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CALL TO ORDER

At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica called the session to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PRAYER

Pursuant to Section 73, Rule XI of the amended Provisional Rules of the House, the Members sang the National Anthem and thereafter, Majority Leader Rodolfo C. Fariñas led the invocation in honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

ROLL CALL

On motion of Rep. Johnny Ty Pimentel, there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abayon
Abellanos
Abu
Abueg
Acharon
Acop
Acosta-Alba
Advincula
Aggabao
Albano
Alejano
Almario
Almonte
Alonte
Alvarez (P.)
Amatong
Angara-Castillo
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arcillas
Atienza
Aumentado
Bag-ao
Bagatsing
Banal
Barbers
Barzaga
Bataoil
Batocabe
Belaro
Belmonte (F.)
Belmonte (J.C.)
Bertiz

Biazon
Billones
Biron
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Brosas
Bulut-Begtang
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Campos
Canama
Cari
Casilao
Castelo
Castro (F.L.)
Castro (F.H.)
Cayetano
Cerilles
Chavez
Chipeco
Cojuangco
Cortes
Cortuna
Crisologo
Cua
Cuaresma
Cueva
Dalipe
Datol
de Venecia
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (A.)
Dimaporo (M.K.)
Duavit
Durano
Elago
Erice
Eriguel
Ermita-Buhain
Escudero
Espina
Espino
Eusebio
Evardone
Fariñas
Ferrer (J.)

Ferrer (L.)	Ortega (P.)
Ferriol-Pascual	Ortega (V.N.)
Flores	Pacquiao
Fortun	Paduano
Fortuno	Palma
Garcia (G.)	Pancho
Garcia (J.E.)	Papandayan
Garin (R.)	Pichay
Garin (S.)	Pimentel
Gasataya	Pineda
Gatchalian	Plaza
Geron	Primicias-Agabas
Go (M.)	Quimbo
Gomez	Radaza
Gonzaga	Ramirez-Sato
Gonzales (A.D.)	Ramos
Gonzalez	Relampagos
Hernandez	Revilla
Herrera-Dy	Roa-Puno
Hofer	Rodriguez (I.)
Jalosjos	Rodriguez (M.)
Javier	Roman
Kho	Romualdo
Labadlabad	Roque (H.)
Lacson	Roque (R.)
Lagman	Sacdalan
Lanete	Sagarbarria
Laogan	Sahali
Lazatin	Salceda
Lee	Salimbangon
Lobregat	Salo
Lopez (B.)	Salon
Lopez (C.)	Sandoval
Lopez (M.L.)	Sarmiento (C.)
Loyola	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Maceda	Savellano
Madrona	Sema
Malapitan	Siao
Mangaoang	Silverio
Mangudadatu (Z.)	Singson
Marcoleta	Suansing (E.)
Marcos	Suarez
Marquez	Tambunting
Martinez	Tan (A.)
Matugas	Tan (M.)
Mellana	Tejada
Mending	Teves
Mercado	Tiangco
Mirasol	Tinio
Montoro	Tolentino
Nava	Treñas
Nieto	Tugna
Noel	Tupas
Nogralas (J.J.)	Ty
Nolasco	Umali
Nuñez-Malanyaon	Unabia
Oaminal	Ungab
Ocampo	Uy (J.)

Uy (R.)
Uybarreta
Velarde
Velasco
Velo
Vergara
Villanueva
Villaraza-Suarez
Villarica
Villarin
Violago
Yap (V.)
Yu
Zamora (R.)
Zarate
Zubiri

With 217 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Representative Pimentel acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Rep. Dakila Carlo E. Cua from the Australian Parliamentary Delegation, as well as members of the International Justice Mission.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

On motion of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 32, dated October 3, 2017.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Representative Pimentel likewise acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Rep. Lucy T. Gomez.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

On motion of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Reference of Business.

