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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Evelina G. Escudero 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 Rep. Ma. Lourdes R. Aggabao delivered the invocation.

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

On successive motions of Rep. Ann K. Hofer, 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 Hofer, 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 and Committee Reports, which were referred to the appropriate Committees hereunder indicated:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 8743, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PASSENGER PROTECTION OFFICE IN ALL MAJOR AIRPORTS IN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Pico

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 8744, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE REGIONAL COURTS OF LABOR RELATIONS (RCLR) UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF

THE SUPREME COURT, THEREBY ABOLISHING THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS COMMISSION (NLRC)”

By Representative Pico

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 8745, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO FRESH GRADUATES BY WAIVING GOVERNMENT FEES AND CHARGES COLLECTED IN CONNECTION WITH DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS FOR EMPLOYMENT”

By Representative Pico

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 8746, entitled:

“AN ACT PRESCRIBING SCHOOL BUS SAFETY STANDARDS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Pico

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 8747, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 46 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8749 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'PHILIPPINE CLEAN AIR ACT OF 1999' TO SHIFT LIABILITY FOR SMOKE BELCHING FROM THE DRIVER TO THE OWNER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE”

By Representative Pico

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 8748, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR STIFFER FINES AND PENALTIES FOR THE ILLEGAL

DISPOSAL OF WASTE MATERIALS AND VIOLATION OF OTHER PROHIBITED ACTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9003, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'ECOLOGICAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2000' ”

By Representative Pico

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 8749, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY ADMINISTRATION”

By Representative Pico

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 8750, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE NURSING LAW TOWARDS QUALITY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Pico

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 8751, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE SUSTAINABLE SANITATION PROGRAM BY REORGANIZING THE SANITATION UNIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Pico

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 8752, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TOWARDS THE TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG DEPENDENTS BY ESTABLISHING DRUG REHABILITATION CENTERS IN EVERY PROVINCE AND CITY IN THE COUNTRY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Pico

TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

House Bill No. 8753, entitled:

“AN ACT PENALIZING THE IMPOSITION OF A 'NO PERMIT, NO EXAM' POLICY OR ANY SUCH POLICY THAT PROHIBITS STUDENTS OF POST-SECONDARY AND HIGHER EDUCATION FROM TAKING THEIR MIDTERM OR FINAL EXAMINATIONS, OR OTHER SIMILAR ASSESSMENTS DUE TO UNPAID TUITION AND OTHER SCHOOL FEES”

By Representative Pico

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 8754, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING STIFFER PENALTIES FOR THEFT, ROBBERY AND DESTRUCTION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL PROPERTY”

By Representative Pico

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 8755, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A ONE-STOP SHOP FOR PRIORITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Cua

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 8756, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 45, CHAPTER 10, BOOK IV OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Villarín

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 8759, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING 13TH AND 14TH MONTH BENEFITS FOR ALL PENSIONERS OF THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM (GSIS) AND SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM (SSS)”

By Representatives Salo and Hernandez (P.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 8760, entitled:

“AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE PHILIPPINE PUBLIC SAFETY COLLEGE AS THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY EDUCATION, TRAINING AND RESEARCH”

By Representatives Salo and Hernandez (P.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 8761, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE INCLUSION OF ROAD USE, ETIQUETTE, AND SAFETY EDUCATION IN THE CURRICULUM OF THE ENHANCED BASIC EDUCATION (K TO 12) PROGRAM TO PROMOTE THE GENERAL WELFARE OF DRIVERS, PASSENGERS, AND PEDESTRIANS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Cuaresma

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 8763, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE USE OF ROADS FOR SAFE, FAST AND ECONOMIC TRANSPORT”

By Representative Fernando

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 8765, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A ONE HUNDRED (100)-BED HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGKAWAYAN, PROVINCE OF QUEZON TO BE KNOWN AS THE TAGKAWAYAN PUBLIC HOSPITAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tan (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 8766, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 48 OF REPUBLIC ACT 9267, 'OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SECURITIZATION ACT OF 2004', PROVIDING FOR STIFFER PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 8767, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES TO SELF-ORGANIZATION, COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATION AND PEACEFUL CONCERTED ACTIVITIES AND USE OF VOLUNTARY MODES OF DISPUTE SETTLEMENT”

By Representative Mendoza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 8768, entitled:

“AN ACT TO AMEND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10868, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CENTENARIANS ACT OF 2016 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 8769, entitled:

“AN ACT REORGANIZING THE COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6939, CREATING THE COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVES DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 8770, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING AND PENALIZING STREET SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND PUBLIC SPACES HARASSMENT, EXPANDING THE DEFINITION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT, AND AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7877, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY

House Bill No. 8771, entitled:

“AN ACT ENHANCING THE SAFETY OF PEDESTRIANS, FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4136, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 8772, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DUMPING OF SEWAGE SLUDGE AND INDUSTRIAL WASTE INTO SEA WATERS”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 8773, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING A FRAMEWORK FOR CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS THROUGH THE USE OF THE INTERNET AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PEOPLE’S PARTICIPATION

House Bill No. 8774, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE BLOOD DISEASE AND TRANSFUSION CENTER, DEFINING ITS OBJECTIVES, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 8775, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10152, OR THE 'MANDATORY INFANTS AND CHILDREN HEALTH IMMUNIZATION ACT OF 2011' ”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 8776, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DISPOSAL OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES AT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 8777, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OF THE PHILIPPINES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY”

OGY FOR THE PROMOTION OF RE-
SEARCH WORK ALONG SCIENTIFIC
LINES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 8778, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PHILIP-
PINE SPORTS COMMISSION, AMEND-
ING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 6847, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COM-
MISSION ACT”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND
SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 8779, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROTECT, TO PROMOTE,
AND SUPPORT BREAST FEEDING
PRACTICES THROUGH PROPER IN-
FANT AND YOUNG CHILD FEEDING
BY REGULATING THE TRADE, MAR-
KETING, AND PROMOTIONS OF
BREASTMILK SUBSTITUTES AND
FOOD PRODUCTS FOR INFANTS AND
YOUNG CHILDREN”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 8780, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE BACoor
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - VILLA
MARIA ANNEX IN BARANGAY MO-
LINO II, CITY OF BACoor, PROVINCE
OF CAVITE INTO A NATIONAL SCI-
ENCE HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN
AS THE BACoor NATIONAL SCI-
ENCE HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRI-
ATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Revilla

