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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Munir M. Arbi-son 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.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. Rodante D. Marcoleta, the Chair suspended the session at 3:02 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:06 p.m.

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

On motion of Representative Marcoleta, there being no objection, the Body deferred the calling of the Roll and the approval of the Journal of the previous session.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 8638, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING AN INDEPENDENT POLICY-MAKING, QUALITY ASSESSING, RESEARCH AND REGULATORY BODY FOR THE EDUCATION SYSTEM IN THE PHILIPPINES TO BE

KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE EDUCATION RESEARCH AND REGULATORY COMMISSION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Lacson

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 8639, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR MOBILE DATA ALLOWANCE FOR ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Lacson

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 8640, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE USE OF STANDARDIZED DATE LABELS ON CONSUMER PRODUCTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7394, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'CONSUMER ACT OF THE PHILIPPINES' ”

By Representative Limkaichong

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 2311, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT TO INVESTIGATE IN AID OF LEGISLATION THE POLICIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF

BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT ON
UNRELEASED APPROPRIATIONS
AND OTHER BUDGET PRACTICES”

By Representatives Suarez, Bravo (A.), Atienza, Bertiz, Garbin, Paduano, Salon, Matugas, Belaro, Arcillas, Cortuna, Chavez, Lee, Ferriol-Pascual, Lopez (B.), Aquino-Magsaysay, Antonio, Siao, Datol, Uybarreta, Dimaporo (M.K.), Ferrer (J.), Revilla, Caminero, Ong (E.), Teves, Calderon, Canama, Radaza, Cari and Hernandez (P.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2312, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT TO INVESTIGATE IN AID OF LEGISLATION THE LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS, POLICIES AND PRACTICES GOVERNING SAVINGS”

By Representatives Suarez, Bravo (A.), Atienza, Bertiz, Garbin, Paduano, Salon, Matugas, Belaro, Arcillas, Cortuna, Chavez, Lee, Ferriol-Pascual, Aquino-Magsaysay, Antonio, Siao, Datol, Uybarreta, Dimaporo (M.K.), Ferrer (J.), Revilla, Caminero, Ong (E.), Teves, Calderon, Canama, Radaza, Cari and Hernandez (P.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2313, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT TO INVESTIGATE IN AID OF LEGISLATION THE LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS, POLICIES AND PRACTICES GOVERNING THE MISCELLANEOUS PERSONNEL BENEFITS FUND AND THE PENSION AND GRATUITY FUND”

By Representatives Suarez, Bravo (A.), Atienza, Bertiz, Garbin, Paduano, Salon, Matugas, Belaro, Arcillas, Cortuna, Chavez, Lee, Ferriol-Pascual, Lopez (B.), Aquino-Magsaysay, Antonio, Siao, Datol, Uybarreta, Dimaporo (M.K.), Ferrer (J.), Revilla, Caminero, Ong (E.), Teves, Calderon, Canama, Radaza, Cari and Hernandez (P.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2314, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT TO INVESTIGATE IN AID OF LEGISLATION THE POLICIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT ON UNRELEASED APPROPRIATIONS AND OTHER BUDGET PRACTICES”

By Representatives Suarez, Bravo (A.), Atienza, Bertiz, Garbin, Paduano, Salon, Matugas, Belaro, Arcillas, Cortuna, Chavez, Lee, Ferriol-Pascual, Lopez (B.), Aquino-Magsaysay, Antonio, Siao, Datol, Uybarreta, Dimaporo (M.K.), Ferrer (J.), Revilla, Caminero, Ong (E.), Teves, Calderon, Canama, Radaza, Cari and Hernandez (P.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2316, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING *KIDLAT TAHIMIK* FOR BEING DECLARED AS NATIONAL ARTIST FOR FILM AND BROADCAST ARTS”

By Representative Go (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Resolution No. 2317, entitled:

“RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ILLEGAL ENTRY AND DUMPING OF HAZARDOUS PLASTIC GARBAGE FROM SOUTH KOREA IN THE PHIVIDEC INDUSTRIAL ESTATE IN TAGOLOAN, MISAMIS ORIENTAL”

By Representatives Uy (J.), Acosta-Alba, Siao, Zubiri, Uy (R.), Rodriguez (M.), Romualdo, Almonte and Oaminal

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2318, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE TO RECOMMIT TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES HOUSE BILL NO. 8179 OR 'AN ACT GRANTING

SOLAR PARA SA BAYAN CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN DISTRIBUTABLE POWER TECHNOLOGIES AND MINIGRID SYSTEMS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO SUSTAINABLE ENERGY' AND TO HAVE THE SAME MEASURE BE JOINTLY REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES AND THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY”

By Representatives Velasco, Uybarreta and Vergara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2319, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES BOARD OF REGENTS TO RECONSIDER ITS POLICY LIMITING THE COMMUTATION OF FACULTY SICK LEAVE BENEFITS ONLY TO 'SERIOUS OR SEVERE ILLNESSES' IN CASES OF OPTIONAL RETIREMENT”

By Representatives Tinio and Castro (F.L.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Resolution No. 2320, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE ON ITS POLICIES ON THE PROMOTION OF TEACHING PERSONNEL”

By Representatives Tinio and Castro (F.L.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2321, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE ON ITS POLICIES IN RELATION TO THE RESULTS-BASED PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM”

By Representatives Tinio and Castro (F.L.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2322, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT TO REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE ON THE NON-IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT 4670 OR THE MAGNA CARTA FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS ON FREE COMPULSORY MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND TREATMENT AND COMPENSATION FOR INJURIES”

By Representatives Tinio and Castro (F.L.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2323, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE ON THE DELAYED REMITTANCE OR NON-REMITTANCE OF THE PERSONAL AND GOVERNMENT SHARES OF TEACHERS' GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM”

