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CALL TO ORDER

At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Raneo “Ranie” E. Abu 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. Francisco Jose F. Matugas II, there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abayon
Abellanos
Abu
Abueg
Acharon
Acop
Acosta-Alba
Adiong
Advincula
Agarao
Aggabao
Albano
Alejano
Almario
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (P.)
Amatong
Andaya
Angara-Castillo
Antonio
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arbison
Arenas
Atienza
Bag-ao
Bagatsing
Baguilat
Banal
Barzaga
Bataoil
Batocabe
Belaro

Belmonte (F.)
Belmonte (J.C.)
Benitez
Bertiz
Billones
Biron
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Bravo (M.V.)
Brosas
Calderon
Caminero
Campos
Cari
Casilao
Castelo
Castro (F.H.)
Catamco
Cerilles
Chavez
Chipeco
Co
Cojuangco
Cortuna
Crisologo
Cuaresma
Cueva
Dalipe
Datul
Daza
De Jesus
de Venecia
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Del Rosario
Dimaporo (A.)
Duavit
Durano
Dy
Elago
Enverga
Erice
Eriguel
Ermita-Buhain
Escudero
Espino
Evardone
Fariñas
Fernando

Ferrer (J.)	Ortega (P.)
Ferrer (L.)	Pacquiao
Ferriol-Pascual	Paduano
Floirendo	Palma
Flores	Panganiban
Fortuno	Papandayan
Garbin	Pichay
Garcia (G.)	Pimentel
Garcia (J.E.)	Pineda
Garin (R.)	Plaza
Gasataya	Primicias-Agabas
Gatchalian	Ramirez-Sato
Geron	Ramos
Go (M.)	Revilla
Gonzaga	Roa-Puno
Gonzales (A.P.)	Rocamora
Gonzales (A.D.)	Rodriguez (I.)
Gonzalez	Roque
Hernandez	Sahali
Herrera-Dy	Salimbangon
Hofer	Santos-Recto
Jalosjos	Sarmiento (C.)
Kho	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Labadlabad	Savellano
Lacson	Sema
Lagman	Siao
Lanete	Silverio
Laogan	Singson
Lazatin	Suansing (E.)
Lee	Suansing (H.)
Limkaichong	Sy-Alvarado
Lobregat	Tambunting
Lopez (B.)	Tan (A.)
Lopez (C.)	Tan (M.)
Loyola	Tejada
Macapagal-Arroyo	Teves
Madrona	Ting
Malapitan	Tinio
Manalo	Tolentino
Mangaoang	Treñas
Marcos	Tugna
Mariño	Umali
Marquez	Unabia
Martínez	Ungab
Matugas	Unico
Mellana	Uy (R.)
Mending	Velasco
Mercado	Veloso
Mirasol	Vergara
Montoro	Villafuerte
Nieto	Villanueva
Noel	Villarica
Nogales (J.J.)	Violago
Nuñez-Malanyaon	Yap (A.)
Oaminal	Yap (V.)
Ocampo	Yu
Olivarez	Zamora (R.)
Ong (E.)	Zubiri

With 201 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix)

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

On further motion of Representative Matugas, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 42, dated Wednesday, November 29, 2017.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Representative Matugas acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Reps. Kaka J. Bag-ao, Francisco G. Datol Jr., and Milagros Aquino-Magsaysay.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

On further motion of Representative Matugas, 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, Communications, and Committee Reports, which were referred to the appropriate Committees or consigned to the Archives as hereunder indicated:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 6726, entitled:

“AN ACT ENABLING THE AUTHORITY OF THE LIGA NG MGA BARANGAY TO ESTABLISH EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTION 495 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8553, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Pimentel

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 6727, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA A MINING FREE ZONE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR”

By Representative Cuaresma

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 6728, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A JOINT CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON MINING”

By Representative Cuaresma

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Bill No. 6729, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PURSUE THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES MODERNIZATION PROGRAM, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9184, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT REFORM ACT”