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCA-
TION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 8781, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROVINCIAL
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION ON
HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED) IN THE
PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA
SIBUGAY, AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Hofer

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 8782, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING GOV. JACINTO
BORJA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO
CANTAONGON TECHNOLOGICAL-
VOCATIONAL NATIONAL HIGH
SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Relampagos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCA-
TION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 8783, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A COMPRE-
HENSIVE SAFE DRINKING WATER
QUALITY MANAGEMENT, APPRO-
PRIATE FUNDS THEREOF, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Gonzales (A.D.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 8787, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A ONE-STOP
SHOP FOR PRIORITY INFRASTRUC-
TURE PROJECTS, APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representative Cua

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 8788, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MANDA-
TORY PROCUREMENT OF THE NA-
TIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY OF ALL

PALAY PRODUCED BY THE LOCAL RICE FARMERS VIA DIRECT PURCHASE”

By Representative Pancho

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 8789, entitled:

“AN ACT PROTECTING SEAFARERS WHO SUFFER SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH, AND THEIR FAMILIES”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 2357, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE MANNER OF BY WHICH PROPERTIES OWNED AND MANAGED BY GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS AND PUBLIC ENTITIES ARE BEING LEASED OUT WITH THE END IN VIEW OF LEGISLATING A STANDARD FOR THE SAME TO ENSURE THE MOST BENEFICIAL CONTRACTS IN FAVOR OF THE GOVERNMENT”

By Representatives Pineda, Belmonte (R.), Canama, Lopez (B.), Villarín, Bertiz, Montoro, Belaro, Lacson, Mending, Salon and Lopez (M.L.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2359, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING WARM FELICITATIONS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. MAN HEE LEE, CHAIRMAN AND PEACE ADVOCATE OF HEAVENLY CULTURE, WORLD PEACE, RESTORATION OF LIGHT (HWPL) FOR THE SUCCESSFUL 4TH ANNUAL COMMEMORATION OF THE

WORLD ALLIANCE OF RELIGIONS' PEACE (WARP) SUMMIT IN SEOUL, REPUBLIC OF KOREA”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2360, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING WARM CONGRATULATIONS AND COMMENDATION TO MR. NONITO DONAIRE, JR. A.K.A. 'THE FILIPINO FLASH' FOR WINNING THE WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION (WBA) SUPER BANTAM-WEIGHT CHAMPION”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS

House Resolution No. 2361, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO REVIEW THE RESOLUTION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS VICTIMS CLAIMS BOARD DENYING THE CLAIM OF DIORICA FRANCISCO LUMBAD AND OTHER WORKERS OF LA TONDEÑA DISTILLERS, INC. FOR ABUSES COMMITTED DURING MARTIAL LAW”

By Representative Lopez (M.L.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2362, entitled:

“RESOLUTION INFORMING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT (DBM) THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HAS RESCINDED ITS APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL 7436 ENTITLED 'AN ACT ABOLISHING THE ROAD BOARD AND PROVIDING FOR THE DISTRIBUTION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE USER'S CHARGE COLLECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8794, ENTITLED “AN ACT IMPOSING A MOTOR VEHICLE USER'S CHARGE ON OWNERS OF ALL TYPES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES” AND RELEASE THE FUNDS FOR PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION' ”

By Representatives Rodriguez (M.), Tejada, Cerilles, Siao, Amatong, Dimaporo (M.K.), Sacdalan, Pimentel, Bautista-Bandigan, Hernandez (F.), Acharon, Almonte, Amante, Arbison, Barbers, Cagas, Catamco, Dimaporo (A.), Floirendo, Fortun, Gonzaga, Mangudadatu (Z.), Matugas, Mendoza, Pacquiao, Papandayan, Pichay, Plaza, Romualdo, Sahali, Suansing (H.), Ungab, Uy (J.), Uy (R.), Yu, Zamora (M.C.), Revilla, Almario and Sema

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Message dated December 11, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 15, entitled:

“RESOLUTION PROVIDING THAT BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS CONVENE IN JOINT SESSION TO DELIBERATE ON THE REQUEST OF PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE TO FURTHER EXTEND THE PROCLAMATION OF MARTIAL LAW AND THE SUSPENSION OF THE PRIVILEGE OF THE WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS IN THE WHOLE OF MINDANAO FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) MORE YEAR, FROM 01 JANUARY 2019 TO 31 DECEMBER 2019, OR FOR SUCH OTHER PERIOD OF TIME AS THE CONGRESS MAY DETERMINE”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated December 11, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on December 10, 2018 the Senate designated Senators Grace Poe, Francis “Chiz” G. Escudero, Juan Miguel F. Zubiri and Risa Hontiveros as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 7385, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO PHILIPPINE COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE CORPORATION (PHILCOMSAT) TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE IN THE PHILIPPINES GROUND SATELLITE TERMINAL

STATIONS FOR TELECOMMUNICATION WITH SATELLITE FACILITIES AND DELIVERY TO COMMON CARRIERS”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated December 11, 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 votes on House Bill No. 8302, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING MORE ELECTRIC AND POWER CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN, FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES AND IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, A DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF ELECTRIC POWER TO THE END USERS IN THE CITY OF ILOILO, PROVINCE OF ILOILO”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Labor and Employment (Committee Report No. 1023), re H.B. No. 8784, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BENEFITS FROM SERVICE CHARGES OF RANK-AND-FILE AND SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 96 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 4562, 5911, 6650, 7116 and 7270

Sponsors: Representatives Ting, Laogan, Silverio, Tugna, Villarin and Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture (Committee Report No. 1024), re H.B. No. 8785, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING PHILIPPINE INDIGENOUS OR TRADITIONAL WRITING SYSTEMS AND PROVIDING FOR

THEIR PROTECTION, PRESERVATION
AND CONSERVATION”

recommending its approval in substitution of
House Bill No. 1022

Sponsors: Representatives Durano, Bataoil and
Cayetano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Legislative Franchises
(Committee Report No. 1025), re H.B. No.
8786, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER
TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE
FRANCHISE GRANTED TO AUDIO-
VISUAL COMMUNICATORS, INC. UN-
DER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8124, ENTI-
TLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE AUDI-
OVISUAL COMMUNICATORS, INC., A
FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, IN-
STALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RA-
DIO AND TELEVISION BROADCAST-
ING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES' ”

recommending its approval in substitution of
House Bill No. 5030

Sponsors: Representatives Alvarez (F.), Mac-
eda, Revilla and Nieto

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Legislative Franchises
(Committee Report No. 1026), re H.C.R. No.
23, entitled:

“CONCURRENT RESOLUTION APPROV-
ING THE TRANSFER, SALE, OR AS-
SIGNMENT OF THE CONTROLLING
INTEREST OF MINDANAO ISLAMIC
TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.”

recommending its adoption without amend-
ment

Sponsors: Representatives Alvarez (F.) and Cua

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Economic Affairs
(Committee Report No. 1027), re H.R. No.
2363, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPART-
MENT OF FINANCE (DOF), BUREAU

OF INTERNAL REVENUE (BIR)
AND/OR THE SECURITIES AND EX-
CHANGE COMMISSION (SEC) TO IM-
MEDIATELY LIBERALIZE THE RULES
AND REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9856, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE REAL ESTATE IN-
VESTMENT TRUST (REIT) LAW OF
2009, WITH A VIEW TO SUCCESS-
FULLY LAUNCH AND SUSTAIN THE
REIT INDUSTRY IN THE PHILIPPINES
AS ENVISIONED AND ORDAINED BY
THE REIT ACT BY: (1) REFLECTING
AND IMPLEMENTING THE VALUE
ADDED TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE
TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY
FROM THE SPONSOR/S TO THE REIT
IN ACCORDANCE WITH REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 10963, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS TAX REFORM FOR ACCELE-
RATION AND INCLUSION (TRAIN) LAW;
(2) REMOVING THE ESCROW RE-
QUIREMENT FOR REITs UNDER REV-
ENUE REGULATION 13-2011; (3) RE-
STORING THE MINIMUM PUBLIC
OWNERSHIP (MPO) REQUIREMENT
TO ONE-THIRD (1/3) OF THE OUT-
STANDING CAPITAL STOCK OF THE
REIT AS INITIALLY FIXED BY THE
REIT ACT; AND (4) ADOPTING OTHER
MEASURES AS MAY BE NECESSARY,
SUCH AS AMENDING THE RULES
GOVERNING PROPERTY AND FUND
MANAGERS FOR REITs, IN ORDER TO
SUSTAIN THE GROWTH OF THE REIT
INDUSTRY IN THE PHILIPPINES”

recommending its adoption in substitution of
House Resolution No. 2057: following the
Committee’s Inquiry on the Delayed Imple-
mentation of the Real Estate Investment
Trust (REIT) Law, together with the Com-
mittee’s findings and recommendations

Sponsors: Representatives Garcia (G.) and Yap
(A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Economic Affairs and
the Committee on Ways and Means (Comit-
tee Report No. 1028), re H.B. No. 8791, enti-
tled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE COMPRE-
HENSIVE REGULATORY AND LEGAL
FRAMEWORK FOR COLLECTIVE IN-
VESTMENT SCHEMES”

recommending its approval in substitution to House Bills Numbered 69 and 2510

Sponsors: Representatives Garcia (G.), Suansing (E.), Salceda, Co, Garbin, Batocabe, Cua, Romualdo, Nieto, Panganiban and Tambunting

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 8790, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING ALL TRANSPORT NETWORK COMPANIES (TNCs) AND OPERATORS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR TRANSPORT NETWORK VEHICLE SERVICES (TNVS) TO ACQUIRE COMPREHENSIVE THIRD-PARTY LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE WELFARE OF THE RIDING PUBLIC”

By Representative Nieto

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 8792, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 11 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING NATIONAL HOLIDAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, TO BE KNOWN AS THE 'INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP, COOPERATION AND DIPLOMACY DAY IN THE PHILIPPINES' ”

By Representatives Evardone, Daza and Noel

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 8793, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING S.I. POWER CORP. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN DISTRIBUTABLE POWER TECHNOLOGIES AND MINIGRID SYSTEMS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO SUSTAINABLE ENERGY”

By Representative Abu

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 2364, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE ADMINISTRATION OF HIS EXCELLENCY, PRESIDENT RODRIGO R. DUTERTE, FOR THE RETURN OF THE HISTORICAL 'BELLS OF BALANGIGA' TO THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Nieto

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Concurrent Resolution No. 25, entitled:

“CONCURRENT RESOLUTION GIVING CONSENT TO HIS EXCELLENCY EDUARDO JOSE A. DE VEGA, FORMER AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES TO MEXICO FROM 31 MARCH 2016 TO 23 APRIL 2018 TO RECEIVE THE AWARD OF THE 'ORDEN MEXICANA DEL AGUILA AZTECA (MEXICAN ORDER OF AZTEC EAGLE)' FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO”

By Representative Belmonte (F.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Labor and Employment and the Committee on Ways and Means (Committee Report No. 1029), re H.B. No. 172, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO NEW GRADUATES BY WAIVING GOVERNMENT FEES AND CHARGES COLLECTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF DOCUMENTS REQUIRED IN THEIR APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT”

recommending its approval without amendments, in consolidation with House Bills Numbered 852, 1937, 2821, 3332, 3795, 4493, 4997 and 6197

Sponsors: Representatives Ting, Suansing (E.), Villarica, Noel and Tupas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Women and Gender Equality (Committee Report No. 1030), re H.B. No. 8794, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING GENDER-BASED STREET, PUBLIC SPACES AND ONLINE SEXUAL HARASSMENT, PROVIDING PROTECTIVE MEASURES AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 5213, 5781 and 5956

Sponsors: Representatives Herrera-Dy, Rocamora, Villarin and Antonio

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. Jericho Jonas B. Nograles, the Chair suspended the session at 3:16 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:17 p.m.

MOTION OF REPRESENTATIVE DEFENSOR

Upon resumption of session, Rep. Arthur R. Defensor Jr. moved to adopt the Rules of the House of Representatives for the 17th Congress, copies of which were already distributed to the Members.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN

Recognized by the Chair, Rep. Edcel C. Lagman said that he just got a copy of the proposed Rules of the House for the 17th Congress and still has no time to review and possibly propose amendments thereto. He requested that the Body defer action thereon until they return in January 2019.

With the permission of the Chair, Representative Defensor said that the Rules that they were about to approve contained amended provisions that

had already been incorporated and approved in plenary. He said that they can provide Representative Lagman with a matrix to illustrate the amendments and then proceed to the approval of the motion.

