Victoria Isabel G. Noel, Jericho Jonas B. Nograles, Joseph Stephen S. Paduano, Michael L. Romero, Ph.D., Ron P. Salo, Mark Aeron H. Sambar, Arnel U. Ty, Carlos Roman L. Uybarreta and Tricia Nicole Q. Velasco-Catera for House Bill No. 590;

Rep. Florencio T. Flores Jr., M.D. for House Bill No. 2061;

Rep. Jose Antonio "Kuya Jonathan" R. Sy-Alvarado for House Bills No. 140, 2540, 3730 and 3792;

Rep. Gavini "Apol" C. Pancho for House Bill No. 1859 and House Resolution No. 393;

Rep. Orestes T. Salon for House Bills No. 2505, 2906 and 3509;

Rep. Leo Rafael M. Cueva for House Bill No. 1859 and House Joint Resolution No. 4;

Rep. Len B. Alonte-Naguiat for House Bills No. 1859 and 3761;

Rep. Manuel Jose "Mannix" M. Dalipe for House Bills No. 1239 and 1519;

Reps. Suharto T. Mangudatu, Lawrence H. Fortun, Deogracias B. Ramos Jr., Wilter "Sharky" Wee Palma II, Munir M. Arbison, Makmod D. Mending Jr. and Eric L. Olivarez for House Bill No. 1859;

Reps. Ana Cristina Siquian Go, Frederick "Erick" F. Abueg, Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano, Bellaflor J. Angara-Castillo, Erico Aristotle C. Aumentado and Winston "Winnie" Castelo for House Bill No. 2798;

Reps. Manuel T. Sagarbarria, Sandra Y. Eriguel, M.D., Ana Cristina Siquian Go, Eric D. Singson and Ma. Lourdes R. Aggabao for House Bills No. 3457, 3458 and 3459;

Rep. Randolph S. Ting for House Bills No. 3457 and 3458;

Rep. Allen Jesse C. Mangaoang for House Bills No. 1554, 1555, 1853, 2141, 3457, 3458, 3459, 3556, 3557 and 3632;

Rep. Teodoro "Ted" G. Montoro for House Bill No. 2609;

Rep. Gus S. Tambunting for House Bill No. 2;

Rep. Victoria Isabel G. Noel for House Bills No. 1859 and 2590;

Reps. Alberto T. Ungab, Joseph Stephen S. Paduano and Romeo M. Acop for House Bill No. 516;

Rep. Cesar V. Sarmiento for House Bill No. 516 and House Resolution No. 393; and

Rep. Victor A. Yap for House Bill No. 18.

## **RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 3408**

On motion of Rep. Gullas, there being no objection, the Body resumed the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 3408, as contained in Committee Report No. 2 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 SEVENTEEN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

Rep. Gullas stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

On motion of Rep. Gullas, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA).

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

Thereupon, Rep. Gullas acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of officials from TESDA led by Director General Guiling Mamondiong.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Gullas, the Chair recognized Reps. Mark Aeron H. Sambar and De Vera, to sponsor said measure and to interpellate thereon, respectively.

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

There being no interpellations, on joint motion of Rep. De Vera on behalf of the Minority and Rep. Gullas on behalf of the Majority, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budget of the TESDA.

## **CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE NAPC**

On motion of Rep. Gullas, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC).



### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Thereupon, Rep. Gullas acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of officials from the NAPC led by Secretary Liza Maza.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Gullas, the Chair recognized Reps. Sambar and Rodante D. Marcoleta, to sponsor said measure and to interpellate thereon, respectively.

### INTERPELLATION OF REP. MARCOLETA

As he cited poverty alleviation as one of the objectives of the NAPC, Rep. Marcoleta asked how many people will be liberated from poverty using the proposed budget for 2017. While Rep. Sambar said that the poverty rate had gone down to 16 percent, Rep. Marcoleta maintained that it still revolved at 30% and tried to rephrase his question by first asking what percentage of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) did the budget of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) constitute.

### POINT OF ORDER OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ

Upon recognition by the Chair, Rep. Suarez inquired as to the presence in the Session Hall of the head of the NAPC, former Congresswoman Liza L. Maza.

### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Thereupon, the Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 10:21 a.m.

### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 10:21 a.m.

### SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE NAPC

On motion of Rep. Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration of the proposed budget of the NAPC.

### CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE OP

On motion of Rep. Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the Office of the President (OP).

### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 10:21 a.m., upon motion of Rep. Bondoc.

### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 10:22 a.m.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Rep. Bondoc acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of officials from the OP led by Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea.

Rep. Bondoc then stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budget of the OP; and on his motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Nograles (K.A.) for his sponsorship remarks.

### SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF REP. NOGRALES (K.A.)

Rep. Nograles presented to the Body the proposed 2017 budget of the OP amounting to ₱20.030 billion with total new appropriations of ₱19.990 billion.

### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 10:25 a.m., upon motion of Rep. Bondoc.

### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 10:26 a.m.

Rep. Bondoc reiterated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate on the budget of the OP; and on his motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Edcel C. Lagman for his interpellation.

### INTERPELLATION OF REP. LAGMAN

Rep. Lagman centered on the increased combat duty pay and combat incentive pay under Executive Order (EO) No. 3 for the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and Philippine National Police (PNP), and Rep. Nograles (K.A.) promised to submit data thereon. He asked whether Congress could amend or repeal said EO, and the Sponsor said that it was so provided under the Constitution. He also compared similar issuances made by past administrations and

pointed out that the current increase stood at 500%; but the Sponsor said that it was the President's way of showing his support for the men in uniform especially after the Mamasapano massacre. He asked Congress to find out why the increases were given and whether they were reasonable and would not prejudice other personnel in the bureaucracy, while he stressed that he was not against budget increases in general.

At this point, Reps. Lagman and Nograles agreed on the civil service coverage of the members of the AFP and PNP; Congress' power to include them in the salary standardization scheme; the passage of a law to distinguish combat duty pay from combat incentive pay; and the exercise by Congress of its oversight powers over AFP and PNP funds. They also discussed reconciling Memorandum Circular No. 4 that demands the resignation of certain appointees in previous administrations but not in the current one, with the equal protection clause of the Constitution.

They then examined the huge increase in the President's contingent funds, with Rep. Nograles stating that these will be used to host three major events of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and Rep. Lagman suggesting that (1) the allocations be given separately rather than in a lump sum, and (2) Congress should exercise its oversight powers on the utilization of the fund.

Thereafter, on further motion of Rep. Vini Nola A. Ortega, the Chair recognized Minority Leader Suarez for his interpellation.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ**

Reps. Suarez and Nograles (K.A.) initially talked about the visitors of the forthcoming ASEAN summit. Thereafter, the latter confirmed the former's statement that a satellite office of the Office of the President will institute a nationwide employment program.

#### **TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE OP**

There being no other interpellations, on joint motion of Minority Leader Suarez and Rep. Roger G. Mercado 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 OP.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE PLLO**

On motion of Rep. Gullas, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the Presidential Legislative Liaison Office (PLLO).

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

At this point, Rep. Gullas acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the Presidential Legislative Liaison Office headed by Secretary Adelino Sitoy; and on his motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Nograles (K.A.) to sponsor the PLLO budget.

#### **SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF REP. NOGRALES (K.A.)**

Rep. Nograles cited the total obligations proposed by the PLLO of ₱52.629 million, out of which ₱50.111 million constituted the new appropriations.

#### **TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE PLLO**

In the absence of interpellations, on joint motion of Reps. Orestes T. Salon and Gullas 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 PLLO.

#### **SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 3408**

On motion of Rep. Gullas, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 3408.

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Rep. Gullas, the Chair declared the session suspended until one'clock in the afternoon. It was 11:44 a.m.

#### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 1:12 p.m.

**RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION  
ON SECOND READING OF  
HOUSE BILL NO. 3408**

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Rep. Gullas stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate.

**RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION OF  
THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE NACP**

Thereafter, on successive motions of Rep. Gullas, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration of the proposed budget of the NACP, and the Chair recognized Reps. Sambar and Abdullah D. Dimaporo to sponsor said budget and to interpellate thereon, respectively.

**INTERPELLATION OF REP. DIMAPORO (A.)**

Rep. Dimaporo stressed the need for the NACP to integrate the livelihood and employment programs of the different departments. To his proposal for the House leadership to increase the budgets of the NACP as well as the Departments of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), and Trade and Industry (DTI), Rep. Sambar expressed support therefor.

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

On a joint motion of Reps. Harlin Neil J. Abayon III and Gullas 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 NACP.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE  
PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE NICA**

On motion of Rep. Gullas, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (NICA).

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Rep. Gullas, the session was suspended at 1:21 p.m.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 1:27 p.m.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

At this point, Rep. Oscar “Richard” S. Garin Jr. acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests from the NICA headed by Director General Alex Paul Monteagudo.

On further motion of Rep. Garin, the Chair recognized Rep. Nograles (K.A.) to sponsor the NICA budget and Minority Leader Suarez to interpellate thereon.

**SPONSORSHIP REMARKS  
OF REP. NOGRALES (K.A.)**

Rep. Nograles said that the proposed budget of the NICA was ₱723 million of which ₱693 million were new appropriations.

**INTERPELLATION OF  
MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ**

Rep. Suarez discussed with Rep. Nograles (K.A.) the recommendation of the NICA for the issuance of security license plates by the Land Transportation Office (LTO) and the non-exemption from traffic violations of those who use such plates. They also examined the NICA’s function of collecting and collating intelligence reports from other agencies and submitting the same as classified documents to the President and the National Security Council; as well as conducting counter-intelligence.