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read on First Reading the titles of the following Bills and Resolutions, including the Communication and Committee Reports, which were referred to the appropriate Committees or consigned to the Archives as hereunder indicated:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 6503, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9287 ENTITLED 'AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR ILLEGAL NUMBERS GAMES, AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1602, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' AND STRENGTHENING THE FINES AND PUNISHMENTS FOR VIOLATIONS THEREFOR”

By Representative Lopez (M.L.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS

House Bill No. 6504, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE SECRETARIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, AND DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT, AND THE GOVERNOR OF THE BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS, TO APPEAR BIANNUALLY BEFORE A JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS TO REPORT ON THE STATUS AND DIRECTIONS OF THE FISCAL AND MONETARY POLICIES OF THE STATE”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 6505, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING A NEW WATER CODE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PD NO. 1067 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE WATER CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Antonio

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 1354, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE DPWH AS THE NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE AGENCY TO UNDERTAKE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS OF ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987”

By Representative Savellano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Resolution No. 1355, entitled:

“RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY URGING PRESIDENT RODRIGO R. DUTERTE TO NOMINATE MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO FOR CONFERMENT OF THE QUEZON SERVICE CROSS IN RECOGNITION OF HER LIFELONG DEDICATION TO PUBLIC SERVICE AND OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BETTERMENT OF THE NATION”

By Representative Suansing (H.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1356, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE TEAM FOR WINNING SILVER MEDALS IN THE FIFTH EDITION OF THE ASIAN INDOOR AND MARTIAL ARTS GAMES HELD IN ASHGABAT, TURKMENISTAN FROM SEPTEMBER 17 TO 27, 2017”

By Representative Estrella

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND
SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 1357, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE TEAM FOR WINNING BRONZE MEDALS IN THE FIFTH EDITION OF THE ASIAN INDOOR AND MARTIAL ARTS GAMES HELD IN ASHGABAT, TURKMENISTAN FROM SEPTEMBER 17 TO 27, 2017”

By Representative Estrella

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND
SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNICATION

Report of Atty. Cesar Strait Pareja, Secretary General, House of Representatives, on enrolled bill, submitted to the Office of the President, for His Excellency’s consideration and signature, pursuant to the provision of Rule VI, Section 18, Par. (h) of the Rules of the House of Representatives:

Consolidated Senate Bill No. 1584 and House Bill No. 6308, entitled:

“AN ACT POSTPONING THE OCTOBER 2017 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10632, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10656, AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10923, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

TO THE ARCHIVES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Public Works and Highways and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 418), re H.R. No. 134, entitled:

“RESOLUTION TO REVIVE THE PAMPANGA RIVER CONTROL SYSTEM AND TO INCLUDE IT IN THE YEARLY BUDGET OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS”

recommending its adoption with amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Lobregat and Bondoc

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Public Works and Highways and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 419), re H.R. No. 10, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED ZAMBOANGA CITY IMPOUNDING DAM PROJECT AND TO INCLUDE IT IN THE PRIORITY PROJECT LISTING OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT”

recommending its adoption without amendment

Sponsor: Representative Lobregat

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Representative Pimentel acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Rodolfo T. Albano III.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 402 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 6517

On motion of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 6517, as embodied in Committee Report No. 402 and reported out by the Committee on Health.

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

“AN ACT PROVIDING COMPASSIONATE AND RIGHT OF ACCESS TO MEDICAL CANNABIS AND EXPANDING RESEARCH INTO ITS MEDICINAL PROPERTIES.”

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

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Pimentel, the Chair recognized Representative Albano, principal author of the Bill, for his sponsorship speech.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ALBANO

Before showing an audio visual presentation of patients suffering from serious and debilitating diseases, Representative Albano initially stated that patients suffering therefrom are filled with hope and optimism that they will finally benefit from the legalization of the medical use of cannabis.

He then said that worldwide clinical trials have shown the safety and efficacy of cannabis and its naturally occurring compounds as well as their therapeutic and palliative effects; and several countries had already passed laws legalizing medical cannabis. He explained that the instant Bill promotes the people’s right to health; ensures affordable and safe access to medical cannabis under a very strict regulatory framework; and does not decriminalize the use of cannabis nor amends or contravenes national and international laws on dangerous drugs or narcotics. He said that the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency shall have a key role in monitoring and regulating the dispensing of medical cannabis and the Dangerous Drugs Board shall formulate regulations on the sources of and access to medical cannabis.

