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CALL TO ORDER

At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Fredenil “Fred” H. Castro 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.

ROLL CALL

Thereupon, 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
Abueg
Acharon
Acop
Acosta-Alba
Advincula
Aggabao
Aglipay-Villar
Albano
Alejano
Almario
Almonte
Alonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (P.)
Amatong
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arbison
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Bag-ao
Baguilat
Bataoil
Batocabe
Bautista-Bandigan
Belaro
Belmonte (F.)
Belmonte (J.C.)
Benitez

Bernos
Bertiz
Biazon
Billones
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Bravo (M.V.)
Brosas
Bulut-Begtang
Cagas
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Campos
Cari
Castelo
Castro (F.L.)
Castro (F.H.)
Catamco
Cayetano
Cerilles
Chipeco
Cojuangco
Cortes
Cortuna
Crisologo
Cua
Cuaresma
Cueva
Dalipe
Datol
De Jesus
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Del Rosario
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (M.K.)
Durano
Elago
Eriguel
Ermita-Buhain
Escudero
Espino
Estrella
Evardone
Fariñas
Ferrer (J.)
Ferrer (L.)
Floirendo

Fortun	Palma
Fortuno	Pancho
Fuentebella	Panganiban
Garbin	Panotes
Garcia (G.)	Papandayan
Garcia (J.E.)	Pichay
Garcia-Albano	Pimentel
Gasataya	Pineda
Gatchalian	Plaza
Go (A.C.)	Primicias-Agabas
Go (M.)	Radaza
Gonzaga	Ramirez-Sato
Gonzales (A.P.)	Ramos
Gonzales (A.D.)	Relampagos
Gonzalez	Revilla
Gullas	Roa-Puno
Herrera-Dy	Rocamora
Hofer	Rodriguez (I.)
Jalosjos	Romero
Kho	Romualdo
Labadlabad	Sacdalan
Lacson	Sagarbarria
Lagman	Salimbangon
Lanete	Salo
Laogan	Salon
Leachon	Sambar
Lee	Sandoval
Lobregat	Santos-Recto
Lopez (B.)	Sarmiento (C.)
Loyola	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Macapagal-Arroyo	Savellano
Malapitan	Sema
Manalo	Siao
Mangudadatu (S.)	Silverio
Mangudadatu (Z.)	Singson
Marcoleta	Suansing (E.)
Mariño	Suansing (H.)
Marquez	Suarez
Martinez	Tambunting
Matugas	Tan (M.)
Mendoza	Tejada
Mercado	Teves
Mirasol	Tiangco
Montoro	Ting
Nava	Tinio
Nieto	Tolentino
Noel	Treñas
Nogales (K.A.)	Tugna
Nolasco	Tupas
Nuñez-Malanyaon	Ty
Oaminal	Umali
Ocampo	Ungab
Olivarez	Unico
Ong (E.)	Uy (R.)
Ortega (P.)	Uybarreta
Ortega (V.N.)	Vargas
Pacquiao	Velarde
Paduano	Velasco

Veloso
Vergara
Villanueva
Villaraza-Suarez
Villarica
Villarin
Yap (A.)
Yu
Zamora (R.)
Zubiri

With 211 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix)

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

On motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 38, dated November 21, 2017.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 6644, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE BUREAU OF MADRASAH EDUCATION (BME) IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DepED) TO STRENGTHEN THE MADRASAH EDUCATION PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Belaro

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 6645, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING NATIONAL MARINE PARKS IN THE COUNTRY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Belaro

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 6646, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PLACEMENT OF TOURIST MARKERS TO ALL TOURIST SITES IN THE COUNTRY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Belaro

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 6647, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL PHILIPPINE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INVENTION EXPO, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Belaro

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 6648, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE EXCISE TAX ON TOBACCO PRODUCTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 145 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10351 OR THE SIN TAX REFORM LAW”

By Representative Tan (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 6650, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING THAT 100% OF THE SERVICE CHARGE COLLECTED IN HOTELS AND OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL COVERED EMPLOYEES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tugna

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 6651, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING ALL TOLL OPERATORS OF ALL MAJOR EXPRESSWAYS IN MEGA MANILA TO ESTABLISH AND UTILIZE A STANDARD AND UNIFIED ELECTRONIC TOLL COLLECTION (ETC) SYSTEM IN THE FORM OF A RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION DEVICE (RFID)”

By Representative Advincula

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 6652, entitled:

“AN ACT PRESCRIBING STIFFER PENALTIES TO OWNERS AND DRIVERS OF TRUCKS WHO LOAD THEM IN EXCESS OF THEIR PAYLOAD”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 6653, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING LEGAL RESIDENCY STATUS OF CERTAIN ALIENS IN THE PHILIPPINES UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS”

By Representative Yap (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 6654, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC CREMATORIUMS IN CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES AND EXTENDING FREE CREMATION SERVICES TO INDIGENT FAMILIES AMENDING FOR SUCH PURPOSE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE AND THE CODE ON SANITATION”

