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CALL TO ORDER

At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Eric D. Singson 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

On motion of Rep. Gerald Anthony “Samsam” V. Gullas Jr., there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abaya
Abayon
Abu
Abueg
Acharon
Acop
Acosta-Alba
Advincula
Agarao
Aggabao
Aglipay-Villar
Albano
Alejano
Almario
Almonte
Alonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (P.)
Amatong
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arbison
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Bataoil
Bautista-Bandigan
Belmonte (F.)
Belmonte (J.C.)
Belmonte (R.)
Bernos
Biazon
Billones

Biron
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Brosas
Bulut-Begtang
Cagas
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Campos
Canama
Cari
Castelo
Castro (F.L.)
Castro (F.H.)
Catamco
Cayetano
Cerilles
Co
Cojuangco
Collantes
Cortes
Cortuna
Cosalan
Crisologo
Cua
Cuaresma
Cueva
Dalipe
Datol
Daza
De Jesus
de Venecia
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Del Rosario
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (A.)
Dimaporo (M.K.)
Duavit
Durano
Elago
Erice
Eriguel
Ermita-Buhain
Escudero
Espina
Espino
Estrella

Evardone	Nogralas (J.J.)
Fariñas	Nolasco
Fernando	Oaminal
Ferrer (J.)	Ocampo
Ferrer (L.)	Ong (E.)
Fortun	Ortega (P.)
Fortuno	Ortega (V.N.)
Fuentebella	Pacquiao
Garbin	Paduano
Garcia (G.)	Palma
Garcia (J.E.)	Pancho
Garin (R.)	Panganiban
Garin (S.)	Panotes
Gasataya	Papandayan
Gatchalian	Pimentel
Go (A.C.)	Plaza
Go (M.)	Primicias-Agabas
Gonzaga	Quimbo
Gonzales (A.P.)	Ramos
Gonzales (A.D.)	Relampagos
Gonzalez	Revilla
Gullas	Rocamora
Hernandez	Rodriguez (I.)
Herrera-Dy	Rodriguez (M.)
Hofer	Romero
Jalosjos	Romualdez
Kho	Romualdo
Khonghun	Roque (R.)
Labadlabad	Sacdalan
Lacson	Salimbangon
Lagman	Salo
Lanete	Sambar
Laogan	Sandoval
Leachon	Sarmiento (C.)
Lee	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Lobregat	Savellano
Lopez (B.)	Siao
Lopez (C.)	Singson
Lopez (M.L.)	Suansing (E.)
Loyola	Suansing (H.)
Macapagal-Arroyo	Suarez
Madrona	Tambunting
Malapitan	Tan (A.)
Manalo	Tan (M.)
Mangaoang	Tan (S.)
Mangudadatu (S.)	Tejada
Mangudadatu (Z.)	Tiangco
Marcoleta	Tinio
Marcos	Tolentino
Mariño	Treñas
Marquez	Tugna
Martinez	Ty
Matugas	Umali
Mellana	Unabia
Mercado	Ungab
Mirasol	Unico
Montoro	Uy (J.)
Nava	Uy (R.)

Vargas
Velasco-Catera
Velo
Vergara
Villanueva
Villaraza-Suarez
Villarica
Violago
Yap (M.)
Zamora (R.)
Zubiri

With 212 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix)

DEFERMENT OF THE APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

On motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body deferred the approval of the Journal of the previous session.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Gullas, 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 Resolution, including the Communications, which were referred to the appropriate Committees as hereunder indicated:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 6693, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING HAZING AND REGULATING OTHER FORMS OF INITIATION RITES OF FRATERNITIES, SORORITIES, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8049”

By Representative Zubiri

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 6694, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 11 OF R.A. 10659 OR THE SUGAR DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2015”

By Representative Sagarbarria

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 6695, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE HONORARIUM AND CHRISTMAS BONUS OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING BARANGAY TANODS AND MEMBERS OF THE LUPON NG TAGAPAMAYAPA AND GRANTING A LUMP SUM GRATUITY PAY EQUIVALENT TO ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000.00), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 393 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Panotes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 6696, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS (BHWs), PROVIDING A MONTHLY HONORARIUM, IN ADDITION TO INCENTIVES AND BENEFITS GRANTED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7883 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Panotes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 6697, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING MECHANISMS TO PROTECT THE ELDERLY AGAINST ABUSE, EXPLOITATION AND ABANDONMENT OR NEGLECT, ESTABLISHING A HOME FOR THE ELDERLY IN EVERY REGION, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR ANY VIOLATION THEREOF AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Panotes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 6698, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF MAASIN, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATA-PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Mercado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 6699, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TO ENSURE THE AVAILABILITY OF DOCTORS IN EVERY PROVINCE NATION-WIDE”