**MOTION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ**

Minority Leader Suarez moved to temporarily defer the consideration of the budget of the NICA because he could not understand why millions of funds were being allocated to an agency tasked with data gathering.

He likewise moved that the Body consider the proposed budget of the National Security Council (NSC) so that he could be enlightened on the relationship between the NSC and the NICA.

### **CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGETS OF THE NICA AND NSC**

On motion of Majority Leader Rodolfo C. Fariñas, there being no objection, Body considered the proposed budget of the NICA together with that of the National Security Council (NSC).

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

Saying that the head of the NSC was an old acquaintance whom he respected, Rep. Suarez asked whether the NICA coordinated its activities with the NSC.

### **SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF REP. NOGRALES (K.A.)**

Upon recognition by the Chair, Rep. Nograles stated that the proposed budget of the NSC amounted to ₱147.19 million of which ₱142.231 million were new appropriations.

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Gullas, the Chair recognized Rep. Gary C. Alejano for his interpellation.

### **INTERPELLATION OF REP. ALEJANO**

Reps. Alejano and Nograles (K.A.) discussed the mandate of the NSC after which, upon the request of the former, the latter promised to submit a copy of the draft executive order directing the NSC to formulate a national security policy by the end of November 2016. They also agreed that national security policies and strategies should be aligned with national values, but Rep. Alejano said that President Rodrigo Roa Duterte's rough way of speaking had a negative impact on the youth while Rep. Nograles remarked that the Chief Executive respected people who had values but not those who had vices.

The two Members then exchanged views on the matter of going to war if national survival or identity was at stake. They also discussed reports on human rights (HR) violations, the International Declaration of Human Rights of which the Philippines was a signatory, and the need to value human life and dignity in order to maintain internal stability.

The Sponsor stressed that the Constitution renounced war as an instrument of national policy, but Rep. Alejano pointed out that the West Philippine Sea issue remained unsolved despite peaceful efforts made. The Sponsor also said that several executive offices as well as law enforcement agencies investigate and prosecute violators of human rights; however, Rep. Alejano disagreed that due process and the rule of law were being observed in the anti-drug war and expressed hope that the House will act on a resolution filed by Rep. Teddy Brawner Baguilat Jr. calling for an investigation on the same.

Reps. Alejano and Nograles subsequently debated about the implications to national security, of the President's confrontational statements against the United Nations, European Union, and United States. The former opined that an independent foreign policy must serve national interest but must not be isolationist, while the latter cited the constitutional provisions of pursuing an independent foreign policy with the right to self-determination as primary consideration.

After Rep. Alejano added that the NSC must look into the President's pronouncements because they also affected investments and employment, he asked whether China was an external threat to Philippine national security.

### **REMINDER FROM THE CHAIR**

At this point, the Chair reminded Rep. Alejano that under Section 91 of the amended Provisional Rules of the House, a Member is only allowed a maximum of one hour for his or her interpellation.

### **INTERPELLATION OF REP. ALEJANO** (Continuation)

The Sponsor stated that he was not prepared to make a categorical statement and opined that diplomatic talks with China should continue. Rep. Alejano said that it would be pitiful if the Philippines did not consider China's aggressiveness in the Panatag Shoal and Spratly Islands, as a threat.

### **EXTENSION OF REP. ALEJANO'S TIME**

Upon the request of Rep. Alejano, the Chair extended his time for two minutes.

**INTERPELLATION OF REP. ALEJANO**

(Continuation)

Rep. Alejano then asked whether the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP), New People's Army (NPA), and National Democratic Front (NDF) were threats to national security as he pointed out that some members thereof held sensitive government positions and held billions of pesos at their disposal. When the Sponsor asked for more sensitivity because of the ongoing peace talks with these groups and stated that he could not give a categorical answer, he added that the objective of these groups was to replace the present economic system with communism.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

Thereupon, Rep. Garin (R.) acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the NSC officials headed by Director General Hermogenes Esperon Jr.; and on his motion, the Chair recognized anew Minority Leader Suarez to continue with his interpellation.

**INTERPELLATION OF  
MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ**

(Continuation)

With Rep. Suarez resuming his interpellations on the working relationship of the NICA and NSC, Rep. Nograles (K.A.) explained that the former verified intelligence reports and submitted them to the latter for presentation to the President.

**TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD  
OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE  
ON THE PROPOSED BUDGETS  
OF THE NICA AND NSC**

Thereupon, there being no further interpellations, on joint motion of Minority Leader Suarez and Rep. Garin (R.) on behalf of the Minority and Majority, respectively, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budgets of the NICA and NSC.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE  
PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE PMS**

On motion of Rep. Gullas, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the Presidential Management Staff (PMS).

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUEST**

At this point, Rep. Gullas acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of Mr. Ferdinand B. Cui Jr., the acting head of the PMS.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Gullas, the Chair recognized Rep. Nograles (K.A.) for his sponsorship remarks.