By Representative Defensor

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 6655, entitled:

“THE BARANGAY WORKERS ACT”

By Representative Defensor

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 6656, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN ACROSS THE BOARD INCREASE OF TEN THOUSAND PESOS (10,000.00) TO THE BASIC SALARY OF ALL ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 6657, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE CIVIL REGISTRATION SYSTEM IN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Aragon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 6658, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES-CALAUAN CAMPUS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALAUAN, LAGUNA TO BE KNOWN AS 'PUP - CALAUAN CAMPUS' APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Aragon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 6659, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 10361”

By Representative Atienza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 6660, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO RADIO MARINE NETWORK, INCORPORATED, UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4607, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7512”

By Representative Romualdo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 6661, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE LINANGAN NG LIKHANG-BAYAN (INSTITUTE FOR LIVING TRADITIONS) TO ENSURE THE PROTECTION, PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRY'S COMMUNAL TRADITIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10066 OR THE NATIONAL CULTURAL HERITAGE ACT OF 2009, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Antonio

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 1441, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO FATHER ROMEO JOCSON INTENGAN, S.J. FORMER HEAD OF THE PHILIPPINE JESUITS”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1442, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEMISE OF VETERAN ACTRESS ISABEL GRANADA”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1443, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION BY THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE UNFAIR AND ANOMALOUS PRACTICE OF PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES OF PROFITING FROM FLUCTUATION OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES”

By Representative Suarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1444, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE(S) TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ILLEGAL RECRUITMENT AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING OPERATIONS VICTIMIZING OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS IN HONGKONG”

By Representative Bertiz

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1445, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS TO CONDUCT, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, AN INQUIRY REGARDING THE ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES AND ABUSES IN THE CONDUCT OF SMALL TOWN LOTTERY BY PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE (PCSO) AUTHORIZED AGENT CORPORATIONS”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1446, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING TERESITA SSEN 'WINWYN' MARQUEZ FOR BEING CROWNED REINA HISPANOAMERICANA 2017 IN STA. CRUZ, BOLIVIA ON NOVEMBER 5, 2017”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1447, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO FOR CONDUCTING THE HISTORICAL WORLDWIDE LINGAP SA MAMAMAYAN (AID FOR HUMANITY) ON OCTOBER 29, 2017, WHICH WAS THE CHURCH'S LARGEST AND FARTHEST-REACHING SOCIO-CIVIC OUTREACH INITIATIVE IN ITS ANNALS”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1448, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE CONCURRENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES TO THE POWERING PAST COAL ALLIANCE DECLARATION SIGNED DURING THE 2017 UNITED NATIONS CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE IN BONN, GERMANY”

By Representative Suarez

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

House Resolution No. 1449, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE RECENT REPORTS ON THE 'BUDOL-BUDOL GANGS' THAT TARGET OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS AND OFW RETIREES”

By Representative Benitez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1450, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING MS. KAREN SANTOS IBASCO FROM MALABATE, MANILA FOR WINNING MISS EARTH 2017”

By Representative Bagatsing

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1451, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MS. MARIA TERESITA 'WINWYN' SSEN L. MARQUEZ FOR WINNING THE 2017 REINA HISPANOAMERICANA PAGEANT”

By Representative Tambunting

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1452, entitled:

“RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING JOHN LEERAMS CHICANO FOR WINNING A SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES SILVER MEDAL IN THE MEN'S INDIVIDUAL TRIATHLON IN THE 2017 SOUTHEAST ASIAN (SEA) GAMES HELD AT KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA ON AUGUST 21, 2017”

By Representative Deloso-Montalla

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 1453, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION TO EXERCISE ITS OVERSIGHT FUNCTION AND INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE MRT MANAGEMENT ON THE ACCIDENT THAT HAPPENED AT THE METRO RAIL TRANSIT LINE 3 (MRT 3) AYALA STATION LAST NOVEMBER 14, 2017”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1454, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING ENGR. JONEL GENON VERNANTE, A RESIDENT OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF LIBJO, PROVINCE OF DINAGAT ISLANDS, FOR BEING THE TOP-NOTCHER IN THE 2017 GEODETIC ENGINEER LICENSURE BOARD EXAMINATION”

By Representative Bag-ao

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1455, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES TO PROVIDE A DETAILED BRIEFING OF THE BATTLE OF MARAWI CITY TO THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE”

By Representative Dimaporo (M.K.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1456, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO PRESENT TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE RESULTS AND CRITERIA OF THE SEAL OF GOOD LOCAL GOVERNANCE 2017”

By Representative Dimaporo (M.K.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1457, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A FORMAL CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION INTO AND ORDER A TOTAL HALT ON ALL RECLAMATION PROJECTS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY TO PRESERVE OUR SHORELINES AND PROTECT THEM FROM BEING EXPLOITED BY PROFIT-MOTIVATED BUSINESSMEN”