By Representatives Tinio and Castro (F.L.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2324, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO REPORT TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE ON THE STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE K TO 12 PROGRAM”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2325, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE QUEZON CITY POLICE DISTRICT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DIVISION OF QUEZON CITY SCHOOLS TO REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE ON

THEIR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING INSTITUTIONALIZING THE QCPD JUNIOR POLICE PROJECT, AND DIRECTING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE AND THE DEPED TO REPORT TO CONGRESS ON SIMILAR AGREEMENTS”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2326, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY ON THE CONSULTANCY CONTRACT SIGNED BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE CHINA RAILWAY DESIGN CORP. (CRDC) AND GUANGZHOU WANAN CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION CO. LTD. (WACC) FOR THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL RAILWAYS (PNR) SOUTH LONG-HAUL PROJECT”

By Representative Suarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2327, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MR. EARL PATRICK FORLALES FOR WINNING THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED CITIES OF OUR FUTURE COMPETITION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM”

By Representative Silverio

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2328, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF GUALBERTO B. LUMAUIG, FORMER GOVERNOR AND REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PROVINCE OF IFUGAO”

By Representatives Macapagal-Arroyo, Andaya and Suarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Message dated November 19, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 8055, entitled:

“AN ACT DIVIDING THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN INTO THREE (3) PROVINCES, NAMELY: PALAWAN DEL NORTE, PALAWAN ORIENTAL, AND PALAWAN DEL SUR”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Message dated November 19, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed without amendment House Bill No. 5161, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CITY PROSECUTION SERVICE IN THE CITY OF NAVOTAS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 55 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9387, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'CHARTER OF THE CITY OF NAVOTAS' ”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated November 19, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 1297, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER 7653, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE NEW CENTRAL BANK ACT', AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated November 19, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 2059, entitled:

“AN ACT ENHANCING REVENUE ADMINISTRATION AND COLLECTION, AND BROADENING THE TAX BASE BY GRANTING AN AMNESTY ON ALL UNPAID INTERNAL REVENUE TAXES IMPOSED BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT FOR TAXABLE YEAR 2017 AND PRIOR YEARS WITH RESPECT TO ESTATE TAX, OTHER INTERNAL

REVENUE TAXES, AND TAX ON DELINQUENCIES AND ADDRESSING CROSS-BORDER TAX EVASION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated November 19, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on even date the Senate designated Senators Francis “Chiz” G. Escudero, Ralph G. Recto, Cynthia A. Villar and Franklin M. Drilon as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1297, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER 7653, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE NEW CENTRAL BANK ACT', AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”;

and House Bill No. 7742, entitled:

“AN ACT REINFORCING THE CORPORATE VIABILITY OF THE BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS, STRENGTHENING ITS MONETARY AND FINANCIAL STABILITY FUNCTIONS AND ENHANCING ITS REGULATORY POWERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7653, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE NEW CENTRAL BANK ACT' ”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated November 19, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on even date the Senate designated Senator Joel Villanueva as an additional conferee to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1716, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING AND ESTABLISHING A SPORTS COMPLEX KNOWN AS THE 'PHILIPPINE AMATEUR SPORTS TRAINING CENTER', AND FUNDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY, CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES, INCLUDING ITS ADMINISTRATION, MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”;

and House Bill No. 5615, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPORTS COMPLEX KNOWN AS THE 'NATIONAL SPORTS TRAINING CENTER', AND PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY, THE CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES, AND THE ADMINISTRATION, MAINTENANCE, AND MANAGEMENT OF THE CENTER”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated November 19, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on even date the Senate designated Senators Cynthia A. Villar, Ralph G. Recto, Francis “Chiz” G. Escudero, Joseph Victor G. Ejercito, Win Gatchalian and Franklin M. Drilon as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1998, entitled:

“AN ACT LIBERALIZING THE IMPORTATION, EXPORTATION AND TRADING OF RICE, LIFTING FOR THE PURPOSE THE QUANTITATIVE IMPORT RESTRICTION ON RICE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”;

and House Bill No. 7735, entitled:

“AN ACT REPLACING THE QUANTITATIVE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON RICE WITH TARIFFS AND CREATING THE RICE COMPETITIVENESS ENHANCEMENT FUND”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated November 19, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on even date the Senate designated Senators Sonny Angara, Ralph G. Recto, Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay, Aquilino “Koko” Pimentel III and Franklin M. Drilon as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 2059, entitled:

“AN ACT ENHANCING REVENUE ADMINISTRATION AND COLLECTION, AND BROADENING THE TAX BASE BY GRANTING AN AMNESTY ON ALL UNPAID INTERNAL REVENUE TAXES IMPOSED BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT FOR TAXABLE YEAR 2017 AND PRIOR YEARS WITH RESPECT

TO ESTATE TAX, OTHER INTERNAL REVENUE TAXES, AND TAX ON DELINQUENCIES AND ADDRESSING CROSS-BORDER TAX EVASION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”;

and House Bill No. 4814, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING AMNESTY IN THE PAYMENT OF ESTATE TAX”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated November 21, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on even date the Senate reconsidered the approval of the Conference Committee Report of the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1753 and House Bill No. 2158, entitled:

“AN ACT RATIONALIZING AND EXPANDING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY COMMISSION TO ENSURE THE LONG-TERM VIABILITY OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1161, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8282, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'SOCIAL SECURITY ACT OF 1997' ”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated November 21, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on even date the Senate approved the Conference Committee Report of the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1636 and House Bill No. 7652, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING MOBILE SERVICE PROVIDERS TO PROVIDE NATION-WIDE MOBILE NUMBER PORTABILITY TO SUBSCRIBERS”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated November 21, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on even date the Senate approved the Conference Committee Report of the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 2031 and House Bill No. 5236, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE RANK CLASSIFICATION IN THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE, AMENDING FOR