Representative Lagman said that all the Members should be given a copy of the matrix so that they will be aware of the amendments being proposed and allow them time to propose their own amendments.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Defensor, the Chair suspended the session at 3:20 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Rodante D. Marcoleta, 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
Adiong
Advincula
Aggabao
Albano
Alejano
Almario
Almonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (M.)
Amante
Amatong
Andaya
Angara-Castillo
Antonino
Antonio
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arbison
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Aumentado

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| Bag-ao | Espina |
| Banal | Espino |
| Barzaga | Estrella |
| Bataoil | Fernando |
| Batocabe | Ferrer (J.) |
| Bautista-Bandigan | Ferrer (L.) |
| Belaro | Ferriol-Pascual |
| Belmonte (J.C.) | Floirendo |
| Benitez | Fortun |
| Bernos | Fortuno |
| Bertiz | Garbin |
| Biazon | Garces |
| Billones | Garcia (G.) |
| Biron | Garcia (J.E.) |
| Bondoc | Garcia-Albano |
| Bordado | Garin (S.) |
| Bravo (A.) | Gasataya |
| Bravo (M.V.) | Gatchalian |
| Brosas | Geron |
| Bulut-Begtang | Go (A.C.) |
| Calderon | Go (M.) |
| Calixto-Rubiano | Gonzaga |
| Caminero | Gonzales (A.P.) |
| Campos | Gonzales (A.D.) |
| Canama | Gonzalez |
| Cari | Gullas |
| Casilao | Hernandez (F.) |
| Castelo | Hernandez (P.) |
| Castro (F.L.) | Hofer |
| Castro (F.H.) | Jalosjos |
| Catamco | Javier |
| Celeste | Kho |
| Cerafica | Khonghun |
| Cerilles | Labadlabad |
| Chavez | Lacson |
| Chipeco | Lagman |
| Co | Lanete |
| Cojuangco | Laogan |
| Cortes | Lee |
| Cortuna | Limkaichong |
| Cua | Lobregat |
| Cuaresma | Lopez (B.) |
| Cueva | Lopez (M.L.) |
| Dalipe | Loyola |
| Datol | Macapagal-Arroyo |
| Daza | Maceda |
| De Jesus | Madrona |
| de Venecia | Malapitan |
| Defensor | Manalo |
| Del Mar | Mangaoang |
| Deloso-Montalla | Mangudadatu (S.) |
| Dimaporo (A.) | Mangudadatu (Z.) |
| Duavit | Marcoleta |
| Durano | Mariño |
| Dy | Martinez |
| Elago | Matugas |
| Ermita-Buhain | Mellana |
| Escudero | Mending |

Mendoza
Mirasol
Montoro
Nieto
Noel
Nograles
Nuñez-Malanyaon
Oaminal
Ong (E.)
Ong (H.)
Ortega (P.)
Ortega (V.N.)
Pacquiao
Paduano
Palma
Pancho
Panganiban
Panotes
Papandayan
Pichay
Pico
Pimentel
Pineda
Plaza
Ramirez-Sato
Ramos
Relampagos
Revilla
Roa-Puno
Rocamora
Rodriguez (I.)
Rodriguez (M.)
Roman
Romero
Romualdez
Romualdo
Roque
Sacdalan
Sagarbarria
Sahali
Salimbangon
Salo
Salon
Sambar
Sandoval
Sangcopan
Santos-Recto
Sarmiento (C.)
Sarmiento (E.M.)
Savellano
Sema
Siao
Silverio
Singson
Suansing (E.)
Suansing (H.)
Suarez
Sy-Alvarado

Tambunting
Tan (A.)
Tan (M.)
Tan (S.)
Tejada
Teves
Ting
Tinio
Tolentino
Treñas
Tugna
Tupas
Ty
Unabia
Ungab
Unico
Uy (J.)
Uy (R.)
Uybarreta
Vargas
Velasco
Velasco-Catera
Velo
Vergara
Villanueva
Villaraza-Suarez
Villarica
Violago
Yap (A.)
Yap (M.)
Yu
Zamora (M.C.)
Zamora (R.)
Zarate
Zubiri

With 239 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix)

INSERTION INTO THE RECORDS OF REPRESENTATIVE BARBERS' EXPLANATION OF VOTE

On motion of Representative Marcoleta, there being no objection, the Body approved the insertion into the records Rep. Robert Ace S. Barbers' written explanation of his affirmative vote, a copy of which shall be submitted to the Office of the Secretary General.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Representative Marcoleta thereupon acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Shernee Abubakar Tan.

ADOPTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

On successive motions of Representative Marcoleta, there being no objection, the Body considered the following House Resolutions submitted by the Committee on Rules; 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 already been distributed to the Members; and unanimously adopted the same:

1. House Resolution No. 2347, entitled: “RESOLUTION URGING PRESIDENT RODRIGO R. DUTERTE TO PURSUE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION TOWARDS FORMULATING A FRAMEWORK OR INSTRUMENT THAT WILL ENSURE THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF THE WELFARE AND RIGHTS OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS”; and
2. House Resolution No. 2353, entitled: “RESOLUTION CONVEYING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THE CONCERN IN THE MANNER BY WHICH THE IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE BOARD (IRB) OF CANADA HEARD, AND EVENTUALLY APPROVED, THE LUDICROUS CLAIM FOR REFUGEE PROTECTION OF A FUGITIVE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL.”

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Thereupon, the session was suspended at 4:00 p.m. upon motion of Representative Marcoleta.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:12 p.m.