By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 6730, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING AT LEAST ONE SCHOOL IN ALL PROVINCES AND HIGHLY URBANIZED CITIES NATIONWIDE TO OFFER THE ARTS AND DESIGN TRACK AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Garcia (J.E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 6731, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FREE EDUCATION FOR THE CHILDREN OF UNIFORMED PERSONNEL KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 6732, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE HINUNANGAN BAY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO PRESERVE, PROTECT, AND DEVELOP THE HINUNANGAN BAY AND ITS TRIBUTARIES, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS”

By Representative Mercado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 1487, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION BY THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE EXCLUSION OF ALL UNIFORMED PERSONNEL UNDER THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE FROM THE SALARY STANDARDIZATION LAW”

By Representative Suarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1488, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO DECLARE THE TINEG-BINONGAN AND THE PALSUGUAN RIVERS AND ITS ADJACENT FOREST COVERS AS PROTECTED AREAS”

By Representative Bernos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Resolution No. 1489, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN

AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO LENDING COMPANIES AND INDIVIDUALS IMPOSING EXCESSIVE INTEREST RATES ON LOANS TO PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Message dated November 27, 2017, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date designated Senators Panfilo M. Lacson, Gregorio B. Honasan II, Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay and Francis N. Pangilinan as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1239, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THE CHIEF OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) AND THE DIRECTOR AND THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION AND DETECTION GROUP (CIDG) THE AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER OATH AND TO ISSUE *SUBPOENA* AND *SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM*, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DILG) ACT OF 1990”

and House Bill No. 4863, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE-CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION AND DETECTION GROUP (PNP-CIDG) BY RESTORING ITS AUTHORITY TO ISSUE *SUBPOENA AD TESTIFICANDUM* OR *SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM*, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 35(B)(4) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990' ”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated November 27, 2017, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 1439, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE ENERGY VIRTUAL ONE STOP SHOP FOR THE PURPOSE OF STREAMLINING THE PERMITTING PROCESS OF ENERGY GENERATION PROJECTS”

in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

Message dated November 27, 2017, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 1533, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE BALIK SCIENTIST PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSE”

in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated November 2, 2017 of Zenaida T. Tan, Assistant Regional Director, Regional Office XI, Department of Public Works and Highways, submitting the Monthly Progress Status Report for projects implemented by their office for the month of October 2017 within the First Legislative District of Davao del Norte.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated November 3, 2017 of Stefanie Ann Y. Eriguel, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Agoo, Province of La Union, submitting their Report on Fund Utilization of Program/Project Implementation of the Local Government Support Fund for the Quarter Ended September 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated November 8, 2017 of Sukarno D. Tanggol, Chancellor, Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT), transmitting to the House of Representatives the following documents:

1. Masterlist of SUCs Tulong-Dunong Program; and

2. SUCs Tulong-Dunong Program Database.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Letter dated November 9, 2017 of Rolando T. Bangalando, State Auditor III, OIC-Audit Team Leader, Dumaguete City Water District, Office of the Auditor, Commission on Audit, furnishing the House of Representatives with the 2016 Annual Audit Reports on the following water districts:

1. Ayungon Water District, Ayungon, Negros Oriental;
2. Bais City Water District, Bais City, Negros Oriental;
3. Bayawan Water District, Bayawan City, Negros Oriental; and
4. Dumaguete City Water District, Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated November 23, 2017 of Salvador C. Medialdea, Executive Secretary, Office of the President, Malacañang, transmitting two (2) original copies each of the following Republic Acts which were signed by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte:

1. R.A. No. 10959, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY CRISTO REY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CAPAS, PROVINCE OF TARLAC”

2. R.A. No. 10960, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY SAN ISIDRO IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TITAY, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY”

3. R.A. No. 10961, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY RIZAL IN THE CITY OF MAKATI”

TO THE ARCHIVES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Health and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 496), re H.B. No. 6740, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE LABUAN PUBLIC HOSPITAL IN ZAMBOANGA CITY INTO A LEVEL II HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE LABUAN GENERAL HOSPITAL, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FOR GENERAL CARE SERVICES TO ONE HUNDRED (100), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 4875 and 4945

Sponsors: Representatives Tan (A.), Dalipe, Lobregat and Nograles (K.A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education, the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Ways and Means (Committee Report No. 497), re H.B. No. 6741, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ZAMBOANGA CITY STATE POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE ZAMBOANGA PENINSULA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3929