THE PURPOSE SECTION 28 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990' ”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated November 21, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on even date the Senate designated Senators Francis “Chiz” G. Escudero and Franklin M. Drilon as additional conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1233, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE COCONUT FARMERS AND INDUSTRY TRUST FUND, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND UTILIZATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”;

and House Bill No. 5745, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE COCONUT FARMERS AND INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND AND PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND UTILIZATION”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated November 22, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on November 21, 2018 the Senate designated Senators Joseph Victor G. Ejercito, Win Gatchalian, Cynthia A. Villar, and Sonny Angara as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1391, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MANDATORY PHILHEALTH COVERAGE FOR ALL PERSONS WITH DISABILITY (PWDs), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'MAGNA CARTA FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY', AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”;

and House Bill No. 8014, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MANDATORY PHILHEALTH COVERAGE OF ALL PERSONS WITH DISABILITY (PWD), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, AS

AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'MAGNA CARTA FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY' ”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated November 22, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on November 21, 2018 the Senate designated Senators Cynthia A. Villar, Ralph G. Recto, Francis “Chiz” G. Escudero, Joseph Victor G. Ejercito, Win Gatchalian, Franklin M. Drilon and Francis N. Pangilinan as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1976, entitled:

“AN ACT TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE PHILIPPINE COCONUT AUTHORITY (PCA), AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1468, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'REVISED COCONUT INDUSTRY CODE OF 1978, AS AMENDED' ”;

and House Bill No. 8552, entitled:

“AN ACT FURTHER STRENGTHENING THE PHILIPPINE COCONUT AUTHORITY (PCA), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 4 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1468, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'REVISED COCONUT INDUSTRY CODE', AS AMENDED”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMUNICATION

Letter dated 19 November 2018 of Janice G. Ayson-Zales, Acting Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), furnishing the House of Representatives with a duly certified and authenticated copy of Circular No. 1021 dated 15 November 2018.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 955), re H.B. No. 8650, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER IN

THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAL-LO, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN, TO BE KNOWN AS THE LAL-LO, CAGAYAN TESDA TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5820

Sponsors: Representatives Javier, Zamora (M.C.) and Antonio

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Higher and Technical Education (Committee Report No. 956), re H.B. No. 8654, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO PROVIDE THE APPROPRIATE ARMCHAIRS TO LEFT-HANDED STUDENTS”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 7109

Sponsors: Representatives Durano, Javier and Roa-Puno

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ROLL CALL

On motion of Rep. Arthur R. Defensor Jr., there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abaya
Abayon
Abellanosa
Abu
Abueg
Acharon
Acop
Acosta-Alba
Advincula
Aggabao
Almario
Almonte
Alonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (M.)
Amatong
Andaya
Antonio
Aquino-Magsaysay

Aragones	Garcia (J.E.)
Arbison	Garcia-Albano
Arcillas	Garin (S.)
Arenas	Gasataya
Atienza	Gatchalian
Bag-ao	Geron
Barbers	Go (A.C.)
Bataoil	Go (M.)
Bautista-Bandigan	Gonzaga
Belaro	Gonzales (A.P.)
Belmonte (J.C.)	Gonzalez
Belmonte (R.)	Gullas
Bernos	Hernandez (F.)
Biazon	Hernandez (P.)
Billones	Hofer
Bolilia	Jalosjos
Bondoc	Javier
Bordado	Lacson
Bravo (A.)	Lagman
Bulut-Begtang	Lanete
Calderon	Lazatin
Calixto-Rubiano	Limkaichong
Campos	Lobregat
Cari	Lopez (B.)
Casilao	Lopez (M.L.)
Castelo	Macapagal-Arroyo
Castro (F.H.)	Madrona
Celeste	Malapitan
Ceramica	Manalo
Cerilles	Mangaoang
Chavez	Marcoleta
Chipeco	Mariño
Cortes	Marquez
Cortuna	Martinez
Cosalan	Matugas
Crisologo	Mending
Cuaresma	Mercado
Dalipe	Mirasol
De Jesus	Montoro
Defensor	Nieto
Del Mar	Noel
Del Rosario	Nolasco
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Nuñez-Malanyaon
Durano	Olivarez
Erice	Ong (E.)
Eriguel	Ong (H.)
Ermita-Buhain	Ortega (P.)
Escudero	Ortega (V.N.)
Espina	Pacquiao
Estrella	Paduano
Evardone	Palma
Ferrer (J.)	Pancho
Ferrer (L.)	Panotes
Floirendo	Papandayan
Flores	Pichay
Fortun	Pico
Fortuno	Pimentel
Garbin	Primicias-Agabas

Quimbo
Ramirez-Sato
Ramos
Revilla
Roa-Puno
Rodriguez (I.)
Rodriguez (M.)
Romero
Romualdez
Romualdo
Sacdalan
Salimbangon
Salo
Sambar
Sandoval
Sangcopan
Sarmiento (C.)
Sarmiento (E.M.)
Savellano
Sema
Siao
Silverio
Singson
Suansing (E.)
Suansing (H.)
Suarez
Tambunting
Tan (A.)
Tan (M.)
Tejada
Teves
Tinio
Tolentino
Treñas
Tugna
Ty
Unabia
Ungab
Unico
Uy (J.)
Uy (R.)
Uybarreta
Vargas-Alfonso
Velarde
Velasco
Vergara
Villarica
Villarín
Violago
Yap (M.)
Yu
Zamora (M.C.)
Zamora (R.)
Zubiri

With 189 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix)

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA

Recognized by the Chair, Rep. Jose L. Atienza Jr. manifested that the Secretariat's Roll Call count for the day's session was 100% accurate and thereafter congratulated them.