**SPONSORSHIP REMARKS  
OF REP. NOGRALES (K.A.)**

Rep. Nograles presented to the Body the proposed 2017 budget of the PMS amounting to ₱412.5 million of which ₱393.8 million were new appropriations.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Gullas, the Chair recognized Rep. Antonio L. Tinio for his interpellation.

**INTERPELLATION OF REP. TINIO**

Reps. Tinio and Nograles (K.A.) discussed the status of the financial assistance to government employees in general and teachers in particular, who were affected by typhoon Yolanda and other calamities. The Sponsor explained that the second tranche of the financial assistance was not yet released because the first tranche was not yet liquidated; and that the OP was reviewing the systems and procedures in this regard.

Rep. Tinio expressed hope that Congress and the Executive could work together to finally give what was due to said victims.

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

There being no further interpellations, on joint motion of Reps. Aniceto "John" D. Bertiz III and Gullas, on behalf of the Minority and Majority, respectively, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budget of the PMS.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE  
PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE LEDAC**

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Ortega (V.N.), there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the Legislative-Executive Development Advisory Council (LEDAC).

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUEST**

At this point, Rep. Ortega (V.N.) acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of Director Roweena Dalusong, the Supervising Officer of the LEDAC.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

The session was suspended at 3:12 p.m., upon motion of Rep. Ortega (V.N.).

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 3:12 p.m.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Ortega (V.N.), the Chair recognized Reps. Nograles (K.A.) and Salon, to sponsor the measure and to interpellate thereon, respectively.

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

In the absence of interpellations, on joint motion of Rep. Salon on behalf of the Minority and Rep. Ortega (V.N.) on behalf of the Majority, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budget of the LEDAC.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE AMLC**

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Ortega (V.N.), there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the Anti-Money Laundering Council (AMLC).

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUEST**

At this point, Rep. Ortega (V.N.) acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of Atty. Julia Bacay-Abad, AMLC Executive Director.

On further motion of Rep. Ortega, the Chair recognized Reps. Joey Sarte Salceda and H. Harry L. Roque Jr. to sponsor the measure and to interpellate thereon, respectively.

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

Rep. Roque asked how former Vice President Jejomar Binay's alleged bank accounts, which were frozen by the AMLC, were obtained by the media despite

the policy of confidentiality in bank transactions. Rep. Salceda said that the leak probably came from court records but not from the AMLC; but Rep. Roque stressed that it was unlikely that the leak came from the court as he recalled that he was not given access to court records when he sued the AMLC for not freezing the assets of the Ampatuan clan which had been accused of malversation.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

The session was suspended at 3:23 p.m., on motion of Rep. Salceda.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 3:24 p.m.

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

Rep. Salceda then said that the AMLC had made an investigation and the leakage did not come from any of its personnel.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

The session was suspended at 3:25 p.m., on motion of Rep. Salceda.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 3:24 p.m.

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

Stressing that he did not know of any legal recourse that the AMLC could avail if the court did not release the records and that the agency could not impugn the court, Rep. Salceda said that legislation could be crafted to cover the legal gap in this regard. He added that the Committee will consider Rep. Roque's suggestion to give the AMLC a mere one peso (₱1) budget until such time that it could ensure the confidentiality of its transactions as provided by law.

Thereafter, Rep. Roque posed several questions about the ongoing investigation by the Department of Justice (DOJ) on the drug trade in the New Bilibid Prison.

On the Justice Secretary's complaint on the AMLC's non-cooperation therewith, Rep. Salceda showed how the AMLC coordinated with the DOJ and

explained that it merely wanted to follow certain procedures so as not to undermine the integrity of information. On the AMLC's decision-making practice based on politics and the personalities involved, the Sponsor said that they could include special provisions in its budget to ensure that it will be objective in cooperating with other agencies and will not be used for political ends.

On the AMLC's failure to investigate testimonies on million-peso bank deposits for drug purchases, the Sponsor said that the AMLC only provides information but is not a law enforcement agency.

Subsequently, the Members discussed the heist of the Central Bank account of Bangladesh. On why the AMLC did not go to court to freeze said account when its transactions became suspicious, Rep. Salceda clarified that it did so but a manager of the Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation allowed the transactions to prosper or to be actualized.

Rep. Roque subsequently asked about the implementation of the Anti-Money Laundering Act (AMLA), which the international community required from the Philippine government as he opined that confidentiality had enabled the AMLC to be used as a political tool. The Sponsor said that the agency was doing its job but should do more to remove such suspicion.

On motion of Rep. Gullas, the Chair recognized Minority Leader Suarez for his interpellation.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ**

Rep. Suarez sought details about the freezing of hundreds of bank accounts allegedly belonging to persons linked to former Vice President Jejomar Binay who was accused of graft and corruption, and allegedly being used for money laundering.

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

The session was suspended at 3:52 p.m., upon motion of Rep. Salceda.

#### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 3:53 p.m.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ**

(Continuation)

Pointing out that the assets were frozen prior to the May 2016 elections, Rep. Suarez asked whether the same was evidence of political manipulation and persecution. Rep. Salceda stressed that the AMLC was not biased and the courts were processing the cases involved.

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Minority Leader Suarez, the Chair suspended the session at 4:06 p.m.

#### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 4:11 p.m.

#### **MOTION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ**

Rep. Suarez thereupon moved to defer the consideration of the proposed budget of AMLC until a confidence provision could be provided, stating that the office should never be used again for political purposes.

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Rep. Bondoc, the Chair suspended the session at 4:11 p.m.

#### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 4:16 p.m., with Deputy Speaker Eric D. Singson presiding.

#### **SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE AMLC**

On motion of Rep. Cristina "Chiqui" Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration of the proposed AMLC budget.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGETS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOTr) AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES AND CORPORATIONS**

On subsequent motion of Rep. Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budgets of the DOTr and its attached agencies and corporations.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

Rep. Roa-Puno acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the officials of the DOTr and its attached agencies and corporations, headed by Secretary Arthur P. Tugade.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Roa-Puno, the Chair recognized Reps. Federico "Ricky" S. Sandoval II and Bertiz, for sponsorship and interpellation, respectively.

**INTERPELLATION OF REP. BERTIZ**

Rep. Bertiz delved on the illegal collection of airport terminal fees from overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) which violated RA No. 122 exempting OFWs from paying the same. Rep. Sandoval said that the DOTr Secretary was reviewing the matter including the refund of the payments.

At this point, Rep. Bertiz thanked the General Manager of the Manila International Airport Authority (MIAA ) for opening up the airport lounge to the OFWs.

On motion of Rep. Michael L. Romero, Ph.D., the Chair recognized Rep. Emmi A. De Jesus for her interpellation.

**INTERPELLATION OF REP. DE JESUS**

Rep. De Jesus asked about the non-payment of employees' separation pay by the Light Rail Transit Authority (LRTA) which had privatized the operation of the light rail transport (LRT) system. The Sponsor explained that the agency was helping old employees to be transferred to the new and private management; included an appropriation to cover the separation pay of remaining unpaid employees; and was willing to coordinate with the new management about employees' questions on the computation of their separation pay.

Rep. De Jesus also asked about the government's responsibility to protect the interest of the employees of the new management, most of whom came from marginalized sectors and were sourced from employment agencies. Rep. Sandoval said that the LRTA could use its oversight powers to address any wrongdoing of the private company concerned and employees could course their concerns to other agencies such as the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE).

Thereupon, Rep. De Jesus asked that the affected employees be given time to personally ventilate their issues with the officials concerned; and Rep. Sandoval assured her that the concern will be given priority.

On motion of Rep. Romero, the Chair recognized Rep. Lagman for his interpellation.

**INTERPELLATION OF REP. LAGMAN**

Rep. Lagman discussed with Rep. Sandoval several bills seeking emergency powers for the President in order to address the traffic problem and thus providing for certain exemptions from the Government Procurement Reform Act. He pointed out that RA No. 8975 and RA No. 6957, as amended by RA No.7718, already provided for said exemptions; and appealed to Congress not to proceed with a measure that was already covered by existing law.

On motion of Rep. De Venecia, the Chair recognized Rep. Jose L. Atienza Jr. for his interpellation.

**INTERPELLATION OF REP. ATIENZA**

Rep. Atienza commended the DOTr for successfully stopping the "tanim-bala" or bullet-planting racket in the airports, after which he expressed his and the public's frustration about the traffic problem and suggested some solutions thereto such as identifying choke points, cleaning the streets, and removing illegal terminals. The Sponsor said that the Secretary will not only try to solve the traffic problem but also the railway, air, and sea problems in the country.

Rep. Atienza then opined that there was no need to grant emergency powers to the President to address the problem; and that such powers could be abused. He emphasized that the Chief Executive should just wield the baton to address the anarchy in the streets, and direct the different agencies and local government units (LGUs) to coordinate with each other in enforcing existing laws and rules and regulations. Citing the experience of past administrations, he said that emergency powers was a double-edged sword.

To Rep. Atienza's subsequent concerns, Rep. Sandoval said that the construction of the LRT Dasmariñas, Cavite Line will start the following year; a contract was already signed for the LRT-MRT common station in Quezon City; and the Department will look into the dangerous use of the "habal-habal" or motorcycle taxi in Manila and in the provinces.



On motion of Rep. Arnel U. Ty, the Chair recognized Rep. Ariel “Ka Ayik” B. Casilao for his interpellation.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REP. CASILAO**

Rep. Casilao echoed Rep. De Jesus’ concerns. He asked on the non-payment of the separation pay of illegally dismissed workers of the LRTA in accordance with a Supreme Court order thereon; and asked whether the 2017 General Appropriations Bill (GAB) allotted appropriations for this. He asked the DOTr to exercise oversight functions to protect the rights of contractual employees whose employment stature was affected by privatization.