By Representative Mercado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 6700, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE DEVELOPMENT BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES AND AL-AMANAH ISLAMIC INVESTMENT BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES TO UNDERTAKE THE REBUILDING AND REPAIR OF THE RESIDENCES AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS IN MARAWI CITY DAMAGED DURING THE BATTLE OF MARAWI, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Salo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 6701, entitled:

“AN ACT RE-NUMBERING THE SURIGAO DEL NORTE 1ST AND 2ND DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICES TO CONFORM AND CORRESPOND, RESPECTIVELY,

WITH THE NUMBERING OF THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS IN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE”

By Representatives Matugas and Barbers

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 6703, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROMOTE GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP”

By Representative Belaro

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

House Bill No. 6704, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE RULES FOR THE SELECTION OF A LEADER ENTREPRENEUR IN EVERY BARANGAY IN THE COUNTRY”

By Representative Belaro

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 6705, entitled:

“AN ACT TO REVIVE GOOD MANNERS AND RIGHT CONDUCT (GMRC) AS A SEPARATE SUBJECT IN THE BASIC EDUCATION CURRICULUM”

By Representative Belaro

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 6706, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A RESEARCH FUND PROVIDING FOR ITS ADMINISTRATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Belaro

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 6709, entitled:

“AN ACT ORDAINING THE PROMOTION OF SOCIAL ENTERPRISES TO ALLEVIATE POVERTY, ESTABLISHING FOR THE PURPOSE THE POVERTY REDUCTION THROUGH SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP (PRESENT) PROGRAM AND PROVIDING INCENTIVES AND BENEFITS THEREFOR”

By Representative Yap (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 6712, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 9 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6758 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SALARY STANDARDIZATION LAW, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Cua

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 6713, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE LANA DEL NORTE PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL, LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAROY, LANA DEL NORTE INTO A REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS THE LANA DEL NORTE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Dimaporo (M.K.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 6716, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING AND PROVIDING A REGULAR FIVE-MINUTE BREAK EVERY TWO HOURS FROM SITTING TIME FOR SEDENTARY WORKERS”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 6717, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING THE CULTIVATION, PRODUCTION, PROCESSING, MARKETING AND DISTRIBUTION OF PILI NUT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Belaro and Bordado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 6718, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FIFTY (50)-BED CAPACITY DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF IMUS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'OSPITAL NG IMUS' AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Advincula

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 6719, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AS EMPLOYEES IN PRIVATE ENTITIES BY GRANTING INCREASED INCENTIVES TO PRIVATE ENTITIES THAT EMPLOY SENIOR CITIZENS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISION OF R.A. NO. 9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010”

By Representative Datol

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 6720, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE EAR, NOSE AND THROAT (ENT) CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Alvarez (P.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

RESOLUTION

House Resolution No. 1485, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED ANOMALIES AND CORRUPTION IN THE ISSUANCE OF OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATES (OEC) TO OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS BY THE PHILIPPINE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT ADMINISTRATION, AND TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE ARE MODIFICATIONS TO BE MADE WITH RESPECT TO THE LATTER'S SYSTEMS, PROCESSES OR PROCEDURES”

By Representatives Manalo, Suansing (E.), Castelo, Tan (A.), Violago, Del Mar, Revilla, Savellano and Cortuna

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated 16 November 2017 of Leymar K. Canete, Acting Head, Litigation and Administrative Investigation Group, 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 No. 981 dated 3 November 2017; and
2. Circular Letter No. CL-2017-067 dated 30 October 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letter dated 20 November 2017 of Matthew M. David, Acting Head, Litigation and Administrative Investigation Group, 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 No. 982 (corrected copy) dated 9 November 2017; and

2. Circular Letter No. CL-2017-068 dated 10 November 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letters dated 20 November 2017 of Matthew M. David, Acting Head, Litigation and Administrative Investigation Group, 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-2017-036 dated 10 November 2017; and
2. Circular No. 982 dated 09 November 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

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

On motion of Rep. Christopher V. P. de Venecia, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6517, as contained 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.”