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL NO. 33

On motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 33 dated November 26, 2018.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:27 p.m.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 617 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 7206

On motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 7206 contained in Committee Report No. 617 as reported out by the Committee on Justice.

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

“AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO MOHAMAD WASSIM NANAA.”

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

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 7206

While the Committee was still preparing for the sponsorship of House Bill No. 7206, on motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body temporarily suspended its consideration on Second Reading.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Defensor, the session was suspended at 3:28 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:29 p.m.

**BUSINESS FOR THE DAY:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 946
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 8636**

On further motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 8636 contained in Committee Report No. 946 as reported out by the Committees on Health, Appropriations, and Ways and Means.

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

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

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

On motion of Representative Defensor, the Chair recognized Rep. Cristina “Chiqui” Roa-Puno, one of the authors of the measure, to sponsor the same.

**SPONSORSHIP SPEECH
OF REPRESENTATIVE ROA-PUNO**

Representative Roa-Puno first acknowledged the presence in the gallery of the 150 members of the Cancer Coalition of the Philippines. She then presented the merits of the Bill which institutionalizes a national integrated cancer control program for the country.

She noted that cancer is one of the leading causes of mortality and morbidity among Filipino adults and children and pushes Filipino families deeper into poverty because the cost of cancer treatment is devastating and its economic burden, equally shattering. She then cited a 2016 World Health Organization (WHO) report which stated that most cancers are now curable and survival for various types of cancer now ranges from 60 % to 96% in high and growing middle-income countries, but the Philippines’ mortality rates remain disturbing.

After expounding on the main objectives and salient features of the Bill, Representative Roa-

Puno expressed hope that the government will immediately institutionalize an integrated, multidisciplinary, multisectoral nationwide cancer control and management for all types of cancer, as the country’s commitment to the 70th World Health Assembly Resolution of the WHO. She concluded that as legislators, the Members are duty-bound to uphold the health and well-being of the people. She then urged her colleagues to approve the measure to achieve a healthier and cancer-free Philippines.

**APPROVAL ON SECOND READING
OF HOUSE BILL NO. 8636**

Subsequently, on successive motions of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate in the absence of interpellations on the measure; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of Committee and individual amendments; and approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 8636 through *viva voce* voting.

**DESIGNATION OF HOUSE CONFEREES
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 7742
AND SENATE BILL NO. 1297**

On motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body designated the following Members to the Conference Committee to reconcile the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 7742 and Senate Bill No. 1297, amending the New Central Bank Act: Reps. Henry C. Ong, Ben P. Evardone, Pablo C. Ortega, Strike B. Revilla, Jorge T. Almonte, Jose “Pingping” I. Tejada, “Kuya” Jose Antonio R. Sy-Alvarado, Scott Davies S. Lanete, MD, Frederick W. Siao, Orestes T. Salon, Gerald Anthony “Samsam” V. Gullas Jr., Francisco Jose F. Matugas II, Erico Aristotle C. Aumentado, Harlin Neil J. Abayon III, and Raul “Boboy” C. Tupas.

**RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION
ON SECOND READING
OF HOUSE BILL NO. 7206**

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body resumed the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 7206 contained in Committee Report No. 617 and reported out by the Committee on Justice, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO MOHAMAD WASSIM NANAA.”

**APPROVAL ON SECOND READING
OF HOUSE BILL NO. 7206**

Thereupon, on successive motions of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the

Body adopted the Explanatory Note of the Bill as the sponsorship remarks on the measure, upon motion of Deputy Speaker Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica, one of the principal authors of the measure, who also mentioned that the measure was a refiled version of a similar bill approved in the previous Congress; terminated the period of sponsorship and debate in the absence of interpellations; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of Committee and individual amendments; and approved House Bill No. 7206 on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting.

**BUSINESS FOR THE DAY:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 954
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 8649**

On motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 8649 contained in Committee Report No. 954 and reported out by the Committee on Transportation.

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

“AN ACT RENAMING CLARK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LOCATED IN ANGELES CITY, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA AS DIOSDADO MACAPAGAL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.”

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

**SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF
REPRESENTATIVE SARMIENTO (C.)**

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Defensor, the Chair recognized Rep. Cesar V. Sarmiento, Chairperson of the sponsoring Committee, who requested that the Explanatory Note of the measure be considered as his sponsorship speech. He then quoted an excerpt from Resolution No. 5124 issued by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Pampanga dated July 27, 2018, urging President Rodrigo Roa Duterte and both Houses of Congress to issue a presidential proclamation and legislation renaming the Clark International Airport in Pampanga to Diosdado Macapagal International Airport, in recognition of the late President's contributions to the country.

On subsequent motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Sponsor's Explanatory Note on House Bill No. 8649 was inserted into the records as part of the latter's sponsorship speech.

**INTERPELLATION OF
REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA**

Recognized by the Chair on motion of Representative Defensor, Representative Atienza discussed with the Sponsor how former President Macapagal was well-loved not only by the people of Pampanga but by the entire nation as well. This, as they agreed that Clark International Airport should be renamed after him with an explanation in the historical marker to be placed therein how great and well-admired the former President was because he defeated economic challenges and oligarchy.

**APPROVAL ON SECOND READING
OF HOUSE BILL NO. 8649**

Whereupon, on successive motions of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate in the absence of further interpellations; closed the period of amendments in the absence of Committee and individual amendments; and approved the measure on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting.

**RECONSIDERATION OF RATIFICATION
OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
REPORT ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2158
AND SENATE BILL NO. 1753**

With leave of the House, on motion of Representative Marcoleta, there being no objection, the Body reconsidered the ratification of the Conference Committee Report on House Bill No. 2158 and Senate Bill No. 1753, rationalizing and expanding the powers and duties of the Social Security System (SSS).