Rep. Sandoval said that even in the absence of such an appropriation, an amount can be requested from the DBM.

The Members then discussed the MRT’s signaling system and the phase-out of jeepneys, to which Rep. Sandoval gave an assurance of the upgrading of said system and rehabilitation of jeepney units.

The Chair next recognized Rep. Anthony M. Bravo, Ph.D. for his interpellation, on motion of Rep. Gullas.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REP. BRAVO (A.)**

Rep. Bravo first acknowledged receipt of the report he requested from the DOTr relative to tax and non-tax revenues, earmarked revenue of budget accounts, and obligated allotment and utilization of continuing appropriation under the 2015 and 2016 budgets of the Department. He then inquired about driver’s licenses and vehicle plates, the LTO computerization system and contract with Stradcom, and the traffic situation along Commonwealth Avenue in Quezon City because of the construction of the MRT 7.

The Sponsor gave the pertinent status updates and assured Rep. Bravo that the DOTr was addressing said problems.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ**

Recognized by the Chair, Rep. Suarez’ interpellation was about the distance between the different lines in the LRT-MRT common station in Quezon City; allegations of graft against former MRT-3 General Manager Roman Buenafe; coordination between the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) and the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services

Administration (PAGASA); and the status of train lines from Manila to the Bicol Region.

Rep. Sandoval explained that the length of the link was reduced for the convenience of commuters; the Secretary had accepted Mr. Buenafe’s resignation; the aforesaid agencies were coordinating to avoid maritime disaster; and the improvements of tracks up to Calamba, Laguna were already programmed.

#### **TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGETS OF THE DOTr AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES AND CORPORATIONS**

There being no other interpellations, on joint motion of Minority Leader Suarez and Rep. Romero on behalf of the Minority and Majority, respectively, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budgets of the DOTr and its attached agencies and corporations.

#### **RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE AMLC**

On motion of Rep. Christopher “Toff” Vera Perez De Venecia, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration of the proposed budget of the Anti-Money Laundering Council (AMLC).

On further motion of Rep. De Venecia, the Chair recognized Rep. Salceda to sponsor said budget.

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

The session was suspended at 6:14 p.m., on motion of Rep. De Venecia.

#### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 6:21 p.m.

#### **WITHDRAWAL OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ’ MOTION**

Recognized by the Chair upon Rep. De Venecia’s motion, Rep. Suarez withdrew his earlier motion to defer the proposed budget of AMLC so that he could ask questions.

### **INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ**

Rep. Suarez asked whether the AMLC and its mother agency could meet with the House leadership in making sure that the AMLC will never be used again for political purposes. Rep. Salceda replied in the affirmative.

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

There being no further interpellations, on joint motion of Minority Leader Suarez and Rep. De Venecia 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 AMLC.

### **SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 3408**

On motion of Rep. De Venecia, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 3408.

### **ROLL CALL**

On motion of Rep. De Venecia, 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:

Abaya	Alvarez (P.)
Abayon	Amante
Abellanosa	Amatong
Abu	Andaya
Abueg	Angara-Castillo
Acharon	Antonino
Acop	Antonio
Acosta	Aragones
Acosta-Alba	Arbison
Adiong	Arcillas
Advincula	Atienza
Aggabao	Aumentado
Aglipay-Villar	Bag-ao
Akbar	Bagatsing
Albano	Baguilat
Alejano	Banal
Almario	Barbers
Almonte	Barzaga
Alonte-Naguiat	Batocabe
Alvarez (F.)	Bautista-Bandigan
	Belaro
	Belmonte (F.)
	Belmonte (J.C.)
	Belmonte (R.)
	Benitez
	Bernos
	Bertiz
	Billones
	Biron
	Bolilia
	Bondoc
	Bordado
	Bravo (A.)
	Bravo (M.V.)
	Brosas
	Bulut-Begtang
	Cagas
	Calderon
	Calixto-Rubiano
	Caminero
	Campos
	Canama
	Casilao
	Castelo
	Castro (F.L.)
	Castro (F.H.)
	Cayetano
	Celeste
	Cerilles
	Chavez
	Chipeco
	Co
	Cojuangco
	Collantes
	Cortes
	Cortuna