By Representative Atienza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1458, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMENDING THE HEROIC ACT OF MEDICAL INTERN MS. CHARLEANNE JANDIC WHO HELPED TO SAVE THE LIFE AND LIMB OF AN MRT ACCIDENT VICTIM”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1459, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE INCREASE IN THE BASE PAY OF MILITARY AND UNIFORMED PERSONNEL IN THE GOVERNMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Belaro

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated October 2, 2017 of Allan S. Borromeo, Regional Director, Regional Office XI, Department of Public Works and Highways, furnishing the House of Representatives with the Monthly Progress Status Report of projects implemented by their office within the First Legislative District of the Province of Davao del Norte for the month of September 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

Letter dated 9 October 2017 of Atty. Jose Jobel V. Belarmino, OIC, Deputy Administrator for Administrative, Finance and AFCSD, Light Rail Transit Authority, submitting their Report of Utilization of Operating Subsidy to the LRTA for the 3rd Quarter of CY 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated October 11, 2017 of Gen. Ricardo R. Visaya (Ret.), Administrator, National Irrigation Administration, submitting the CY 2017 Third Quarter Progress Report for Mindanao Sustainable Agrarian and Agriculture Development (MinSAAD) Project.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

Annual Audit Report on the Marawi Water District, Bubonga Marawi, Marawi City for the year ended December 31, 2015 together with the letter dated March 14, 2016 of Norah A. Ansao, CPA, State Auditor IV, Audit Team Leader, Marawi City, Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, Commission on Audit addressed to Director Bato S. Ali Jr., Director IV, Regional Director, COA-ARMM, Cotabato City.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Annual Audit Reports on the following state colleges in Zamboanga City for the year ended December 31, 2015:

1. Zamboanga City State Polytechnic College; and
2. Zamboanga State College of Marine Sciences and Technology.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Annual Audit Report on the Metro Cotabato Water District, Cotabato City for the year ended December 31, 2015.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Triennium Audit Reports on the following water districts in Negros Occidental for calendar years ended 2013-2015:

1. La Castellana Water District, La Castellana, Negros Occidental; and
2. Pulupandan Water District, Pulupandan, Negros Occidental.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

2012 Annual Audit Report on the Sipalay Water District, Sipalay City, Negros Occidental.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

2015 Annual Audit Report on the Metro Midsayap Water District, Midsayap, Cotabato.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

2015 Annual Audit Report on the Adiong Memorial Polytechnic State College, Ditsaan Ramin, Lanao del Sur.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

2015 Annual Audit Report on the Bicol University, Legazpi City.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

2015 Annual Audit Report on the Binalbagan Water District, Binalbagan, Negros Occidental.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

2015 Annual Audit Report on the Pigcawayan Water District, Pigcawayan, Cotabato.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Triennium Audit Report on the Bago City Water District, Bago City, Negros Occidental for calendar years 2013-2015.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

2015 Annual Audit Report on the Escalante Water District, Escalante City, Negros Occidental.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Biennium Audit Report on the Sagay Water District, Sagay City, Negros Occidental for calendar years 2014-2015.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

2016 Annual Report of the Energy Regulatory Commission per letter dated 4 September 2017 of Alfredo J. Non, Officer-in-Charge.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

2016 Annual Report of the Bureau of Customs.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Letter dated October 13, 2017 of Catalino S. Cuy, Officer-in-Charge, Department of the Interior and Local Government, submitting to the House of Representatives the Statement of Allotments, Obligations and Balances (Current and Cont. Appropriations) of the Office of the Secretary, DILG, as of September 30, 2017, in compliance with Section 91 of the General Provisions of Republic Act No. 10924.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated October 13, 2017 of Gen. Ricardo R. Visaya (Ret), Administrator, National Irrigation Administration, submitting the Third Quarter Report of NIA CARP-Irrigation Component for CY 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
AND FOOD

Letter dated October 16, 2017 of Eugene U. Cabalero, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Manukan, Province of Zamboanga del Norte, submitting their Report on the Utilization of the FY 2017 Local Government Support Fund for the Third Quarter ending September 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Quarterly Financial and Physical Accomplishment Reports of the Court of Tax Appeals as of the 3rd Quarter ending September 30, 2017 per letter dated October 23, 2017 of Roman G. Del Rosario, Presiding Justice.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

Letter dated 24 October 2017 of Nestor A. Espenilla Jr., Governor, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, submitting to the House of Representatives the Status Report on the Philippine Financial System for the First Semester of 2017 (hard copy and CD format).