On motion of Representative Pimentel, the Chair recognized Rep. Jose L. Atienza Jr. for his manifestation.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA

In view of Representative Albano’s request for Representative Atienza to re-schedule his interpellation the following week, the latter reserved his right to be accordingly given priority for the same.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6517

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body suspended consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6517.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 393 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 6452

On motion of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6452 as embodied in Committee Report No. 393 and reported out by the Committees on Health, and Appropriations.

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

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH POLICY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENHANCING THE DELIVERY OF INTEGRATED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, PROMOTING AND PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS UTILIZING PSYCHIATRIC, NEUROLOGIC AND PSYCHOSOCIAL HEALTH SERVICES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.”

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 6452

On motion of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the following Members were made coauthors of House Bill No. 6452: Reps. Ann K. Hofer, Victoria Isabel G. Noel, Francisco Jose F. Matugas II, Vini Nola A. Ortega, Cristal L. Bagatsing, and Lucy T. Gomez.

At this juncture, Representative Pimentel stated that the parliamentary status of the measure was that it was in the period of sponsorship and debate; and on his motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Cristina “Chiqui” Roa-Puno to sponsor the measure and Rep. Edcel C. Lagman to resume his interpellation thereon.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN

Representative Lagman said that he forgot to mention the other day that Napoleon Bonaparte and Adolf Hitler were afflicted with narcissistic personality disorder marked by an inflated sense of importance, a deep need for adoration, and lack of empathy for others, on the one hand; and by fragile self-esteem vulnerable to the slightest criticism, on the other hand.

Representative Lagman then asked about the status of the agency called “National Commission on Mental Health” that was mentioned in the Bill; but Representative Roa-Puno clarified that the same should have read “Philippine Council for Mental Health.”

The Members thereafter discussed the source of funds for the implementation of the proposed Mental Health Act. Representative Lagman said that at

the proper time, he would propose that the Bill will specifically provide for the sub-allotment to the Philippine Council for Mental Health (PCMH) of the funds for (1) maintenance and other operating expenses (MOOE) and development of psychiatric facilities among selected DOH hospitals under the Health Facilities Enhancement Program in the 2017 DOH budget and (2) capital outlay (CO) in the 2018 DOH budget. Representative Roa-Puno thanked her colleague for helping to perfect the instant Bill and agreed that DOH appropriations for mental health should be placed under the PCMH in order to remove it from politics and bureaucratic processes and ensure its autonomy and independence.

Thereupon, Representatives Lagman and Roa-Puno discussed the free mental health care services and medicines to indigent patients; difference between the terms “service user” and “patient”; and the role of the National Center for Mental Health (NCMH) in the Bill. The former said that at the proper time, he would recommend the inclusion of a specific provision on indigent patients; on the recognition of the NCMH as the premiere mental health hospital in the country; and on the definition of the term “service user.” The latter agreed with her colleague’s opinion that the ample appropriations of the NCMH could be transferred to fund community-based mental health facilities.

Representatives Roa-Puno and Lagman subsequently delved into the Bill’s provisions on the duties and responsibilities of the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) and Department of Justice (DOJ) to investigate, inspect, and recommend action for the protection of human rights in the availing of mental health services. The latter opined that only one agency should have such jurisdiction because there was a need to pinpoint accountability and responsibility; and that this should be the DOJ which had a more expansive jurisdiction and was fully funded and not the CHR whose mandate was to investigate human rights violations committed by the State or its agents.

After the Sponsor affirmed that she will consider including drugs specific to the treatment of mental illness in the Philippine National Drug Formulary, Representative Lagman ended his interpellation. He said that he will submit his proposed amendments on Monday, October 9, 2017 and await the Committee amendments.

Upon Representative Pimentel’s motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Rosanna “Ria” Vergara for her interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE VERGARA

Representatives Vergara and Roa-Puno discussed the inclusion in the Bill's coverage of (1) substance, gambling, internet, sex, shopping, and all other kinds of addiction; and (2) mentally-ill individuals who are charged with offenses punishable for more than six years.

Representative Vergara thereafter signified her intention to submit pertinent amendments at the proper time.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

There being no further interpellations, on motion of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate and thereafter, proceeded to the period of amendments.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN

Recognized by the Chair upon Representative Pimentel's motion, Representative Lagman said that he will give way to the Committee amendments as he needed more time to formulate his individual amendments that will be submitted the following week.