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

On successive motions of Reps. Defensor, Wilter “Sharky” Wee Palma II, and Victoria Isabel G. Noel, 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 House Bills on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting:

Submitted by the Committees on Justice, and Appropriations and sponsored by the Senior Vice Chairperson of the Committee on Justice, Rep. Vicente “Ching” S.E. Veloso:

1. House Bill No. 8646 contained in Committee Report No. 952, creating nine (9) additional branches of the regional trial court (RTC) in the Twelfth Judicial Region to be stationed in Tacurong City and Isulan, Sultan Kudarat, amending for the purpose Section 14(m) of Batas Pambansa (B.P.) Bilang 129;
2. House Bill No. 8658 contained in Committee Report No. 958, creating three (3) additional RTC branches in the Fourth Judicial Region to be stationed in Catanauan, Quezon, amending for the purpose Section 14(e) of B.P. Bilang 129;
3. House Bill No. 8659 contained in Committee Report No. 959, creating four (4) additional RTC branches in the Eleventh Judicial Region, amending for the purpose Section 14(l) of B.P. Bilang 129;
4. House Bill No. 8660 contained in Committee Report No. 960, creating one (1) additional branch of the municipal trial court (MTC) for Maasin City, Southern Leyte, amending for the purpose Section 29 of B.P. Bilang 129;

RATIFICATION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

1. House Bills No. 4814 and 8554, and Senate Bill No. 2059, or the proposed Tax Amnesty Act;

2. House Bill No. 5675 and Senate Bill No. 2081, allowing the rectification of simulated birth records and prescribing administrative adoption proceedings for the purpose;
3. House Bill No. 8110 and Senate Bill No. 192, mandating the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) to develop, publish, disseminate and update a handbook on the rights and responsibilities of migrant workers, amending for the purpose R.A. No. 8042; and
4. House Bill No. 6618, upgrading the Bacoor District Hospital in Bacoor City, Cavite, into a level III general hospital.

Region to be stationed in Tubigon, Bohol, amending for the purpose Section 14(h) of B.P. Bilang 129;

8. House Bill No. 8664 contained in Committee Report No. 964, creating five (5) additional RTC branches in the National Capital Judicial Region to be stationed in Muntinlupa City, amending for the purpose Section 14(d) of B.P. Bilang 129;
9. House Bill No. 8665 contained in Committee Report No. 965, creating one (1) additional branch of the RTC in the Tenth Judicial Region to be stationed in Villanueva, Misamis Oriental, amending for the purpose Section 14(k) of B.P. Bilang 129;
10. House Bill No. 8666 contained in Committee Report No. 966, creating one (1) additional RTC branch in the Twelfth Judicial Region to be stationed in Mlang, Cotabato, amending for the purpose Section 14(m) of B.P. Bilang 129;

**ADOPTION OF SENATE BILL NO. 454
AS AN AMENDMENT TO
HOUSE BILL NO. 8528**

With the concurrence of the Committee on Civil Service and Professional Regulation and the main author of the Bill, on motion of Representative Marcoleta, there being no objection, the Body adopted Senate Bill No. 454 as an amendment to House Bill No. 8528, regulating the practice of occupational therapy in the Philippines.

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

(Continuation)

Submitted by the Committees on Justice,
and Appropriations and sponsored by Representa-
tive Veloso:

5. House Bill No. 8661 contained in Committee Report No. 961, creating six (6) additional RTC branches in the Eleventh Judicial Region to be stationed in Davao City, amending for the purpose Section 14(l) of B.P. Bilang 129;
6. House Bill No. 8662 contained in Committee Report No. 962, creating two (2) additional RTC branches in the Eighth Judicial Region to be stationed in Maasin City and Sogod, Southern Leyte, amending for the purpose Section 14(i) of B.P. Bilang 129;
7. House Bill No. 8663 contained in Committee Report No. 963, creating two (2) additional RTC branches in the Seventh Judicial

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At 4:40 p.m., the Chair declared a recess upon Representative Defensor's motion.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:42 p.m., the session resumed.

**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 various 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 had been previously distributed to the Members; adopted the Explanatory Notes as the sponsorship remarks thereon; 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 same on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting:

Submitted by the Committees on Tourism, and Appropriations:

1. House Bill No. 8724 contained in Committee Report No. 1003, declaring Barangay Kapatagan in Digos City, Davao del Sur an ecotourism site;
2. House Bill No. 8725 contained in Committee Report No. 1004, declaring the Paskuhan Village in San Fernando City, Pampanga a national treasure and cultural heritage, and a property of public domain;
3. House Bill No. 8726 contained in Committee Report No. 1005, declaring the islands of Nagarao, Nabocot, and Guin-awayan, all located in Placer, Masbate an ecotourism zone, and establishing the Placer Ecotourism Development Council;

Submitted by the Committees on Higher and Technical Education, Appropriations, and Ways and Means:

4. House Bill No. 8729 contained in Committee Report No. 1008, converting the Marinduque State College in Boac, Marinduque into a state university, to be known as the Marinduque State University;
5. House Bill No. 8730 contained in Committee Report No. 1009, converting the Camarines Sur Polytechnic Colleges in Nabua, Camarines Sur into a state university to be known as the Polytechnic State University of Bicol;
6. House Bill No. 8731 contained in Committee Report No. 1010, converting the Guimaras State College in Guimaras into a state university to be known as the Guimaras State University;
7. House Bill No. 8732 contained in Committee Report No. 1011, converting the Carlos Hilado Memorial State College in Talisay City and all its satellite campuses in Bacolod City and in Binalbagan, all in Negros Occidental, into a state university to be known as the Carlos Hilado Memorial State University;

Submitted by the Committees on Basic Education and Culture, and Appropriations:

8. House Bill No. 8735 contained in Committee Report No. 1014, converting the Camp

Ofelia Elementary School in Lintangan, Sibuco, Zamboanga del Norte into an integrated school to be known as Lintangan Integrated School;

9. House Bill No. 8736 contained in Committee Report No. 1015, establishing the Calube National High School in Calube, Sultan Naga Dimaporo, Lanao del Norte;
10. House Bill No. 8212 contained in Committee Report No. 1016, converting into an independent national high school to be known as the Currimao National High School the Currimao National High School – Pias-Gaang Campus in Pias Norte, Currimao, Ilocos Norte, and separating it from its mother school, the Currimao National High School in Poblacion 2, Currimao, Ilocos Norte, hereinafter renamed the Wilbur C. Go National High School;

Submitted by the Committees on Economic Affairs, Trade and Industry, Appropriations, and Ways and Means:

11. House Bill No. 8757 contained in Committee Report No. 1018, establishing a special economic zone and freeport in the area encompassing the barangays of Dumabel, San Leonardo, Pinaripad Norte, Palacian, Ligaya, Villa Ventura, Diodol and Pinaripad Sur, all located in Aglipay, Quirino, creating for this purpose the Authority of the Freeport Area of Quirino (AFAQ); and

Submitted by the Committee on Revision of Laws:

12. House Bill No. 8762 contained in Committee Report No. 1020, commemorating the plebiscite victory on the cityhood of San Jose del Monte with the Tanglawan Festival to be held annually on September 10 on the occasion of the foundation day of San Jose del Monte City in Bulacan.