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letter dated 24 October 2017 of Nestor A. Espenilla Jr., Governor, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), submitting their Report to Congress on Public Sector/Publicly-Guaranteed Private Sector Foreign Loans approved by the BSP in the Third Quarter of 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letter dated October 24, 2017 of Michael G. Aguinaldo, Chairperson, Commission on Audit, furnishing the House of Representatives with a copy of the Special Audit Office (SAO) Report No. 2017-04 on the sectoral performance audit of Malampaya Fund focusing on funds released by the Department of Budget and Management to various implementing agencies.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated 25 October 2017 of Roger E. Dino, Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), furnishing the House of Representatives with duly certified and authenticated BSP issuances, to wit:

1. Memorandum No. M-2017-033 dated 13 October 2017; and
2. Memorandum No. M-2017-034 dated 20 October 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letter dated 25 October 2017 of Jose Voltaire V. Ricafrente, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Rosario, Province of Cavite, submitting their Report on the Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation of the Local Government Support Fund-Assistance to Disadvantaged Municipalities for the quarter ending September 30, 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Letters dated November 3, 2017 of Roger E. Dino, Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), furnishing the House of Representatives with duly certified and authenticated BSP issuances, to wit:

1. Circular Letter No. CL-2017-065 dated 20 October 2017;
2. Circular No. 977 dated 27 October 2017; and
3. Circular No. 978 dated 27 October 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Quarterly Reports on the Financial and Physical Accomplishments of Projects under the Assistance to Disadvantaged Municipalities (ADM) Program for Bohol, Cebu, Siquijor and Negros Oriental for the quarter ending September 30, 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 478), re H.B. No. 6681, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE PORTA VEGA BEACH AND THE SHORELINES OF BARANGAYS T.R. YANGCO, CADULAN AND DIVISORIA, ALL LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DIMASALANG, PROVINCE OF MASBATE AN ECOTOURISM SITE, ESTABLISHING THE PORTA VEGA ECOTOURISM COUNCIL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1063

Sponsors: Representatives Gomez, Nograles (K.A.) and Lanete

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 479), re H.B. No. 6682, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE LIMA HONG CHANNEL LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LINGAYEN, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN A TOURIST SPOT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4131

Sponsors: Representatives Gomez, Nograles (K.A.) and Bataoil

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 480), re H.B. No. 6683, entitled:

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

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3412

Sponsors: Representatives Gomez, Nograles (K.A.) and Ortega (V.N.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Tourism (Committee Report No. 481), re H.R. No. 1463, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING HIS EXCELLENCY, PRESIDENT RODRIGO DUTERTE, TO RENEW THE POLICY WHICH GRANTS TRAVEL TAX EXEMPTION TO TRAVELLERS DEPARTING FROM ALL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS AND SEAPORTS IN MINDANAO AND PALAWAN TO ANY DESTINATION IN THE BRUNEI DARUSALAM-INDONESIA-MALAYSIA-PHILIPPINES - EAST ASEAN GROWTH AREA (BIMP-EAGA)”

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolution No. 1270

Sponsors: Representatives Gomez, Cagas, Acosta, Siao, Labadlabad, Nava and Mending

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Agrarian Reform and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 482), re H.B. No. 6686, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING FULL INSURANCE COVERAGE TO ALL QUALIFIED AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES OF THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9700, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM EXTENSION WITH REFORMS' ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 229 and 2177

Sponsors: Representatives Relampagos, Nograles (K.A.), Singson and Santos-Recto

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 483), re H.B. No. 6688, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JULY 4 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE ENTIRE PROVINCE OF BOHOL, TO BE KNOWN AS 'FRANCISCO DAGOHOY DAY' IN HONOR OF FRANCISCO DAGOHOY, A NATIVE OF BOHOL AND LEADER OF THE LONGEST PHILIPPINE REVOLT ON RECORD THAT LASTED FOR 85 YEARS DURING THE SPANISH ERA”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2325

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas and Relampagos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 484), re H.B. No. 5262, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING MAY 22 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF GUIMARAS IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS ANNIVERSARY AS A PROVINCE”

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas and Nava

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 485), re H.B. No. 6689, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 17 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY”

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5869

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas and Plaza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 486), re H.B. No. 6690, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING MAY 3 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF STA. CRUZ, PROVINCE OF MARINDUQUE, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS 'STA. CRUZ DAY' ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6038

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas and Velasco

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 402
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 6517**

On motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second Reading of 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.”

Representative Defensor stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate; and thereafter, on his successive motions, the Chair recognized Rep. Rodolfo T. Albano III to sponsor the same and Rep. Jose L. Atienza Jr. to interpellate thereon.

**INTERPELLATION OF
REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA**

To Representative Atienza's concerns, Representative Albano explained that the measure is based on Section 11, Article XIII of the Constitution on the protection of people's health; marijuana has medicinal and herbal values whose palliative and therapeutic effects can be used to treat certain kinds of disease; numerous research and studies have been made in the United States on the medical benefits of marijuana, copies of which he could provide

his colleague; and some 30 countries have allowed marijuana's use for medical purposes. He clarified that recreational marijuana is different from medicinal marijuana, with the latter being the intent of House Bill No. 6517.

Nevertheless, Representative Atienza stressed that medicinal marijuana had no research basis and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) offices of both the Philippines and US are not in favor of the measure; and opined that the Bill will do more harm than good to the people.