Cosalan  
Crisologo  
Cua  
Cuaresma  
Cueva  
Dalipe  
Daza  
De Jesus  
De Venecia  
De Vera  
Defensor  
Del Mar  
Del Rosario  
Deloso-Montalla  
Dimaporo (A.)  
Dimaporo (M.K)  
Duavit  
Durano  
Dy  
Elago  
Enverga  
Erice  
Eriguel  
Ermita-Buhain  
Escudero  
Espina  
Espino  
Estrella  
Eusebio  
Evardone  
Fariñas  
Fernando  
Ferrer (J.)  
Ferrer (L.)  
Ferriol-Pascual  
Floirendo  
Flores  
Fortun  
Fortuno  
Fuentebella  
Garbin  
Garcia (G.)  
Garcia (J.E.)  
Garcia-Albano  
Garin (R.)  
Garin (S.)  
Gasataya  
Gatchalian  
Geron  
Go (A.C.)  
Go (M.)  
Gomez  
Gonzaga  
Gonzales (A.P.)  
Gonzales (A.D.)  
Gonzalez  
Gorriceta  
Gullas  
Hernandez  
Herrera-Dy  
Hofer  
Javier  
Kho  
Khonghun  
Labadlabad  
Lacson  
Lagman  
Lanete  
Laogan  
Lazatin  
Leachon  
Lee  
Limkaichong  
Lobregat  
Lopez (B.)  
Lopez (C.)  
Lopez (M.L.)  
Loyola  
Macapagal-Arroyo  
Maceda  
Madrona  
Malapitan  
Manalo  
Mangaoang  
Mangudadatu (S.)  
Mangudadatu (Z.)  
Marcoleta  
Marcos  
Marquez  
Martinez  
Matugas  
Mellana  
Mending  
Mercado  
Mirasol  
Montoro  
Nava  
Nieto  
Noel  
Nogralas (J.J.)  
Nogralas (K.A.)  
Nolasco  
Nuñez-Malanyaon  
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Olivarez  
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 Pineda  
 Plaza  
 Primicias-Agabas  
 Quimbo  
 Radaza  
 Ramirez-Sato  
 Ramos  
 Relampagos  
 Revilla  
 Roa-Puno  
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 Rodriguez (I.)  
 Rodriguez (M.)  
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 Romero  
 Romualdez  
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 Roque (H.)  
 Roque (R.)  
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 Sambar  
 Sandoval  
 Sarmiento (C.)  
 Sarmiento (E.M.)  
 Savellano  
 Siao  
 Singson  
 Suansing (E.)  
 Suansing (H.)  
 Suarez  
 Sy-Alvarado  
 Tambunting  
 Tan (A.)  
 Tan (M.)  
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 Tejada  
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 Tiangco  
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 Vargas-Alfonso  
 Velarde  
 Velasco  
 Velasco-Catera  
 Veloso  
 Vergara  
 Villanueva  
 Villaraza-Suarez  
 Villarica  
 Villarin  
 Violago  
 Yap (A.)  
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 Zamora (R.)  
 Zubiri

With 268 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See also Appendix 1)

#### **APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL**

On motion of Rep. De Venecia, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 32, dated October 4, 2016.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE SPFs/LUMP SUM FUNDS**

On motion of Rep. Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body considered the proposed budget of the Special Purpose Funds (SPFs)/Lump Sum Funds.

On motion of Rep. Roa-Puno, the Chair recognized Reps. Nograles (K.A.) and Sarah Jane I. Elago, to sponsor the budget and to interpellate thereon, respectively.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REP. ELAGO**

Rep. Elago stated that the Lump Sum Funds and SPFs had been always scrutinized because they were discretionary and did not indicate their specific beneficiaries.

To her initial questions, the Sponsor gave the breakdown of the Budgetary Support to Government

Corporations (BSGC), the Allocation for Local Government Units (ALGUs) in pursuance to various laws, and Foreign-Assisted Projects, and Budgetary Support to government owned and controlled corporations (GOCCs). He also explained that the increase in the ALGUs was directly to the Internal Revenue Allotment which was an automatic appropriation under the law; and that the support for GOCCs was solely for Philippine Import-Export Credit Agency.

To her succeeding questions, Rep. Nograles clarified that the peso depreciation had a positive effect on the budget and appropriations for the Philippine Rural Development Program would come from a World Bank loan.

On behalf of the KABATAAN Party-List, Rep. Elago then stressed that Congress should reduce and subsequently abolish lump sums and discretionary funds in the 2017 GAB because they were vulnerable to corruption and political maneuvering.

**TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE SPFs/LUMP SUM FUNDS**

Recognized by the Chair and saying that his questions were the same as the questions asked by Rep. Elago, Minority Leader Suarez stated that the Minority had no further questions on the SPFs/Lump Sum Funds.

As there were no other interpellations, on motion of Rep. Suarez, on the part of the Minority and Rep. Roa-Puno, on the part of the Majority, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the proposed budget of the SPFs/Lump Sum Funds.

**TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS ON HOUSE BILL NO. 3408**

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of interpellations on House Bill No. 3408.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

Likewise, on motion of Rep. Defensor, the Chair suspended the session at 6:53 p.m.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

At 6:54 p.m., the session resumed.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

The Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 6:54 p.m.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 6:55 p.m, with Speaker Pantaleon D. Alvarez presiding.

**TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 3408**

Upon resumption of session, Majority Leader Fariñas reiterated the previous motion and there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on House Bill No. 3408.