Rep. Juan Pablo "Rimpy" P. Bondoc and the Chair took note of the same.

PERIOD OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

On motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body opened the period of Committee amendments.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Thereafter, upon motion of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body accepted the Committee amendments in Sections 10, 14, 15, and 16 of House Bill No. 6452 as presented on the floor by Rep. Angelina "Helen" D.L. Tan, M.D.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6452

On another motion of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6452.

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF CERTAIN HOUSE BILLS

On successive motions of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the approval on Third Reading of the following House Bills, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on the dates mentioned therein, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the amended Provisional Rules of the House:

Distributed on August 3, 2017:

1. House Bill No. 5799, entitled: "AN ACT REVERTING FISH PONDS WHICH HAVE BEEN UNUTILIZED OR ABANDONED FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS TO FORESTLANDS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 43 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 705, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED FORESTRY REFORM CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES";

Distributed on September 25, 2017:

2. House Bill No. 6391, entitled: "AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY ANDUYAN, MUNICIPALITY OF TUBAO, PROVINCE OF LA UNION TO BARANGAY SAN PASCUAL, MUNICIPALITY OF TUBA, PROVINCE OF BENGUET INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";

Distributed on September 28, 2017:

3. House Bill No. 2097, entitled: "AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 2 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF PASAY TO BE KNOWN AS THE 'FOUNDATION DAY OF PASAY CITY'";

The Chair then directed the Secretary General to call the Roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the amended Provisional Rules of the House, a second Roll Call was made.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abaya
Abayon
Abellanosa
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Acharon
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Acosta-Alba
Advincula
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Lopez (M.L.)
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Madrona
Malapitan
Mangaoang
Mangudatu (Z.)

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Marcos
Marquez
Martinez
Matugas
Mellana
Mercado
Mirasol
Montoro
Nava
Nieto
Noel
Nogales (J.J.)
Nolasco
Nuñez-Malanyaon
Oaminal
Ortega (P.)
Ortega (V.N.)
Pacquiao
Paduano
Palma
Pancho
Panganiban
Panotes
Papandayan
Pichay
Pimentel
Pineda
Plaza
Primicias-Agabas
Quimbo
Radaza
Ramos
Relampagos
Revilla
Roa-Puno
Rodriguez (I.)
Rodriguez (M.)
Roman
Romualdez
Romualdo
Roque (H.)
Roque (R.)
Sacdalan
Sagarbarria
Sahali
Salceda
Salo
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Sambar
Sandoval
Sarmiento (C.)
Sarmiento (E.M.)
Savellano
Sema
Siao
Silverio
Singson

Suansing (E.)
Suansing (H.)
Suarez
Sy-Alvarado
Tambunting
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Villanueva
Villaraza-Suarez
Villarin
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Negative:

None

Abstention:

None

With 213 affirmative votes, no negative votes, and no abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading the aforementioned House Bills.

**APPROVAL ON THIRD READING
OF CERTAIN HOUSE BILLS**
(Continuation)

Distributed on September 28, 2017:

4. House Bill No. 3979, entitled: "AN ACT DECLARING TWO (2) PARCELS OF LAND OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN LOCATED IN THE CITY OF NAGA, PROVINCE OF CEBU AS AGRICULTURAL LAND OPEN TO DISPOSITION FOR

AGRICULTURAL, RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL OR OTHER PRODUCTIVE PURPOSES”;

5. House Bill No. 6316, entitled: “AN ACT GRANTING NORTHEASTERN BROADCASTING SERVICES, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN ISABELA PROVINCE AND REGION II”;
6. House Bill No. 6418, entitled: “AN ACT DECLARING OCTOBER 26 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF CATANDUANES TO BE KNOWN AS THE 'FOUNDATION DAY OF CATANDUANES'”; and
7. House Joint Resolution No. 15, entitled: “JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY TO AWARD TO OTHER QUALIFIED BENEFICIARIES THE UNAWARDED HOUSING UNITS IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP)/PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP)/BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION (BFP)/BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY (BJMP)/BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS (BUCOR) HOUSING PROJECTS, AWARDED HOUSING UNITS THAT ARE NOT YET OCCUPIED AND WHOSE OWNERSHIP AND POSSESSION ARE SURRENDERED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE AWARDEES, AND HOUSING UNITS WHOSE RESPECTIVE AWARDS WERE CANCELLED BY REASON OF DEFAULT IN THE PAYMENT OF AMORTIZATION OR FOR ANY VIOLATION OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE INDIVIDUAL LOAN AGREEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXISTING LAWS.”