Thereupon, Representatives Atienza and Albano discussed the need for further research on the use of marijuana as medicine. The former pointed out that the Bill could open the door to the abuse of marijuana; cited the Philippine FDA's administrative order stating that herbal medicines containing banned addictive drugs could not be categorized as herbal medicine; reiterated that local medical associations and specialists are asking Congress not to pass the measure; and stressed that the duty of the Body was to pass legislation to promote and protect good health. The latter clarified that marijuana itself would not cure an illness but the substances derived from it could be used for pain and palliative care.

Recognized by the Chair to assume sponsorship of the measure upon motion of Representative Defensor, Rep. Seth Frederick P. Jalosjos clarified that the Bill's intention was not to promote recreational marijuana nor to decriminalize the use thereof but to authorize research on medicinal substances from marijuana which is still considered a dangerous drug under Republic Act (R. A.) No. 9165. He said that several states in Canada have recognized the medical benefits of the components of marijuana.

Representative Atienza asked the Sponsor to present scientific studies and not personal testimonials on the medical efficacy of marijuana. He pointed out that derivations from marijuana are still marijuana extracts or substances whose benefits and safety he still had to be convinced about. He opined that the current title of the Bill, which presents the theme of giving the right to access to substances that may be medicinal, should be reworded if the real purpose is to undertake research on medicinal marijuana.

Representative Jalosjos subsequently stressed the need to explore the medical efficacy of plants such as marijuana in the case of debilitating diseases, but Representative Atienza reiterated his arguments about the need for solid research before passing the law. The Sponsor also stressed that the Bill precisely paves the way for studies on illegal

drugs such as marijuana and opium, but his colleague pointed out that the US was facing a serious problem ever since it opened access to the use of substances derived from opium.

Representative Atienza then called on the Members who had co-signed the proposed measure to review it because they might not be properly aware of its intentions and after-effects. For his part, Representative Jalosjos asked the Body not to deprive people of the right to access cannabidiol which is the focus of the Bill and not marijuana.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. Arnel U. Ty, the Chair suspended the session at 5:21 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:22 p.m.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA (Continuation)

After the Sponsor explained the workings of human natural receptors, Representative Atienza emphasized that studies have shown that marijuana is an addictive substance; many legal painkillers are available in the market; and the measure wanted to justify that certain ailments could be alleviated by cannabinoid without presenting studies thereon. Representative Jalosjos however pointed out that existing medicines could not address some kinds of pain or ailment and reiterated that the measure did not intend to permit the use of marijuana as a recreational drug but wanted to reclassify it so as to conduct research on its medical benefits.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE DEFENSOR

At this juncture, Representative Defensor said that Representatives Atienza's one-hour allotment had already expired.

MOTION TO ADJOURN OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA

Representative Atienza observed that the matter at hand should be discussed extensively because the people's health was at stake; and that there were not enough Members inside the Session Hall.

He then moved to adjourn the session and to continue with his interpellation the following week.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Defensor, the Chair suspended the session at 5:34 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:35 p.m.

WITHDRAWAL OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA'S MOTION

Thereupon, Representative Atienza acknowledged that he had used up his one-hour allotment and withdrew his motion to adjourn to give way to other interpellators. He requested that he be given another hour when he continues with his interpellation next week.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE DEFENSOR

Thanking his colleague, Representative Defensor assured Representative Atienza that he could resume his interpellation the following week.

On motion of Representative Defensor, the Chair recognized Representative Albano to resume sponsorship of the Bill and Rep. Raul V. Del Mar to make a manifestation thereon.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE DEL MAR

Representative Del Mar pleaded for caution in considering House Bill No. 6517 which allows access to marijuana and expands research on its medicinal properties.

He enumerated the following issues that should be addressed before the Bill is passed: (1) a clearer definition of "marijuana" by including the phrase "cannabis or commonly known as marijuana or Indian hemp or by its any other name" as found in the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002; (2) the incongruous purpose and awful timing of pushing for the legalization of medical marijuana amidst the anti-drug war; (3) the myth of control over the use of marijuana for medical purposes; (4) the highly dangerous and addictive effects of marijuana as defined by the 1961 United Nations (UN) Single Convention on Narcotics; (5) the unnecessary and illusory view that marijuana has miraculous healing properties and the possible marijuana addiction among patients; (6) the higher number of countries that have not legalized marijuana compared to those that have done so; (7) the Philippines' signatory to said UN Convention which places marijuana or

cannabis under the schedule of dangerous drugs having no medicine use with high addictive potential; and (8) the divisive and dangerous effects of legalizing marijuana even for medicinal purposes.

He also suggested that the title of the Bill be amended such that it will focus on conducting additional research into the medicinal properties of medical cannabis or marijuana before giving the right of access thereto.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE ALBANO

In response, Representative Albano said that the pertinent amendment will be introduced; the Bill does not decriminalize marijuana nor allows access to marijuana or cannabis in its raw or other form that is not FDA-approved; local statistics show a small number of people addicted to recreational marijuana; some countries have conducted extensive research on medicinal marijuana; and the right to health is primordial to and may supersede the aforesaid UN Convention.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ZUBIRI

Recognized by the Chair on motion of Representative Ty, Rep. Manuel F. Zubiri related the ordeals of two sick relatives whose medical conditions and pains were alleviated by the use of Jayden's Juice derived from the cannabinoids of marijuana. He then expressed support for the regulated use of marijuana-based medicines as approved by the food and drug regulating agencies and for the conduct of more studies thereon.