**DESIGNATION OF HOUSE CONFEREES
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2158
AND SENATE BILL NO. 1753**

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Marcoleta, there being no objection, the Body designated the following Members to the Conference Committee to reconcile the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 2158 and Senate Bill No. 1753, rationalizing and expanding the powers and duties of the SSS: Reps. Prospero A. Pichay Jr., Mark O. Go, Jesus Nonato Sacdalan, Alfred D. Vargas, Rogelio J. Espina, MD, and Orestes T. Salon.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Rep. Wilter “Sharky” Wee Palma II acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Rep. Benhur L. Salimbangon.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS UNDER THE BUSINESS FOR THE DAY

On successive motions of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading the following House Bills calendared under the Business for the Day contained in Committee Reports submitted by the Committees hereunder indicated; dispensed with the reading of the texts of the measures without prejudice to their insertion into the Record of the House, as copies thereof were already distributed to the Members; adopted the Explanatory Notes of the Bills as the sponsorship remarks on the measures, upon motion of the Sponsors mentioned below; terminated the period of sponsorship and debate in the absence of interpellations; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of Committee and individual amendments; and approved the measures on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting:

Submitted by the Committee on Transportation and sponsored by Rep. Jesulito A. Manalo, one of the principal authors of the measure:

1. House Bill No. 8394 contained in Committee Report No. 890, providing for the full and effective implementation and enforcement of International Maritime Instruments of which the Philippines is a State-party;

Submitted by the Committees on Government Enterprises and Privatization, Appropriations, and Ways and Means and sponsored by Representative Sacdalan, Chairperson of the sponsoring Committee:

2. House Bill No. 8637 contained in Committee Report No. 947, creating the Regional Investment and Infrastructure Coordinating Hub of Central Luzon;

Submitted by the Committees on Energy, Appropriations, and Ways and Means and sponsored by Rep. Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco, Chairperson of the sponsoring Committee:

3. House Bill No. 8629 contained in Committee Report No. 939, institutionalizing an

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Program;

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 4:02 p.m. upon motion of Representative Defensor.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:02 p.m.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS UNDER THE BUSINESS FOR THE DAY

(Continuation)

Submitted by the Committee on Muslim Affairs and sponsored by its Chairperson, Rep. Bai Sandra Sin-suat A. Sema:

4. House Bill No. 8590 contained in Committee Report No. 931, declaring the first day of February of every year as National Hijab Day;

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Representative Palma acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Majority Leader Rolando G. Andaya Jr., and Reps. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr., and Paul P. Hernandez.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS UNDER THE BUSINESS FOR THE DAY

(Continuation)

Submitted by the Committee on Legislative Franchises and sponsored by its Chairperson, Rep. Franz E. Alvarez:

5. House Bill No. 8630 contained in Committee Report No. 940, renewing for another twenty-five (25) years the franchise granted to ABC Development Corporation, presently known as TV5 Network, Inc., under Republic Act (R.A.) No. 7831;
6. House Bill No. 8633 contained in Committee Report No. 944, renewing for another twenty-five (25) years the franchise granted to Ultimate Entertainment, Inc., under R.A. No. 8102;

Submitted by the Committees on Government Reorganization, Science and Technology, and Appropriations and sponsored by Rep. Mariano Michael M. Velarde Jr., Chairperson of the Committee on Government Reorganization:

7. House Bill No. 8541 contained in Committee Report No. 922, establishing the Philippine Space Development and Utilization Policy and creating the Philippine Space Agency, defining the purpose and scope of its activities;

Submitted by the Committees on Public Order and Safety, and Appropriations and sponsored by Rep. Romeo M. Acop, Chairperson of the sponsoring Committee:

8. House Bill No. 8628 contained in Committee Report No. 938, transferring the Philippine National Police Academy and the National Police Training Institute from the Philippine Public Safety College to the Philippine National Police, amending for the purpose Sections 24, 35, 66 and 67 of R.A. No. 6975;

Submitted by the Committee on Local Government and sponsored by Rep. Jonas C. Cortes, one of the principal authors of the measure:

9. House Bill No. 8511 contained in Committee Report No. 917, separating the City of Mandaue from the Sixth Legislative District of the Province of Cebu to constitute the Lone Legislative District of the City of Mandaue; and

Submitted by the Committee on Housing and Urban Development and sponsored by Rep. Rozzano Rufino B. Biazon, one of the principal authors of the measure:

10. House Bill No. 8553 contained in Committee Report No. 925, prescribing the mechanisms to facilitate the disposition of idle government-owned lands for socialized housing.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 951
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 8645**

On motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body resumed the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 8645 contained in Committee Report No. 951 as reported out by the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 22, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 34, 37, 38, 39, 42, 51, 52, 54, 56, 57, 73, 108, 121, 122, 123, 174, 176, 179, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, AND 199; AND REPEALING SECTIONS 127, 175, 177, 178, 180, 192, AND 193; ALL UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

Representative Defensor stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate; and on his motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Estrellita B. Suansing, Chairperson of the sponsoring Committee, to answer interpellations.

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

There being no Member who wished to interpellate the Sponsor, on motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

In view of Rep. Antonio L. Tinio’s manifestation to interpellate the Sponsor, on motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body reconsidered its termination of the period of sponsorship and debate on the instant Bill.

**INTERPELLATION OF
REPRESENTATIVE TINIO**

On motion of Representative Defensor, the Body recognized Representative Tinio who first asked about the impact of House Bill No. 8645 on the stakeholders concerned. Representative Suansing (E.) replied that the measure was revenue-neutral; was proposed for housekeeping purposes or to simplify the tax system and tax all sectors equally; and would lessen the tax on passive income while recovering government losses thereon through the repeal of some laws on tax exemptions.