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

On successive motions of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body approved the following:

1. to include as additional coauthors of House Bills No. 172, 8719, 8727, 8728, 8733, 8734, 8741, 8764, 8784, 8785, 8786, 8791, 8794, and 8795 the names of the Members

contained in the list to be submitted by the Committee on Rules; and

2. to include as additional coauthors of the bills and resolutions that are pending in the committees the names of the Members appearing in the list/s to be submitted by the Committee on Rules after due verification of their request for inclusion as coauthors of such measures.

**RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION
OF THE MOTION FOR THE ADOPTION
OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE
FOR THE 17TH CONGRESS**

On motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body resumed the consideration of his previous motion for the adoption of the Rules of the House of Representatives for the 17th Congress, copies of which had been distributed earlier to the Members.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN**

Citing an agreement with the Senior Deputy Majority Leader regarding his intent to propose amendments, Representative Lagman moved to insert several provisions subject to style and the situs where the same will be provided for, the first of which was as follows: THE EXPLANATION OF VOTE OF A MEMBER DURING THIRD READING SHALL BE MADE IMMEDIATELY AFTER SUCH MEMBER SHALL CAST HIS OR HER VOTE.

**REMARKS OF
REPRESENTATIVE DEFENSOR**

After asking the Body to go through the proposals one by one, Representative Defensor cited two rules on the explanation of vote, thus: (1) if the Body is conducting nominal voting for the approval of measures on Third Reading, the explanation of vote comes after the announcement of the voting results; and (2) if the Body is conducting nominal voting in response to the request of a Member for nominal voting, which request has been acceded to by one-fifth of the Members of the House, the explanation of vote is not done after the announcement of results.

At this point, Representative Lagman pointed out that his proposed amendment was precisely in consideration of nominal voting during the approval of measures on Third Reading.

Representative Defensor explained the need to facilitate the voting process during the approval of measures on Third Reading and cited the rule that voting should not be interrupted in said situation.

Thereupon, Representative Lagman argued that the explanation of vote does not interrupt the voting process but is a part of it; and pointed out that such has been the rule since the 8th Congress until it was recently abandoned. He explained that Members need to immediately explain their vote because allowing them to do so after the voting results have been announced will be a post-mortem explanation and not an active explanation.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Defensor, the Chair suspended the session at 4:49 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:59 p.m.

**DEFERMENT OF MOTION FOR THE
ADOPTION OF THE RULES OF THE
HOUSE FOR THE 17TH CONGRESS**

On motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body laid on the table the motion to adopt the Rules of the House of Representatives of the 17th Congress.

**APPROVAL ON SECOND READING
OF HOUSE BILLS UNDER THE
BUSINESS FOR THE DAY**
(Continuation)

Submitted by the Special Committee on Reforestation and the Committee on Appropriations and sponsored by the Chairperson of the sponsoring Special Committee, Rep. Noel L. Villanueva:

11. House Bill No. 8727 contained in Committee Report No. 1006, requiring parents to plant two (2) trees for every child born to them;
12. House Bill No. 8728 contained in Committee Report No. 1007, requiring all graduating elementary, high school, and college students to plant at least ten (10) trees each as a prerequisite for graduation;

**RATIFICATION OF CONFERENCE
COMMITTEE REPORT
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 8636
AND SENATE BILL NO. 1850**

On successive motions of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body considered and subsequently ratified the Conference Committee Report on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 8636 and Senate Bill No. 1850, institutionalizing a National Integrated Cancer Control Program.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the following Committee Reports which were referred to the Committee on Rules:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Games and Amusements (Committee Report No. 1031), re H.R. No. 132, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MARLON TAPALES FOR WINNING THE WORLD BOXING ORGANIZATION BANTAMWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP IN AYUTTHAYA, THAILAND”

recommending its adoption with amendments

Sponsors: Representatives Tambunting, Dimaporo (A.) and Dimaporo (M.K.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture, the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Ways and Means (Committee Report No. 1032) re H.B. No. 8795, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE PHILIPPINES REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8492, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'NATIONAL MUSEUM ACT OF 1998', AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 1177, 1502, 1727, 1813, 3201, 3333 and 3820

Sponsors: Representatives Durano, Suansing (E.) and Zamora (M.C.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Palma, the Chair suspended the session at 5:07 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:08 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF HOUSE
CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

On successive motions of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body considered the following House Concurrent 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 Concurrent Resolution No. 23, entitled: “CONCURRENT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TRANSFER, SALE, OR ASSIGNMENT OF THE CONTROLLING INTEREST OF MINDANAO ISLAMIC TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.”; and
2. House Concurrent Resolution No. 25, entitled: “CONCURRENT RESOLUTION GIVING CONSENT TO HIS EXCELLENCE EDUARDO JOSE A. DE VEGA, FORMER AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES TO MEXICO FROM 31 MARCH 2016 TO 23 APRIL 2018 TO RECEIVE THE AWARD OF THE "ORDEN MEXICANA DEL AGUILA AZTECA (MEXICAN ORDER OF AZTEC EAGLE)" FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO.”

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

(Continuation)

Submitted by the Committees on Science and Technology, and Appropriations and sponsored by Rep. Michael L. Romero, PhD, one of the authors of the measure:

13. House Bill No. 8734 contained in Committee Report No. 1013, increasing the benefits granted to science and technology (S&T) personnel of the government, amending for the purpose R.A. No. 8439;

Submitted by the Committees on Economic Affairs, and Trade and Industry and sponsored by Rep. Gwendolyn F. Garcia, Chairperson of the Committee on Economic Affairs:

14. House Bill No. 8764 contained in Committee Report No. 1021, amending Sections 4 and 8 of R.A. No. 7042, as amended, or the "Foreign Investments Act of 1991";

Submitted by the Committees on Higher and Technical Education, Appropriations, and Ways and Means and sponsored by Rep. Paolo Everardo S. Javier, Chairperson of the sponsoring Committee:

15. House Bill No. 8682 contained in Committee Report No. 974, expanding access to educational services through the establishment and administration of transnational higher education;

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Palma, the Chair suspended the session at 5:16 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:24 p.m.