On motion of Representative de Venecia, the Chair recognized Rep. Rodolfo T. Albano III to sponsor the measure.

After Representative de Venecia stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate and upon motion of Representative Gullas, the Chair recognized Rep. Manuel F. Zubiri for a manifestation.

**MANIFESTATION OF
REPRESENTATIVE ZUBIRI**

Representative Zubiri corrected his previous statement in his interpellation on House Bill No.

6517 that an experimental cannabis-derived drug for epilepsy treatment was already approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA). He explained that the drug is on the brink of becoming the first of its kind to win the approval of the US government; and would be sold in syrup form under the brand name “Epidiolex.” He also pointed out that it only contains cannabidiol which is a cannabis compound that appears to help reduce seizures in the two hardest-to-treat forms of epilepsy according to experiments thereon, and not tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) which is cannabis’ psychoactive compound.

Representative Zubiri then asked that it be put on record that the aforementioned drug was yet to be approved by the US FDA.

Thereupon, on motion of Representative de Venecia, the Chair recognized Rep. Jose L. Atienza Jr. for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA

At the outset, Representative Atienza asked that it be placed on record that the openness on the discussion on marijuana was very critical because it could affect the ongoing campaign against illegal drugs of the Duterte Administration. He opined that marijuana in any form or derivation would become a gateway for its introduction or reintroduction in the country. He then cited Filipino medical practitioners invalidating claims of marijuana’s medicinal properties and opposing the approval of the measure.

Representatives Atienza and Albano then debated on researches and studies showing the medical benefits of substances derived from cannabis sativa; the addictive effects as against the pain-relieving effects of marijuana-derived substances; the difference between medicinal and recreational marijuana; the position of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte on the measure vis-à-vis his war against drugs; and the existence of FDA-approved drugs that were effective in managing pain.

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Singson relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Frederick “Erick” F. Abueg.

Representative Atienza then emphasized that the measure would not be beneficial for the health of the people and would promote the abuse of an illegal drug. For his part, the Sponsor stressed that the measure was banning recreational marijuana and was not decriminalizing marijuana.

Then saying that the US FDA itself urged the US Congress not to consider a bill on medical marijuana, Representative Atienza clarified that he will support a measure that will allow researches on the medical uses of marijuana but not one that will open the floodgates to the dangerous use of marijuana. He urged his colleagues to further study or revise House Bill No. 6517 to make it consonant with the provisions of the Constitution, and not to rush the same.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative de Venecia, the Chair recognized Rep. Michael John R. Duavit for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE DUAVIT

Representative Duavit pointed out that practically every medicine has side effects and doctors are the ones who determine which medicines should be prescribed for specific illnesses. He also said that some drugs containing synthetic forms of the cannabinoid known as THC are listed in the pharmacopias of other countries and available for sale.

The two Members agreed that the Bill is just providing a narrow access to controlled or “Schedule 1” drugs, to those patients who really need them. They also affirmed that it will provide for strict government supervision in the actual production, processing, packing, sale, and dispensation of marijuana-derived medicines.

Thereupon, Representative Duavit said that he will introduce an amendment to clarify that such medicines will not be treated any differently than any regulated drug.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

There being no further interpellations and no speeches *en contra*, on motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

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

**APPROVAL ON THIRD READING
OF CERTAIN HOUSE BILLS**

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

Distributed on November 8, 2017:

1. House Bill No. 6528, entitled: “AN ACT SEPARATING THE LILOY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – PATAWAG EXTENSION IN BARANGAY PATAWAG, MUNICIPALITY OF LILOY, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE FROM THE LILOY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS PATAWAG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;
2. House Bill No. 6529, entitled: “AN ACT SEPARATING THE KALAWIT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – PIANON ANNEX IN BARANGAY PIANON, MUNICIPALITY OF KALAWIT, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE FROM THE KALAWIT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS PIANON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;
3. House Bill No. 6532, entitled: “AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TALISAY, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ISIDRO, PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL TO BE KNOWN AS TALISAY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

Distributed on November 23, 2017:

4. House Bill No. 639, entitled: “AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DISTRICT HOSPITAL

IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA ELENA, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Representative de Venecia acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Seth Frederick P. Jalosjos.