Then discussing those who will benefit from the measure, Representative Suansing cited the total amount of taxes that the government would lose as well as recover in the next four years; and explained that those who will benefit from the Bill are passive

income earners like those who receive dividend income whether individuals or corporations inasmuch as the taxes thereon will be reduced. She added that marginalized sectors will not be affected by the Bill because they do not have passive incomes.

Representative Tinio however pointed out that majority of Filipinos do not have the luxury of having savings accounts much less time deposit. He observed that like the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) Act which reduced personal income taxes but increased excise taxes, the instant measure was also regressive in nature.

Thereafter explaining how the government will recover its losses from reduced taxes on passive income, Representative Suansing cited laws that will be repealed which grant tax exemptions to certain agencies; and pointed out that the savings and disposable income of said agencies will be taxed.

Representative Tinio however observed that some agencies that will be affected cater to the needs of the housing sector, agricultural sector, depositors of nonstock savings and loan associations, and clients of micro-finance programs. He concluded that House Bill No. 8645 was another measure that decreased the tax imposed on one sector while it increased the tax imposed on a bigger sector.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At this point, the Chair suspended the session at 4:49 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:52 p.m., the Chair resumed the session.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TINIO

(Continuation)

Representative Suansing (E.) subsequently reiterated that the goal of the measure is to apply taxes equally, but Representative Tinio disagreed that simplifying the tax system has to involve the removal of preferential options given to particular institutions.

On whether the Sponsor is amenable to retain exemptions on Section 31, letter (w) on micro-finance operations, letter (z) covering nonstock savings and loan associations, and letter (bb) on thrift banks, Representative Suansing replied that the Bill

does not prevent granting loans to the poor but financial institutions such as thrift banks earn income which should be taxed. She said that it is with much regret that the Committee is not amenable to Representative Tinio's proposed amendments.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE DEFENSOR

Considering that Representative Atienza who was next to interpellate was not in the Session Hall at the moment, Representative Defensor moved to recognize instead Rep. Tom S. Villarin for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE VILLARIN

Recognized by the Chair, Representative Villarin discussed with Representative Suansing (E.) whether the combination of two distinct and separate subject matters is allowed in one bill even if it is a revenue-neutral measure; the difference between active and passive incomes, and financial intermediation income; and whether the Airbnb scheme and health benefits of workers accruing from HMOs are taxable under the measure.

On the windfall profits of businesses that benefit from major public infrastructure such as MRTs, LRTs, and proposed airports, Representative Suansing said that the House had already passed Package 3 of the new tax reform scheme on property valuation but they should find a way so that the matter could still be included in the Senate deliberations on the Package 3 measure.

Ending his interpellation, Representative Villarin expressed belief that the Members should focus more on progressive taxation and on the windfall profits of businesses rather than burden taxpayers with more taxes.

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

There being no other Member who wished to interpellate the Sponsor, on motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate.

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

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

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 8645

On motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body approved House Bill No. 8645 on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 923 ON RESOLUTION OF BOTH HOUSES NO. 15

On motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the consideration on Second Reading of Resolution of Both Houses (R.B.H.) No. 15 contained in Committee Report No. 923 as reported out by the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

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

“RESOLUTION OF BOTH HOUSES PROPOSING THE REVISION OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES.”

Representative Defensor stated that the parliamentary status was that the Resolution of Both Houses was in the period of sponsorship and debate; and on his motion, the Chair recognized Representatives Palma and Villarín for their sponsorship and interpellation, respectively.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE VILLARIN

Representative Villarín initially inquired on the status of R.B.H. No. 8 and House Concurrent Resolution No. 9 and if these measures have Senate counterparts. This, as he asked what would be their effect and major difference with R.B.H. No. 15. He also raised the issue of the timetable on the deliberation of said measure considering that Congress will adjourn on February 8, 2019 and this has to be tackled also in the Senate.

The Sponsor opined that R.B.H. No. 8 and House Concurrent Resolution No. 9 are two different, distinct resolutions as opposed to R.B.H. No. 15 which at the moment has no counterpart measure in the Senate.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Palma, the Chair suspended the session at 5:26 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:27 p.m.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE VILLARIN (Continuation)

Upon resumption of session, Representative Palma explained that R.B.H. No. 15 directly proposes amendments to the 1987 Constitution while R.B.H. No. 8, including Concurrent Resolution No. 9, proposed to constitute both Houses of Congress into a constituent assembly.

Representatives Villarín and Palma next discussed the following issues: (1) the form or mode to be used in proposing constitutional amendments, whether through a constituent assembly (ConAss) or a constitutional convention (ConCon); (2) the legitimacy of the Bangsamoro Organic Act under a federal form of government; and (3) the setting of standards or parameters on how federal states will be created.

They thereafter dwelled on Representative Villarín's concern that the organic law creating autonomous regions could be amended by Congress. The Sponsor emphasized that R.B.H. No. 15 would address the limitation set by the 1987 Constitution limiting the local autonomy to only two particular regions as it would provide for a mechanism for the transition to a federal form of government. He added that the proposed approach is different from the previous bills submitted before the House as it would give essence to democracy by allowing people to identify themselves with whom they would like to associate with. He also opined that the proposal of the Puno Commission on revenue sharing between the central and federal states would be very costly.

The Members next focused on provisions in the 1987 Constitution that have outlived their purpose because of the constant evolution in the people's way of life; the inequalities between rural and urban areas; and the negative list on the powers of the State to tax, among others. They also discussed how the presidential-bicameral system of government as contained in the measure differs from the proposal to have a federal-parliamentary form, and the points raised by Representative Villarín on the disadvantages of having a two-party system like in the United States.