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

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

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF 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, as contained in various Committee Reports and submitted by the Committees hereunder indicated; dispensed with the reading of the texts

thereof without prejudice to their insertion into the Record of the House; adopted the Explanatory Notes as the sponsorship remarks on the measures; terminated the period of sponsorship and debate; approved the amendments as contained in the Committee Reports, if any; terminated the period of amendments; and approved the same on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting:

1. House Bill No. 6575, as contained in Committee Report No. 433 and submitted by the Committees on Agrarian Reform, and Appropriations, mandating the transfer of the Provincial Agrarian Reform Office in the Municipality of Sogod to Maasin City, Southern Leyte;
2. House Bill No. 6577 as contained in Committee Report No. 434 and submitted by the Committee on Indigenous Cultural Communities and Indigenous Peoples, establishing the Kalanguya Center for the 6th District of Pangasinan, 1st District of Nueva Ecija, and the provinces of Ifugao, Benguet, and Nueva Vizcaya;
3. House Bill No. 6584 as contained in Committee Report No. 441 and submitted by the Committees Tourism, and Appropriations, declaring the Municipality of Barlig in Mountain Province a tourism development area;
4. House Bill No. 6586 as contained in Committee Report No. 443 and submitted by the Committees on Tourism, and Appropriations, declaring Manok Manok Island in Esperanza, Masbate an ecotourism site;
5. House Bill No. 6587 as contained in Committee Report No. 444 and submitted by the Committees on Tourism, and Appropriations, providing for the establishment of Lingayen Gulf Marine Ecotourism Park in Lingayen, Pangasinan;
6. House Bill No. 2483 as contained in Committee Report No. 448 and submitted by the Committee on Revision of Laws, declaring July 4 of every year a special non-working holiday in Cadiz City, Negros Occidental in commemoration of its charter day anniversary;
7. House Bill No. 2484 as contained in Committee Report No. 449 and submitted by the Committee on Revision of Laws, declaring June 11 of every year a special nonworking holiday in Sagay City, Negros Occidental in commemoration of its foundation day anniversary;
8. House Bill No. 6591 as contained in Committee Report No. 450 and submitted by the Committee on Revision of Laws, declaring November 8 of every year a special nonworking holiday in the Eastern Visayas Region to be known as “Typhoon Yolanda Resiliency Day”;
9. House Bill No. 6592 as contained in Committee Report No. 451 and submitted by the Committee on Revision of Laws, declaring February 24 of every year a special nonworking holiday in Zamboanga Sibugay, in commemoration of its founding anniversary to be known as “Araw ng Sibugay”;
10. House Bill No. 6607 as contained in Committee Report No. 456 and submitted by the Committees on Basic Education and Culture, and Appropriations, separating the Lawa National High School Annex in Lapuan, Don Marcelino, Davao Occidental from the Lawa National High School, and converting it into the Luisa Joyce Mallari National High School;
11. House Bill No. 6608 as contained in Committee Report No. 457 and submitted by the Committees on Basic Education and Culture, and Appropriations, separating the Fishing Village Comprehensive National High School Annex in Mana, Malita, Davao Occidental from the Fishing Village Comprehensive National High School, and converting it into the Benjamin Velasco Bautista Sr. National High School;
12. House Bill No. 6618, as contained in Committee Report No. 463 and submitted by the Committees on Health, and Appropriations, establishing a one hundred (100) bed capacity Bacoor District Hospital in Habay 2, Bacoor City, Cavite
13. House Bill No. 6620, as contained in Committee Report No. 465 and submitted by the Committees on Health, and Appropriations, increasing the bed capacity of St. Anthony Mother and Child Hospital in Cebu City from twenty-five (25) to one hundred (100) beds;
14. House Bill No. 2849, as contained in Committee Report No. 467 and submitted by the Committees on Health, and Appropri-

ations, increasing the bed capacity of Veterans Regional Hospital in Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya from two hundred (200) to five hundred (500), upgrading its services, facilities and professional health care, authorizing the increase of its medical personnel, and changing its name to Region II Trauma and Medical Center;