Subsequently, on motion of Rep. Fariñas, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the *turno en contra* and the Chair recognized Minority Leader Suarez to deliver his speech against the instant Bill.

**TURNO EN CONTRA SPEECH OF MINORITY LEADER SUAREZ**

Mr. Speaker, dear colleagues:

For approval before us is the 2017 national budget amounting to ₱3.35 trillion. This amount is 11.6 percent higher than the previous year. Scrutinizing the budget, the Department of the Interior and Local Government, Department of National Defense, and the Philippine National Police have increased their budget pursuant to the President's comprehensive campaign against illegal drugs and criminality. The budget for public infrastructure is around ₱900 billion, commencing the Golden Age of Infrastructure, as claimed by DBM Secretary Benjamin Diokno. Forty percent of the national budget or ₱1.345 trillion is for social services, which includes the constitutionally-mandated highest agency to be given a budget: education. Almost 30% is dedicated to economic services which includes the Department of Agriculture and the rest of the pie goes to the general public services, 20%; and debt service and interest payment at 10%.

While the budget allocations reflect the current administration's priorities, we are concerned with how the money will be spent, and how the government will implement specific programs in line with national development. The first 100 days of the current administration is focused on the war

against drugs. This campaign garnered our President a high trust rating. It is clear that the drug problem is a priority concern. However, running the government involves other priorities.

While there is no reason to question the competence of the Cabinet secretaries, however, we wonder when we will see the President's transition from a crime fighter into a general manager of the country, fulfilling the development and execution of every department's long- and short-term plans, and embracing the role of a balanced Chief Executive.

One of the major problems is the traffic situation in Metro Manila which is felt by the public every day. A study from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) stated that we are losing ₱2.4 billion a day due to the traffic congestion, almost equivalent to 0.8 percent of the GDP. If not immediately solved, the same agency predicted that traffic could result to a loss of ₱6 billion a day in 2030. The productivity of businesses and industries are affected by the traffic congestion because traffic now is more stressful than the work itself. More importantly, it affects our social basic unit, which is the family, by reducing "bonding" time with loved ones.

The JICA prepared a transport infrastructure roadmap for Metro Manila which was subsequently approved by the National Economic and Development Authority and acknowledged by the MMDA. However, there was no specific and concrete plan identified to resolve the overwhelming and worsening traffic. Vague answers were given during the plenary interpellation. We do not know whether the acknowledgment of the JICA strategy equates to its adaptation. This traffic problem begs for an immediate solution.

Just this morning, the Minority, speaking with DOTr Secretary Tugade, made a significant headway in coming up with an initial solution to reducing the volume of vehicles in the streets. Secretary Tugade agreed to lift the window period of the number-coding scheme. While this may impose a level of inconvenience to vehicle owners, the benefits of decongesting roads to 20 percent, mandate our cooperation.

For the current administration to achieve its long-term goals in six years, its programs should be geared towards its progressive realization. The approach should not be focused solely on illegal drugs but should encompass other national issues such as the very apparent Metro Manila transportation problem, unending poverty and hunger, inadequate disaster preparedness and ineffective flood control, the most sought-after tax reform,

criminality, widespread corruption, and substandard and inadequate military supplies and government facilities. Hence, the Executive Department should keep in mind that the budget that will be decided should cater to all issues and all sectors.

With the leeway given to the President, government agencies should remain transparent in their implementation. Similarly, we should be vigilant and prudent as their plans unfold and come into realization. We, the legislative branch of the State, have oversight functions, and I urge everyone to fully exercise this power. The Minority is willing to exercise this oversight function during the session break and we welcome the cooperation of the members of the Majority for us to evaluate the performance of this administration's Cabinet Secretaries.

Thank you very much.

## **PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS**

On motion of Majority Leader Fariñas, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the period of amendments.

There being no Committee amendments, on motion of Rep. Fariñas, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the consideration of individual amendments.

## **CREATION OF A SMALL COMMITTEE TO RECEIVE AND RESOLVE INDIVIDUAL AMENDMENTS**

On motion of Majority Leader Fariñas, there being no objection, the Body created a small committee composed of the following Members to receive and resolve individual amendments to House Bill No. 3408. Reps. Nograles (K.A.), Fariñas, Maria Carmen S. Zamora, Dakila Carlo E. Cua, and Minority Leader Suarez.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Fariñas, there being no objection, the Body directed the Members to submit their individual amendments to the Committee on Appropriations on or before Monday, October 10, 2016.

## **APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 3408**

Subsequently, on motion of Majority Leader Fariñas, there being no objection, the Body approved House Bill No. 3408 on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting and subject to the amendments to be approved by the aforesaid Small Committee.

**ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION**

On further motion of Majority Leader Fariñas, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until four o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, October 10, 2016.

It was 7:05 p.m.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

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

Approved on October 10, 2016.

Congress of the Philippines  
House of Representatives  
Quezon City, Philippines

**MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE****Date: October 05, 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
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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.)
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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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