To subsequent clarifications, Representative Palma elaborated on the provision of Section 2 of

the proposed Federal Constitution on the composition of the Members of the House of Representatives, including the issue of party-list representation.

Representative Villarin thereafter registered his objection to the provision requiring college degree as a qualification to run as Member of the House of Representatives. He said it will only give opportunities to candidates belonging to a small segment of society and would discriminate skilled but poor people.

**SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION
ON SECOND READING OF RESOLUTION
OF BOTH HOUSES NO. 15**

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of R.B.H. No. 15.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 389
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 6425**

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body resumed the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6425 contained in Committee Report No. 389 as reported out by the Committees on Transportation, and Appropriations.

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

“AN ACT PRESCRIBING AN URGENT, COMPREHENSIVE AND INTEGRATED LAND-BASED TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT POLICY TO EFFECTIVELY ADDRESS THE TRAFFIC CONGESTION CRISIS IN METRO MANILA, METROPOLITAN CEBU AND METROPOLITAN DAVAO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.”

Representative Defensor stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate; and on his motion, the Chair recognized Representative Sarmiento (C.), Chairperson of the sponsoring Committee, to sponsor the measure and Rep. Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento for his interpellation.

**INTERPELLATION OF
REPRESENTATIVE SARMIENTO (E.M.)**

The two Members initially discussed the amount of economic productivity losses brought

about by the problem of traffic congestion and the purpose of the Traffic Crisis Act and its corresponding effect to the populace.

After seeking information on the areas that will be covered by the proposed measure, Representative Sarmiento (E.M.) also inquired about the Bill's provisions as regards the grant of emergency powers to prescribe urgent and comprehensive solutions to the traffic crisis, and the local government units and other implementing agencies' participation in ensuring the proper implementation of the measure.

**TERMINATION OF
PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE**

There being no other Member who wished to interpellate the Sponsor, on motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate, and thereafter proceeded to the period of amendments.

PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no Committee amendments, on successive motions of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of Committee amendments and thereafter proceeded to consider individual amendments. The Chair then recognized Representative Sarmiento (E.M.) for his individual amendments.

**AMENDMENTS OF
REPRESENTATIVE SARMIENTO (E.M.)**

As proposed by Representative Sarmiento and accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body approved the individual amendments on Sections 1, 5, 7, 9, 10, 13, 24, and 43 as well as in the title of the Bill.

**TERMINATION OF
PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS**

There being no other amendments, on motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of amendments.

**APPROVAL ON SECOND READING
OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6425, AS AMENDED**

On further motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 6425, as amended, through *viva voce* voting.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Representative Defensor acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Michael L. Romero, PhD.

OMNIBUS APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS UNDER THE BUSINESS FOR THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

On an omnibus motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading the following House Bills calendared under the Business for Thursday and Friday contained in Committee Reports as submitted by the Committees hereunder indicated; dispensed with the reading of the texts of the measures without prejudice to their insertion into the Record of the House, as copies thereof had been previously distributed to the Members; adopted the Explanatory Notes as the sponsorship remarks on the measures; terminated the period of sponsorship and debate, there being no Member who wished to interpellate the Sponsor; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of Committee and individual amendments; and approved the measures on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting:

Submitted by the Committee on Legislative Franchises:

1. House Bill No. 8631 contained in Committee Report No. 942, granting the Lanao del Norte Electric Cooperative a franchise to construct, operate and maintain a distribution system for the conveyance of electric power to all end-users in Lanao del Norte;
2. House Bill No. 8632 contained in Committee Report No. 943, renewing for another twenty-five (25) years the franchise granted to RT Broadcast Specialist Phil. Inc. under R.A. No. 8126;
3. House Bill No. 8634 contained in Committee Report No. 945, granting the Cadiz Radio and Television Network, Inc. a franchise to construct, install, establish, operate and maintain radio and television broadcasting stations in the Western Visayas Area;

Submitted by the Committee on Local Government:

4. House Bill No. 6764 contained in Committee Report No. 505, transferring the capital and seat of government of Rizal from Pasig City, Metro Manila, to Antipolo City, Rizal;

Submitted by the Committee on Natural Resources:

5. House Bill No. 8591 contained in Committee Report No. 932, establishing the final forestland boundary of Mountain Province;

Submitted by the Committee on Public Works and Highways:

6. House Bill No. 8587 contained in Committee Report No. 930, renaming the Junction Talubin-Barlig-Natonin-Paracelis-Calaccad Road stretching from Talubin, Bontoc, Lingoy, Gawana (Poblacion), Fiangtin, Lias, Chupac and Lunas, Barlig, Banao, Tonglayan, Ugtong, Alunogan, Sta. Isabel, Poblacion, Banawel and Saliok, Natonin and Poblacion, Bantay, Bacarri up to Calaccad Road in Paracelis, all in Mountain Province, as Rep. Maximo B. Dalog Road;

Submitted by the Committee on Revision of Laws:

7. House Bill No. 8648 contained in Committee Report No. 953, declaring January 17 of every year as James Leonard Tagle Gordon Day, a special nonworking holiday in Olongapo City and in Subic Bay Freeport Zone, in recognition of the achievements, contributions and heroism of James Leonard Tagle Gordon;

Submitted by the Committees on Tourism, and Appropriations:

8. House Bill No. 8582 contained in Committee Report No. 929, declaring Barangay Balutakay located in Bansalan, Davao del Sur an eco-agritourism site;
9. House Bill No. 8612 contained in Committee Report No. 933, declaring the Siay-Kabasalan wetlands in Siay and Kabasalan, Zamboanga Sibugay an ecotourism site;
10. House Bill No. 8642 contained in Committee Report No. 948, declaring the Tinakayan Falls in Labrador, Pangasinan an ecotourism site;
11. House Bill No. 8643 contained in Committee Report No. 949, declaring Sitio Mapita in Aguilar, Pangasinan an ecotourism zone;
12. House Bill No. 8644 contained in Committee Report No. 950, declaring Mount San Isidro located in Labrador, Pangasinan as an ecotourism destination;

Submitted by the Committees on Transportation, and Appropriations:

13. House Bill No. 8580 contained in Committee Report No. 927, establishing a district office of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) in Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro; and
14. House Bill No. 8581 contained in Committee Report No. 928, establishing a regular LTO district office in Ronda in the 7th District of Cebu.