15. House Bill No. 639, as contained in Committee Report No. 468 and submitted by the Committees on Health, and Appropriations, establishing the Santa Elena District Hospital in Santa Elena, Camarines Norte;
16. House Bill No. 1955, as contained in Committee Report No. 469 and submitted by the Committees on Health, and Appropriations, increasing the bed capacity of Rizal Medical Center in Pasig City from three hundred (300) to five hundred (500) beds;
17. House Bill No. 6632, as contained in Committee Report No. 474 and submitted by the Committee on Public Works and Highways, renaming the Puerto Princesa City South Road, stretching from the National Road at Junction 1, Puerto Princesa City passing through the Municipalities of Aborlan, Narra, Sofronio, and Española, and Barangay Rio Tuba in the Municipality of Bataraza at the East Coast, and turning back to Puerto Princesa City from the West Coast, again passing those municipalities up to Bacungan, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan, as Governor Alfredo M. Abueg National Circumferential Road;
18. House Bill No. 6633, as contained in Committee Report No. 475 and submitted by the Committees on Public Works and Highways, and Appropriations, establishing an Area Equipment Services Office in the Second District Engineering Office of the Province of Sulu, to be located in the Municipality of Luuk; and
19. House Bill No. 6634, as contained in Committee Report No. 476 and submitted by the Committee on Public Works and Highways, re-numbering the Cebu 1st, 2nd, and 4th District Engineering Offices to conform and correspond, respectively, with the numbering of the Legislative Districts in the Province of Cebu.

BUSINESS FOR THURSDAY AND FRIDAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 466 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 6621

On successive motions of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 6621, as contained in Committee Report No. 466 and submitted by the Committees on Health, and Appropriations, increasing the bed capacity of the Adela Serra Ty Memorial Medical Center in Tandag City, Surigao del Sur from two hundred (200) to one thousand (1,000) beds, upgrading its services and facilities, and authorizing the increase of its medical personnel; dispensed with the reading of the text thereof without prejudice to its insertion into the Record of the House; adopted the Explanatory Note thereof as the sponsorship remarks on the measure; terminated the period of sponsorship and debate; approved the amendments as presented on the floor by Representative Defensor and as accepted by the Sponsor; terminated the period of amendments; and approved through *viva voce* voting on Second Reading House Bill No. 6621, as amended.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 1460, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PROLIFERATION OF THE OFF-DOCK CONTAINER YARD/CONTAINER FREIGHT STATIONS (CY/CFS) IN THE PHILIPPINES CAUSING AN IMPERIL ON THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS' CAPACITY TO CLOSELY SUPERVISE AND CONTROL THESE SENSITIVE AREAS OF CUSTOMS OPERATIONS”

By Representative Garin (S.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1461, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO GIVE HONOR AND RECOGNITION TO KRIZZIAH LYN TABORA FOR WINNING THE WOMEN'S TITLE IN THE 53RD QUBICAAMF BOWLING WORLD CUP (BWC) CHAMPIONSHIPS”

By Representative Del Rosario

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 1462, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE SAN BEDA COLLEGE RED LIONS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THEIR 21ST NCAA BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP”

By Representative Uybarreta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 1464, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROCLAMATION NO. 518 (S. 1990)”

By Representative Benitez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1465, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS TO MISS PHILIPPINES KAREN IBASCO FOR WINNING THE MISS EARTH 2017”

By Representative Nieto

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1466, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS TO TERESITA 'WINWYN' MARQUEZ FOR WINNING REINA HISPANOAMERICANA 2017”

By Representative Nieto

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1467, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING CHARLEANNE JANDIC, A POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL INTERN AT THE CHINESE GENERAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER, FOR HER HEROIC AND ALTRUISTIC SENSE OF SAVING A WOMAN'S LIFE AFTER AN MRT ACCIDENT AT THE AYALA STATION ON NOVEMBER 14, 2017”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1468, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE CONTINUED PROLIFERATION OF ILLEGAL DRUGS IN OUR CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES AS WELL AS TO IDENTIFY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND/OR EMPLOYEES INVOLVED IN THE ILLEGAL DRUG TRADE WITH THE END IN VIEW OF PROPOSING LEGISLATIVE MEASURES TO ARREST THE SAME FROM RECURRING”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1469, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE ASSIGNED SECURITY FORCES FOR THE SUCCESSFUL CONDUCT OF SECURITY OPERATIONS IN THE RECENT ASEAN SUMMIT”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Resolution No. 1470, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION HONORING AND REMEMBERING THE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP) AND THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) WHO HAVE MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE IN ORDER TO DEFEND AND RECOVER THE CITY OF MARAWI FROM THE MAUTE TERRORIST GROUP, AS WELL AS EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THEIR BE-REAVED FAMILIES”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY AND THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Resolution No. 1471, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING KRIZZIAH LYN TABORA FOR EMERGING AS CHAMPION IN THE 53RD QUBICAAMF BOWLING WORLD CUP IN THE WOMEN'S DIVISION HELD IN HERMOSILLO, MEXICO”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 1472, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF JESUS S. SALCEDA, SR., FORMER MAYOR OF POLANGUI, ALBAY AND THE FATHER OF REPRESENTATIVE JOEY SARTE SALCEDA OF THE SECOND DISTRICT OF ALBAY”

By Representatives Alvarez (P.), Fariñas and Suarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

On motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body approved to include as additional coauthors of House Bills No. 6617, 6587, 1411, and House Resolutions No. 243 and 1418 all of the Members contained in the pertinent list to be submitted by the Committee on Rules.