**APPROVAL ON THIRD READING
OF CERTAIN HOUSE BILLS**

(Continuation)

Distributed on November 23, 2017:

5. House Bill No. 6575, entitled: “AN ACT MANDATING THE TRANSFER OF THE PROVINCIAL AGRARIAN REFORM OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SOGOD TO THE CITY OF MAASIN, SOUTHERN LEYTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;
6. House Bill No. 6591, entitled: “AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 8 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE EASTERN VISAYAS REGION TO BE KNOWN AS 'TYPHOON YOLANDA RESILIENCY DAY' ”;
7. House Bill No. 6620, entitled: “AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF ST. ANTHONY MOTHER AND CHILD HOSPITAL IN CEBU CITY FROM TWENTY-FIVE (25) TO ONE HUNDRED (100), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;
8. House Bill No. 6634, entitled: “AN ACT RENUMBERING THE CEBU FIRST, SECOND AND FOURTH DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICES TO CONFORM AND CORRESPOND, RESPECTIVELY, WITH THE NUMBERING OF THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS IN THE PROVINCE OF CEBU”;

Distributed on November 8, 2017:

9. House Bill No. 6530, entitled: “AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY

CATIGAN, TORIL DISTRICT, DAVAO CITY TO BE KNOWN AS CATIGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

10. House Bill No. 6531, entitled: “AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SIBULAN, TORIL DISTRICT, DAVAO CITY TO BE KNOWN AS MT. APO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

11. House Bill No. 6533, entitled: “AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CORPORACION, MUNICIPALITY OF LUPON, PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL TO BE KNOWN AS CORPORACION NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

12. House Bill No. 6534, entitled: “AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MAGDUG, MUNICIPALITY OF GOVERNOR GENEROSO, PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL TO BE KNOWN AS MAGDUG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

13. House Bill No. 6535, entitled: “AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY DIGON, MUNICIPALITY OF MARGOSATUBIG, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS DIGON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

14. House Bill No. 6551, entitled: “AN ACT CONVERTING THE BICOL SANITARIUM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CABUSAO, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR INTO A GERIATRIC MEDICAL CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS THE BICOL REGIONAL GERIATRIC MEDICAL CENTER, UPGRADING ITS SERVICE FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

Distributed on November 23, 2017:

15. House Bill No. 1955, entitled: “AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF RIZAL MEDICAL CENTER IN PASIG CITY FROM THREE HUNDRED (300) TO FIVE HUNDRED (500) BEDS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

16. House Bill No. 2483, entitled: “AN ACT DECLARING JULY 4 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF CADIZ, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS CHARTER DAY ANNIVERSARY”;

17. House Bill No. 2484, entitled: “AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 11 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF SAGAY, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDATION DAY ANNIVERSARY”;

18. House Bill No. 2849, entitled: “AN ACT 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, CHANGING ITS NAME TO REGION II TRAUMA AND MEDICAL CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

19. House Bill No. 6577, entitled: “AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE KALANGUYA CENTER FOR THE 6TH DISTRICT OF PANGASINAN, 1ST DISTRICT OF NUEVA ECIJA, AND THE PROVINCES OF IFUGAO, BENGUET, AND NUEVA VIZCAYA, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

20. House Bill No. 6584, entitled: “AN ACT DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF BARLIG IN MOUNTAIN

PROVINCE A TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AREA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