RATIFICATION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

On successive motions of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body considered and subsequently ratified the Conference Committee Reports on the disagreeing provisions of the following House Bills and their Senate counterparts:

1. House Bill No. 7742 and Senate Bill No. 1297, amending R.A. No. 7653, otherwise known as the "The New Central Bank Act"; and
2. House Bill No. 6604 and Senate Bill No. 1985, providing for reasonable rates for political advertisements.

DESIGNATION OF HOUSE CONFEREES

On another motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body designated the following Members to the Conference Committee to reconcile the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 8078 and Senate Bill No. 1454, removing the restrictions imposed on the registration, acquisition, encumbrance, alienation, transfer and conveyance of land covered by free patents: Reps. Doy C. Leachon, Arthur C. Yap, Joey Sarte Salceda, Anthony M. Bravo, PhD, Orestes T. Salon, and Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte.

RECOMMITMENT OF HOUSE BILLS TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

As recommended by the Committee on Rules, on motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body approved to recommit House Bills No. 4387, 5086, 5301, and 6405, under Committee Reports No. 384, 374, 383, and 382, respectively, to the Committee on Natural Resources.

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

Whereupon, on motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body approved to include as additional coauthors of House Bills No. 8590, 8628, 8629, 8636, 8637, 8645, and 8649 the names of Members contained in the list to be submitted by the Committee on Rules.

ADOPTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

On successive motions of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body considered the following House Resolutions; dispensed with the reading of the texts of the measures without prejudice to their insertion into the Record of the House, as copies thereof had been distributed to the Members; and unanimously adopted the same:

1. House Resolution No. 2315, entitled: "RESOLUTION URGING THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF THE PHILIPPINES, THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND THE NATIONAL MUSEUM, IN COORDINATION WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, TO PRESERVE AND RESTORE HOUSES OF PHILIPPINE HEROES AND PRESIDENTS FOR THE PROMOTION OF PHILIPPINE HISTORY AND CULTURAL HERITAGE"; and
2. House Resolution No. 2328, entitled: "RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF GUALBERTO B. LUMAIG, FORMER GOVERNOR AND REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PROVINCE OF IFUGAO."

ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE ORTEGA (V.N.) TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

On behalf of the Majority, on motion of Majority Leader Rolando G. Andaya Jr., there being no objection, the Body elected Rep. Vini Nola A. Ortega to the Committee on Rules vice Rep. Vincent "Bingbong" P. Crisologo.

AMENDMENT TO THE PROVISIONAL RULES OF THE HOUSE

Thereafter, on another motion of Majority Leader Andaya, there being no objection, the Body amended Section 28, Rule IX of the amended Provisional Rules of the House of the 17th Congress by

deleting the entire subsection “mm. *Oversight*”; and in lieu thereof, to insert the following new subsection and as a consequence, to renumber accordingly the subsections under Section 28:

“PUBLIC ACCOUNTS, 25 MEMBERS. – ALL MATTERS DIRECTLY AND PRINCIPALLY RELATING TO THE EXAMINATION AND SCRUTINY OF AUDIT REPORTS ON THE PERFORMANCE OF ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO DETERMINE THEIR ADHERENCE TO OR COMPLIANCE WITH THE PLANS AND PROGRAMS AUTHORIZED THROUGH APPROPRIATIONS APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATURE(;)”

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Whereupon, on motion of Majority Leader Andaya, there being no objection, the Body elected the following Members who were previously elected to the Committee on Oversight, as members of the Committee on Public Accounts:

(as Chairperson)

Rep. Danilo E. Suarez

(as Vice Chairpersons)

Rep. Rodante D. Marcoleta
Rep. Victoria Isabel G. Noel
Rep. Cristina “Chiqui” Roa-Puno
Rep. Alexandria P. Gonzales

(as Members)

Rep. Michael L. Romero, PhD
Rep. Ron P. Salo
Rep. Vini Nola A. Ortega
Rep. Deogracias Victor “DV” B. Savellano
Rep. Rosanna “Ria” Vergara
Rep. Jose Enrique “Joet” S. Garcia III
Rep. Marlyn B. Alonte
Rep. Wilter “Sharky” Wee Palma II
Rep. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas

Rep. Lawrence H. Fortun
Rep. Bernadette “BH” Herrera-Dy
Rep. Florida “Rida” P. Robes
Rep. Johnny Ty Pimentel
Rep. Oscar “Richard” S. Garin Jr.
Rep. Ann K. Hofer
Rep. Arthur R. Defensor Jr.
Rep. Rogelio J. Espina, MD

ELECTION OF MINORITY MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

On motion of Minority Leader Suarez, there being no objection, the Body elected the following Members of the Minority to the Committee on Public Accounts:

(as Members)

Rep. Jose L. Atienza Jr.
Rep. Juliet Marie D. Ferrer
Rep. Peter John D. Calderon
Rep. Strike B. Revilla

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until three o’clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, November 28, 2018.

It was 6:49 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

(Sgd.) **MR. DANTE ROBERTO P. MALING**
Acting Secretary General

Approved on December 3, 2018.

Congress of the Philippines
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MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE*Journal No. 34***Tuesday, November 27, 2018**

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

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

* Appeared after the 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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