DESIGNATION OF HOUSE CONFEREES TO THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEES ON CERTAIN HOUSE BILLS AND ITS SENATE COUNTERPART

On successive motions of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body designated the following Members to the Conference Committees:

1. on the disagreeing votes on House Bills No. 4636, 5063, 5064, 5175, 5176, 5177, 5211, and 5212, granting and renewing franchises to certain companies: Reps. Franz E. Alvarez, Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo, Sherwin N. Tugna, Arthur R. Defensor Jr., Aurelio “Dong” D. Gonzales Jr., Jose Enrique “Joet” S. Garcia III, and Anthony M. Bravo, Ph.D.; and
2. on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 684 and Senate Bill No. 1255, on revealing the source of published news or information obtained in confidence: Reps. Bernadette “BH” Herrera-Dy, Benhur B. Lopez Jr., Raul V. Del Mar, and Eugene Michael B. De Vera.

ADOPTION OF CERTAIN HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

On successive motions of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body considered the following House Resolutions as contained in various Committee Reports and submitted by the Committees indicated hereunder; dispensed with the reading of the texts thereof without prejudice to their insertion into the Record of the House; and unanimously adopted the same:

1. Committee Report No. 458, as submitted by the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Welfare on House Resolution No. 1411, entitled: “RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND APPRECIATION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, ON BEHALF OF THE VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II, TO THE UNITED

STATES CONGRESS FOR THE PASSAGE OF THE MEASURE AUTHORIZING THE CONFERMENT OF THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO THE FILIPINO VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II COLLECTIVELY IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE DURING WORLD WAR II”;

2. Committee Report No. 461, as submitted by the Committee on Appropriations on House Resolution No. 243, entitled: “A RESOLUTION URGING HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT RODRIGO R. DUTERTE TO ISSUE AN EXECUTIVE ORDER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER 248 DATED MAY 29, 1995, EXECUTIVE ORDER 248-A DATED AUGUST 14, 1995 AND EXECUTIVE ORDER 298 DATED MARCH 23, 2004 TO IMPLEMENT AN INCREASE IN TRAVEL ALLOWANCES FOR LOCAL TRAVELS OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND PERSONNEL”; and
3. House Resolution No. 1472, entitled: “RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF JESUS S. SALCEDA, SR., FORMER MAYOR OF POLANGUI, ALBAY AND THE FATHER OF REPRESENTATIVE JOEY SARTE SALCEDA OF THE SECOND DISTRICT OF ALBAY.”

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until four o’clock in the afternoon of Monday, November 27, 2017.

It was 6:21 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

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

Approved on November 27, 2017

DOCUMENT DISTRIBUTED

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

House Bill No. 1616, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING THE SYSTEM LOSS CHARGE COMPONENT IN THE SALE OF ELECTRICITY BY DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES AND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES FROM THE COVERAGE OF THE VALUE-ADDED TAX, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 109 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED.”

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MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE**Journal No. 39****Wednesday, November 22, 2017**

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
BELMONTE (J.C.)	DE VERA	GULLAS

**** HERNANDEZ	*** OCAMPO	SILVERIO
HERRERA-DY	OLIVAREZ	SINGSON
HOFER	ONG (E.)	SUANSING (E.)
*** JALOSJOS	***** ONG (H.)	SUANSING (H.)
* JAVIER	ORTEGA (P.)	SUAREZ
KHO	ORTEGA (V.N.)	* SY-ALVARADO
***** KHONGHUN	PACQUIAO	TAMBUNTING
LABADLABAD	PADUANO	***** TAN (A.)
LACSON	PALMA	TAN (M.)
LAGMAN	PANCHO	* TAN (S.)
LANETE	PANGANIBAN	TEJADA
LAOGAN	PANOTES	TEVES
***** LAZATIN	PAPANDAYAN	TIANGCO
LEACHON	PICHAY	TING
LEE	PIMENTEL	TINIO
**** LIMKAICHONG	PINEDA	*** TOLENTINO
LOBREGAT	PLAZA	*** TREÑAS
LOPEZ (B.)	PRIMICIAS-AGABAS	TUGNA
**** LOPEZ (C.)	* QUIMBO	TUPAS
**** LOPEZ (M.L.)	RADAZA	TY
*** LOYOLA	*** RAMIREZ-SATO	*** UMALI
MACAPAGAL-ARROYO	RAMOS	***** UNABIA
* MACEDA	RELAMPAGOS	UNGAB
***** MADRONA	REVILLA	UNICO
MALAPITAN	ROA-PUNO	***** UY (J.)
MANALO	* ROBES	UY (R.)
* MANGAOANG	*** ROCAMORA	UYBARRETA
MANGUDADATU (S.)	RODRIGUEZ (I.)	VARGAS
MANGUDADATU (Z.)	***** RODRIGUEZ (M.)	***** VARGAS-ALFONSO
MARCOLETA	**** ROMAN	VELARDE
***** MARCOS	ROMERO	VELASCO
MARIÑO	***** ROMUALDEZ	* VELASCO-CATERA
MARQUEZ	ROMUALDO	*** 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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