21. House Bill No. 6586, entitled: “AN ACT DECLARING MANOK MANOK ISLAND IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ESPERANZA, PROVINCE OF MASBATE AN ECOTOURISM SITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;
22. House Bill No. 6587, entitled: “AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LINGAYEN GULF MARINE ECOTOURISM PARK IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LINGAYEN, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;
23. House Bill No. 6592, entitled: “AN ACT DECLARING FEBRUARY 24 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS 'ARAW NG SIBUGAY' ”;
24. House Bill No. 6607, entitled: “AN ACT SEPARATING THE LAWA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX IN BARANGAY LAPUAN, MUNICIPALITY OF DON MARCELINO, PROVINCE OF DAVAO OCCIDENTAL FROM THE LAWA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS LUISA JOYCE MALLARI NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;
25. House Bill No. 6608, entitled: “AN ACT SEPARATING THE FISHING VILLAGE COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX IN BARANGAY MANA, MUNICIPALITY OF MALITA, PROVINCE OF DAVAO OCCIDENTAL FROM THE FISHING VILLAGE COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BENJAMIN VELASCO BAUTISTA SR. NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;
26. House Bill No. 6618, entitled: “AN ACT ESTABLISHING A ONE HUNDRED (100)-BED CAPACITY HOSPITAL IN BARANGAY HABAY 2 IN THE CITY OF BACOR, PROVINCE OF CAVITE TO BE KNOWN AS THE BACOR DISTRICT HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;
27. House Bill No. 6621, entitled: “AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE ADELA SERRA TY MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER IN TANDAG CITY, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR, FROM TWO HUNDRED (200) TO FIVE HUNDRED (500) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;
28. House Bill No. 6632, entitled: “AN ACT 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 ESPAÑOLA, 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 BARANGAY BACUNGAN, PUERTO PRINCESA CITY, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, AS GOVERNOR ALFREDO M. ABUEG NATIONAL CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD”;
29. House Bill No. 6633, entitled: “AN ACT 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 APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR.”

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

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abaya
Abayon
Abu
Acharon
Acop
Acosta-Alba
Advincula
Agarao
Aggabao
Aglipay-Villar
Albano
Alejano
Almario
Almonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (P.)
Amatong
Angara-Castillo
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arbison
Atienza
Aumentado
Bataoil
Bautista-Bandigan
Belaro
Belmonte (F.)
Belmonte (J.C.)
Belmonte (R.)
Bernos
Biazon
Billones
Biron
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Brosas
Bulut-Begtang
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Campos

Canama
Cari
Casilao
Castelo
Castro (F.L.)
Castro (F.H.)
Catamco
Cayetano
Cerilles
Co
Cojuangco
Cortes
Cortuna
Cosalan
Crisologo
Cua
Cuaresma
Cueva
Dalipe
Datol
Daza
De Jesus
de Venecia
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Del Rosario
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (A.)
Dimaporo (M.K.)
Duavit
Durano
Elago
Erice
Eriguel
Ermita-Buhain
Escudero
Espina
Espino
Estrella
Evardone
Fariñas
Fernando
Ferrer (J.)
Ferrer (L.)
Flores
Fortun
Fortuno
Fuentebella
Garbin
Garcia (G.)
Garcia (J.E.)
Garin (R.)
Gasataya
Gatchalian
Geron
Go (A.C.)
Go (M.)

Gonzaga	Primicias-Agabas
Gonzales (A.D.)	Quimbo
Gonzalez	Ramos
Gullas	Relampagos
Hernandez	Revilla
Herrera-Dy	Rocamora
Jalosjos	Rodriguez (I.)
Javier	Rodriguez (M.)
Kho	Roman
Khonghun	Romero
Labadlabad	Romualdez
Lacson	Romualdo
Lagman	Roque (R.)
Lanete	Sacdalán
Laogan	Salimbangon
Leachon	Salo
Lee	Sambar
Lobregat	Sandoval
Lopez (B.)	Santos-Recto
Lopez (C.)	Sarmiento (C.)
Lopez (M.L.)	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Loyola	Savellano
Macapagal-Arroyo	Sema
Maceda	Siao
Madrona	Singson
Malapitan	Suansing (E.)
Manalo	Suansing (H.)
Mangaoang	Suarez
Mangudadatu (S.)	Sy-Alvarado
Mangudadatu (Z.)	Tambunting
Marcoleta	Tan (A.)
Marcos	Tan (M.)
Mariño	Tan (S.)
Marquez	Tejada
Martínez	Tiangco
Matugas	Ting
Mellana	Tinio
Mendoza	Tolentino
Mercado	Treñas
Mirasol	Tugna
Montoro	Ty
Nieto	Umali
Nogales (J.J.)	Unabia
Nolasco	Ungab
Oaminal	Unico
Ocampo	Uy (J.)
Ong (E.)	Uy (R.)
Ortega (P.)	Vargas
Pacquiao	Veloso
Paduano	Vergara
Palma	Villanueva
Pancho	Villaraza-Suarez
Panganiban	Villarin
Panotes	Violago
Papandayan	Yap (M.)
Pimentel	Yu
Pineda	Zamora (R.)
Plaza	Zubiri

Negative:

None

Abstention:

None

With 217 affirmative votes, no negative votes and no abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading the aforementioned House Bills.