The Chair then directed the Secretary General to call the Roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the amended Provisional Rules of the House, a second Roll Call was made.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

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Castelo
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Castro (F.H.)
Cayetano
Celeste
Cerilles
Chavez
Chipeco
Cojuangco
Cortes

Crisologo	Madrona
Cua	Malapitan
Cuaresma	Mangaoang
Cueva	Mangudadatu (Z.)
Dalipe	Marcoleta
Datol	Marcos
de Venecia	Marquez
De Vera	Martinez
Defensor	Matugas
Del Mar	Mellana
Del Rosario	Mercado
Deloso-Montalla	Mirasol
Dimaporo (A.)	Montoro
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Nava
Duavit	Nieto
Durano	Noel
Elago	Nogralas (J.J.)
Erice	Nolasco
Eriguel	Nuñez-Malanyaon
Ermita-Buhain	Oaminal
Escudero	Ortega (P.)
Espina	Ortega (V.N.)
Espino	Pacquiao
Eusebio	Paduano
Evardone	Palma
Fariñas	Pancho
Ferrer (J.)	Panganiban
Ferrer (L.)	Panotes
Ferriol-Pascual	Papandayan
Flores	Pichay
Fortuno	Pimentel
Garcia (J.E.)	Pineda
Garin (R.)	Plaza
Garin (S.)	Primicias-Agabas
Gasataya	Quimbo
Geron	Radaza
Go (M.)	Ramos
Gomez	Relampagos
Gonzaga	Revilla
Gonzales (A.D.)	Roa-Puno
Gonzalez	Rodriguez (I.)
Hernandez	Rodriguez (M.)
Herrera-Dy	Roman
Hofer	Romualdez
Javier	Romualdo
Kho	Roque (H.)
Labadlabad	Roque (R.)
Lacson	Sacdalan
Lagman	Sagarbarria
Lanete	Sahali
Laogan	Salceda
Lazatin	Salo
Leachon	Salon
Lee	Sambar
Lopez (B.)	Sandoval
Lopez (C.)	Sarmiento (C.)
Lopez (M.L.)	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Maceda	Savellano

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Singson
Suansing (E.)
Suansing (H.)
Suarez
Sy-Alvarado
Tambunting
Tan (A.)
Tan (M.)
Tan (S.)
Tejada
Teves
Tiangco
Tinio
Tugna
Tupas
Ty
Umali
Unabia
Ungab
Uy (J.)
Uy (R.)
Vargas-Alfonso
Velarde
Velasco
Velasco-Catera
Velo
Vergara
Villanueva
Villaraza-Suarez
Villarin
Violago
Yap (V.)
Yu
Zarate
Zubiri

Negative:

None

Abstention:

None

With 214 affirmative votes, no negative votes, and no abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading the aforementioned House Bills.

REFERRAL OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS ON INQUIRIES IN AID OF LEGISLATION

In accordance with the Rules governing inquiries in aid of legislation, on motion of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body approved to refer the following House Resolutions to the appropriate Committees hereunder indicated:

1. House Resolution No. 1325, on the alleged hazing-related death of 22-year old first year University of Santo Tomas (UST) law student Horacio Tomas Castillo III – to the Committee on Justice;
2. House Resolution No. 1328, on the death of UST law student Horacio Tomas Castillo III thru hazing with the end in view of, amending the provisions of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 8049, otherwise known as the “Anti-Hazing Law” – to the Committee on Justice;
3. House Resolution No. 1329, on the alleged extrajudicial killings and human rights violations against the people of Marawi during the Martial Law in Mindanao and the worsening attack against the lives and ancestral lands of Bangsamoro – to the Committee on National Defense and Security;
4. House Resolution No. 1330, on the human rights violations committed against members of the country’s national minorities – to the Committee on National Defense and Security;
5. House Resolution No. 1331, on the data cited by the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) in a report it submitted to the Senate on September 19, 2017 stating that some 3,827 Filipinos are languishing in jails across 52 countries and territories as of the end of 2016 – to the Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs;
6. House Resolution No. 1332, on Task Force Bangon Marawi to provide a briefing and presentation of the rehabilitation plan to the House Committee on Mindanao Affairs – to the Committee on Public Works and Highways; and
7. House Resolution No. 1336, on the extrajudicial killings of basic political unit officers in Nueva Ecija – to the Committee on Public Order and Safety.