**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:

16. House Bill No. 8786 contained in Committee Report No. 1025, renewing for another

twenty-five (25) years the franchise granted to Audiovisual Communicators, Inc. under R.A. No. 8124;

Submitted by the Committee on Women and Gender Equality and sponsored by its Chairperson, Rep. Bernadette "BH" Herrera-Dy:

17. House Bill No. 8794 contained in Committee Report No. 1030, defining gender-based street, public spaces and online sexual harassment, providing protective measures and prescribing penalties;

Submitted by the Committees on Economic Affairs, and Ways and Means, and sponsored by Representative Garcia (G.), Chairperson of the sponsoring Committee:

18. House Bill No. 8791 contained in Committee Report No. 1028, providing for the comprehensive regulatory and legal framework for collective investment schemes;

**ADOPTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION
NO. 2363 AND THE FINDINGS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED
IN COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1027**

On motion of Palma Defensor, there being no objection, the Body considered and subsequently adopted House Resolution No. 2363, entitled: "A RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE (DOF), BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE (BIR) AND/OR THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (SEC) TO IMMEDIATELY LIBERALIZE THE RULES AND REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9856, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST (REIT) LAW OF 2009, WITH A VIEW TO SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCH AND SUSTAIN THE REIT INDUSTRY IN THE PHILIPPINES AS ENVISIONED AND ORDAINED BY THE REIT ACT BY: (1) REFLECTING AND IMPLEMENTING THE VALUE ADDED TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY FROM THE SPONSOR/S TO THE REIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10963, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS TAX REFORM FOR ACCELERATION AND INCLUSION (TRAIN) LAW; (2) REMOVING THE ESCROW REQUIREMENT FOR REITs UNDER REVENUE REGULATION 13-2011; (3) RESTORING THE MINIMUM PUBLIC OWNERSHIP (MPO) REQUIREMENT TO ONE-THIRD (1/3) OF THE OUTSTANDING CAPITAL STOCK OF THE

REIT AS INITIALLY FIXED BY THE REIT ACT; AND (4) ADOPTING OTHER MEASURES AS MAY BE NECESSARY, SUCH AS AMENDING THE RULES GOVERNING PROPERTY AND FUND MANAGERS FOR REITS, IN ORDER TO SUSTAIN THE GROWTH OF THE REIT INDUSTRY IN THE PHILIPPINES,” contained in Committee Report No. 1027 as reported out by the Committee on Economic Affairs, together with the findings and recommendations contained in the Committee Report.

**APPROVAL ON SECOND READING
OF HOUSE BILLS UNDER THE
BUSINESS FOR THE DAY**
(Continuation)

Submitted by the Committees on Local Government, and Appropriations, and sponsored by the Chairperson of the sponsoring Committee, Rep. Pedro B. Acharon Jr.:

19. House Bill No. 8719 contained in Committee Report No. 1001, establishing and institutionalizing the seal of good local governance for local government units, and allocating for this purpose the seal of good local governance fund;

Submitted by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and sponsored by its Chairperson, Rep. Ramon “Red” H. Durano VI:

20. House Bill No. 8741 contained in Committee Report No. 1017, recognizing the Faith Academy as an educational institution of international character and granting the academy certain prerogatives to promote its development;
21. House Bill No. 8785 contained in Committee Report No. 1024, promoting Philippine indigenous or traditional writing systems and providing for their protection, preservation, and conservation;

Submitted by the Committees on Basic Education and Culture, Appropriations, and Ways and Means, and sponsored by Representative Durano:

22. House Bill No. 8795 contained in Committee Report No. 1032, strengthening the National Museum of the Philippines, repealing

for the purpose R.A. No. 8492 or the “National Museum Act of 1998”;

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Palma, 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 title of the following Resolution which was referred to the Committee on Rules:

RESOLUTION

House Resolution No. 2365, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT TO RECONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF HONORABLE BENJAMIN DIOKNO AS SECRETARY OF DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT BASED ON THE FINDINGS DURING THE QUESTION HOUR”

By Representative Suarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

**ADOPTION OF
HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2365**

On successive motions of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body considered House Resolution No. 2365, entitled: “RESOLUTION URGING THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT TO RECONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF HONORABLE BENJAMIN DIOKNO AS SECRETARY OF DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT BASED ON THE FINDINGS DURING THE QUESTION HOUR”; dispensed with the reading of the text of the measure without prejudice to its insertion into the Record of the House, as copies of the measure were already distributed to the Body; and unanimously adopted the same.

**RATIFICATION OF CONFERENCE
COMMITTEE REPORT ON
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 26
AND SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13**

On successive motions of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body consid-

ered and subsequently ratified the Conference Committee Report on the disagreeing provisions of House Joint Resolution No. 26 and Senate Joint Resolution No. 13, extending the maintenance, availability, and release of funds intended for victims of human rights violation during the Marcos regime until December 31, 2019.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 5:43 p.m. upon motion of Representative Palma.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:44 p.m.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Palma, 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 title of the following Resolution which was referred to the Committee on Rules:

RESOLUTION

House Resolution No. 2366, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE FAMILY OF GEORGE HERBERT WALKER BUSH, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA”

By Representatives Macapagal-Arroyo, Andaya and Suarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ADOPTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2366

On successive motions of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body considered House Resolution No. 2366, entitled: “RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE FAMILY OF GEORGE HERBERT WALKER BUSH, FORMER

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA”; dispensed with the reading of the text thereof without prejudice to its insertion into the Record of the House, as copies of the measure were already distributed to the Body; and unanimously adopted the same.

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

(Continuation)

Submitted by the Committees on Labor and Employment, and Ways and Means and sponsored by Rep. Estrellita B. Suansing, Chairperson of the Committee on Ways and Means:

23. House Bill No. 172 contained in Committee Report No. 1029, providing assistance to new graduates by waiving government fees and charges collected in connection with the issuance of documents required in their application for employment;

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 723 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 7513

Whereupon, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 7513 contained in Committee Report No. 723 as reported out by the Committees on Welfare of Children, and Appropriations.

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

“AN ACT DECLARING THE TIME BETWEEN TEN IN THE EVENING AND FIVE IN THE MORNING AS UNSAFE HOURS, PROHIBITING THE LOITERING, ROAMING AROUND, SLEEPING OR MEANDERING OF CHILDREN IN PUBLIC PLACES DURING THESE HOURS, PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS COMMITTED BY THEIR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.”

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Representative Palma, 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 Pimentel, the Chair recognized Rep. Divina Grace C. Yu, Chairperson of the Committee on Welfare of Children, for her sponsorship remarks.

SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE YU

On motion of Representative Yu as duly seconded by Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body considered the Explanatory Note of the Bill as the sponsorship remarks on the measure.

MOTION OF REPRESENTATIVE PALMA

There being no interpellators, Representative Palma moved for the termination of the period of sponsorship and debate.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ELAGO

At this point, Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago sought recognition from the Chair.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 7513

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 7513.

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

(Continuation)

Submitted by the Committee on Labor and Employment and sponsored by the main author of the measure, Rep. Dennis C. Laogan:

24. House Bill No. 8784 contained in Committee Report No. 1023, increasing the benefits from service charges of rank-and-file and supervisory employees, amending for the purpose Article 96 of Presidential Decree No. 442, as amended; and

RATIFICATION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON HOUSE BILL NO. 7385

On successive motions of Rep. Alexandria P. Gonzales, there being no objection, the Body considered and subsequently ratified the Conference

Committee Report on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 7385, renewing the franchise granted to Philippine Communications Satellite Corporation (PHILCOMSAT) to construct, install, maintain and operate in the Philippines ground satellite terminal stations for telecommunication with satellite facilities and delivery to common carriers.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2339

On further motion of Representative Gonzales (A.P.), there being no objection, the Body considered House Resolution No. 2339.

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

“RESOLUTION URGING PRESIDENT RODRIGO R. DUTERTE TO RESUME THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES (GRP) AND THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FRONT OF THE PHILIPPINES (NDFP), AND COMPLETE THE COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENTS ON SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL REFORMS TO LAY THE BASIS FOR A JUST AND LASTING PEACE.”

As copies of the Resolution had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Representative Gonzales, 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.

MOTION OF REPRESENTATIVE GONZALES (A.P.)

Thereupon, Representative Gonzales moved for the adoption of House Resolution No. 2339.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 5:53 p.m. upon motion of Representative Gonzales (A.P.).

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:54 p.m.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2339

Representative Gonzales (A.P.) then withdrew her earlier motion and on her further motion, there

being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration of House Resolution No. 2339.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 5:55 p.m. upon motion of Representative Gonzales (A.P.).

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:55 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 132

On motion of Representative Gonzales (A.P.), there being no objection, the Body considered House Resolution No. 132 contained in Committee Report No. 1031 as reported out by the Committee on Games and Amusements.

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

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MARLON TAPALES FOR WINNING THE WORLD BOXING ORGANIZATION BANTAMWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP IN AYUTTHAYA THAILAND.”

As copies of the Resolution had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Representative Gonzales, 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 SESSION

The session was suspended at 5:55 p.m. upon motion of Representative Gonzales (A.P.).

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:55 p.m.

ADOPTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 132, AS AMENDED

Thereupon, on successive motions of Representative Gonzales (A.P.), there being no objection, the Body approved the amendments as contained in Committee Report No. 1031; and unanimously adopted House Resolution No. 132, as amended.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 5:59 p.m. upon motion of Representative Gonzales (A.P.).

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 6:00 p.m.

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

Submitted by the Committees on Government Reorganization, Science and Technology, Ways and Means, and Appropriations and sponsored by one of the authors of the measure, Rep. Virgilio S. Lacson:

25. House Bill No. 8733 contained in Committee Report No. 1012, providing for a comprehensive nuclear regulatory framework, and creating for the purpose the Philippine Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

CONDUCT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND HEARINGS DURING THE RECESS

In accordance with the amended Provisional House Rules, on motion of Representative Noel, there being no objection, the Body approved to authorize all committees to conduct meetings or public hearings, if deemed necessary, during the House recess from December 13, 2018 to January 13, 2019.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Thereupon, the session was suspended at 6:02 p.m. upon motion of Representative Noel.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 6:03 p.m. with Speaker Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo presiding.

REMARKS OF SPEAKER MACAPAGAL-ARROYO

My fellow Representatives, Christmas is the best time to thank all those who have helped us do our jobs. During the first two-and-a-half years of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte's term, the Executive put in place a set of policies to guide the country's economic and infrastructure development in

the coming years. For its part, the Legislative enacted a set of laws in support of those policies.

During the day of the State of the Nation Address (SONA) last July 2018, I accepted the offer of support of many Representatives who elected me Speaker of the House. It is an honor to be the House Speaker and it is a position that I do not take lightly, and I thank you all for your support and cooperation.

As you have seen, my leadership and management style as Speaker is still similar as when I was President. The key words are hard work; selectively hands-on, especially in shepherding the 2018 SONA bills of President Duterte to passage by the House; strict, but hopefully fair; and open-minded.

Since the Third Regular Session of the 17th Congress' opening in July this year, as of an hour ago, we have already processed about 1,361 bills and approved 492 of those measures. We have approved 492 measures including 95 passed into law, 39 bills ready for the President's signature, 27 with ratified bicameral reports, 25 on Bicameral Conference Committees, 22 approved on Second Reading, plus 38 approved resolutions. We have processed an average of 33 measures per day. Congratulations!

More important for me, shortly after I assume the Speakership, I told you, my colleagues, that my goal is to implement the legislative agenda of President Duterte and you have seen that the legislation of the House has prioritized these past six months the priority bills announced by the President in his 2018 SONA.

My concern is not my legacy as Speaker, my concern is to support President Duterte's legacy in the year that I have as Speaker. And as of yesterday, the House can report with confidence that we have already passed the President's entire legislative agenda as he announced in his 2018 SONA. So you all deserve congratulations and thanks.

Thus, the country already has a good policy framework in place supported by good legislation. There will always be room for making new policy and legislation. And next year, we will be able to attend to your pet bills but on the whole, I think it is

time to pivot from mere policies to implementation. We must harvest the results during the final three-and-a-half years of President Duterte's term. The area of government that is most responsible for this is the Executive.

For the remaining months of the 17th Congress, I ask the House to be prepared to give the implementing departments and agencies the support that they may need to the extent that they make this pivot from policy to action such as by way of House resolutions from us, the elected Representatives of the people, or through the helpful exercise of House oversight functions. Next year, we will expect the oversight committees to be very active in the next months or so.

Meanwhile, let us enjoy this Christmas break with the assurance that we have done our best despite the short time given to us.

Merry Christmas and a productive New Year! Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Thereafter, the Chair *motu proprio* declared the session adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, January 14, 2019.

It was 6:08 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

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

Approved on January 14, 2019.

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* 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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