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

On an omnibus motion of Representative de Venecia, 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 Committee on Revision of Laws; dispensed with the reading of the texts of the measures 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; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of Committee and individual amendments; and approved the same on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting:

1. House Bill No. 6688, as contained in Committee Report No. 483, declaring July 4 of every year a special nonworking holiday in Bohol to be known as “Francisco Dagohoy Day”;
2. House Bill No. 5262, as contained in Committee Report No. 484, declaring May 22 of every year a special nonworking holiday in Guimaras in commemoration of its anniversary as a province;
3. House Bill No. 6689, as contained in Committee Report No. 485, declaring June 17 of every year a special nonworking holiday in Agusan del Sur in commemoration of its founding anniversary; and
4. House Bill No. 6690, as contained in Committee Report No. 486, declaring May 3 of every year a special nonworking holiday in Sta. Cruz, Marinduque, in commemoration of its founding anniversary, to be known as “Sta Cruz Day.”

TRANSMITTAL TO THE SENATE OF HOUSE BILLS APPROVED ON THIRD READING

On motion of Representative de Venecia, there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to immediately transmit to the Senate copies of the House Bills that had been approved on Third Reading.

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

On motion of Representative de Venecia, there being no objection, the Body approved to include as coauthors of House Bills No. 42, 2830, and 6592 all of the Members contained in the pertinent list to be submitted by the Committee on Rules.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Thereupon, on motion of Representative de Venecia, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 40, dated November 27, 2017.

REFERRAL OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS ON INQUIRIES IN AID OF LEGISLATION

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

1. House Resolution No. 1066, on the failure of the Masbate Electric Cooperative to settle its 240 million peso obligation which resulted in the disconnection of the power supply in the whole province of Masbate, for the purpose of resolving the power supply problem in Masbate – to the Committee on Energy;
2. House Resolution No. 1435, on the toll hikes of the North Luzon Expressway (NLEX) and the Southern Tagalog Arterial Road (STAR) – to the Committee on Transportation;
3. House Resolution No. 1443, on the unfair and anomalous practice of public utility companies of profiting from fluctuation of foreign exchange rates – to the Committee on Trade and Industry;
4. House Resolution No. 1444, on the illegal recruitment and human trafficking operations victimizing overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) in Hong Kong – to the Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs;

5. House Resolution No. 1445, on the alleged irregularities and abuses in the conduct of small town lottery by Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) authorized agent corporations – to the Committee on Games and Amusements;
6. House Resolution No. 1449, on the recent reports on “budol-budol” gangs that target OFWs and OFW retirees – to the Committee on Public Order and Safety;
7. House Resolution No. 1453, on the accident that happened at the Metro Rail Transit Line 3 (MRT 3) Ayala station last November 14, 2017 – to the Committee on Transportation;
8. House Resolution No. 1455, on directing the Armed Forces of the Philippines to provide a detailed briefing of the battle of Marawi City – to the Committee on National Defense and Security;
9. House Resolution No. 1456, on the results and criteria of the Seal of Good Local Governance 2017 – to the Committee on Local Government; and
10. House Resolution No. 1457, on ordering a total halt on all reclamation projects all over the country to preserve its shorelines and protect them from being exploited by profit-motivated businessmen – to the Committee on Natural Resources.

**APPROVAL ON SECOND READING
OF CERTAIN BILLS UNDER THE
BUSINESS FOR THE DAY**

On successive motions of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading the following House Bills calendared under the Business for the Day, as contained in the Committee Reports submitted by the Committees on Justice, and Appropriations; dispensed with the reading of the texts of the measures

without prejudice to their insertion into the Record of the House; as concurred by Rep. Juan Pablo "Rimpy" P. Bondoc, sponsor of the measures, adopted the Explanatory Notes thereof 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. 6580, as contained in Committee Report No. 438, creating four (4) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court (RTC) in the Ninth Judicial Region to be stationed at Zamboanga City, amending for the purpose Batas Pambansa (B.P.) 129; and
2. House Bill No. 2830, as contained in Committee Report No. 440, creating fifteen (15) additional RTC branches in the whole province of Batangas, amending for the purpose B.P. 129.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Gullas, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until four o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, November 29, 2017.

It was 6:13 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

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

Approved on November 29, 2017

Congress of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Philippines

MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE**Journal No. 41****Tuesday, November 28, 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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