SENATE TRANSMITTAL OF HOUSE MEASURES

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Arthur R. Defensor Jr., there being no objection, the Body directed the Secretariat to immediately transmit to the Senate the recently-approved measures on Third Reading.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 6:35 p.m., upon motion of Representative Defensor.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 6:36 p.m.

THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Pimentel, there being no objection, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour and thereafter, recognized Rep. Aniceto “John” D. Bertiz III for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE BERTIZ

Representative Bertiz called attention to the alleged irregularities in the public bidding conducted by the Land Transportation Office (LTO) for vehicle license plates for calendar year 2017. He explained that the amount of ₱998.8 million was taken from the 2017 General Fund for this purpose, despite questions during the pre-bid conference on the legality of the use thereof and allegations that the public bidding was rigged and manipulated. He thereafter relayed the complaints since 2013 about the delays in the release both of vehicle plates and driver’s license cards. Valuing the principles of transparency and accountability in government processes, he called on his colleagues to revisit said LTO bidding.

On motion of Representative Defensor, the Chair recognized Rep. Anthony M. Bravo, Ph.D. to interpellate Representative Bertiz.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE BRAVO (A.)

Representative Bravo discussed with Representative Bertiz the definition and use of the General Fund; the essence of continuing and automatic appropriations; and the legality of the LTO’s use of said fund from the 2017 General Appropriations Act for the procurement of driver’s license cards. The latter stressed that they should not allow the agency to infringe on the constitutional powers of Congress as to how the fund should be used. The former expressed support for his colleague’s initiative to stop the LTO from availing of said funds and to ask Congress to investigate the same.

REFERRAL OF THE PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE BERTIZ

On motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Bertiz’ privilege speech and the interpellation thereon to the Committee on Rules.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Defensor, the session was suspended at 6:58 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 6:58 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until four o’clock in the afternoon of Monday, October 9, 2017.

It was 6:59 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

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

Approved on October 9, 2017.

DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTED

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

1. House Bill No. 6396, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING POLICIES FOR THE PROTECTION AND WELFARE OF CAREGIVERS IN THE PRACTICE OF THEIR PROFESSION”

2. House Bill No. 6431, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING BOHOL CHRONICLE RADIO CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL”

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**** 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
ALBANO	***** CAGAS	ESCUDERO
***** ALCALA	CALDERON	ESPINA
ALEJANO	CALIXTO-RUBIANO	ESPINO
ALMARIO	CAMINERO	***** ESTRELLA
ALMONTE	CAMPOS	EUSEBIO
ALONTE	CANAMA	EVARDONE
* ALVAREZ (F.)	CARI	FARIÑAS
**** ALVAREZ (M.)	CASILAO	***** FERNANDO
ALVAREZ (P.)	CASTELO	FERRER (J.)
**** AMANTE	CASTRO (F.L.)	FERRER (L.)
AMATONG	CASTRO (F.H.)	FERRIOL-PASCUAL
**** ANDAYA	***** CATAMCO	***** FLOIRENDO
ANGARA-CASTILLO	CAYETANO	FLORES
***** ANTONINO	* CELESTE	** FORTUN
***** ANTONIO	**** CERAFICA	FORTUNO
AQUINO-MAGSAYSAY	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	DATOL	***** GONZALES (A.P.)
**** BAUTISTA-BANDIGAN	***** DAZA	GONZALES (A.D.)
BELARO	**** DE JESUS	GONZALEZ
BELMONTE (F.)	DE VENECIA	**** GORRICETA

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

* Appeared after the Roll Call

** On official mission

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

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

***** Absent without notice

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