Sponsors: Representatives Hofer, Nograles (K.A.) Cua and Lobregat

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Health and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 498), re H.B. No. 6742, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE ZAMBOANGA CITY MEDICAL CENTER IN ZAMBOANGA CITY FROM FIVE HUNDRED (500) TO EIGHT HUNDRED (800) BEDS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR,

AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7272 AS AMENDED, ENTITLED 'AN ACT CONVERTING THE ZAMBOANGA REGIONAL HOSPITAL IN ZAMBOANGA CITY INTO ZAMBOANGA CITY MEDICAL CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 3361 and 3750

Sponsors: Representatives Tan (A.), Dalipe, Lobregat and Nograles (K.A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on People's Participation (Committee Report No. 499), re H.B. No. 6743, entitled:

“AN ACT ENCOURAGING VOLUNTEERISM DURING EMERGENCIES BY PROTECTING VOLUNTEERS FROM LIABILITY”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 5842, 6120, 6237 and 6323

Sponsors: Representatives Plaza, Vargas, Nieto, Maceda, Lee and Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF CERTAIN HOUSE BILLS

On successive motions of Representative Matugas, 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 27, 2017:

1. House Bill No. 6617, entitled: “AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PHILIPPINE COMPREHENSIVE POLICY ON HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV) AND ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS) PREVENTION, TREATMENT, CARE AND SUPPORT, AND ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL HIV AND AIDS PLAN AND APPROPRIATING

FUNDS THEREFOR, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8504, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'PHILIPPINE AIDS PREVENTION AND CONTROL ACT OF 1998'";

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.

At this point, Deputy Speaker Abu relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Eric D. Singson.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abayon
Abellanosa
Abu
Abueg
Acharon
Acop
Acosta-Alba
Adiong
Advincula
Agarao
Aggabao
Alejano
Almario
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (P.)
Amatong
Andaya
Angara-Castillo
Antonio
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arbison
Arenas
Atienza
Aumentado
Bag-ao
Bagatsing
Baguilat
Banal
Barzaga
Bataoil
Batocabe
Belaro
Belmonte (F.)
Belmonte (J.C.)
Benitez
Bertiz
Billones

Biron
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Bravo (M.V.)
Brosas
Calderon
Caminero
Campos
Cari
Casilao
Castelo
Catamco
Cerilles
Chavez
Chipeco
Co
Cojuangco
Cortuna
Crisologo
Cuaresma
Cueva
Dalipe
Datol
Daza
De Jesus
de Venecia
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Dimaporo (A.)
Duavit
Durano
Dy
Elago
Enverga
Erice
Eriguel
Ermita-Buhain
Escudero
Espino
Evardone
Fernando
Ferrer (J.)
Ferrer (L.)
Ferriol-Pascual
Floirendo
Flores
Fortuno
Garbin
Garcia (G.)
Garcia (J.E.)
Garin (R.)
Gasataya
Geron
Go (M.)
Gonzaga

Gonzales (A.P.)	Sarmiento (C.)
Gonzalez	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Hernandez	Savellano
Hofer	Sema
Kho	Siao
Labadlabad	Silverio
Lacson	Suansing (E.)
Lagman	Suansing (H.)
Lanete	Sy-Alvarado
Laogan	Tambunting
Lazatin	Tan (A.)
Lee	Tan (M.)
Limkaichong	Tejada
Lobregat	Teves
Lopez (B.)	Ting
Lopez (C.)	Tinio
Macapagal-Arroyo	Tugna
Madrona	Umali
Malapitan	Unabia
Manalo	Ungab
Mangaoang	Unico
Marcos	Uy (R.)
Mariño	Velasco
Marquez	Veloso
Martinez	Vergara
Matugas	Villafuerte
Mellana	Villanueva
Mending	Villarica
Mercado	Violago
Mirasol	Yap (A.)
Montoro	Yap (V.)
Nieto	Yu
Noel	Zarate
Nogralles (J.J.)	Zubiri
Nuñez-Malanyaon	
Oaminal	<i>Negative:</i>
Olivarez	
Ong (E.)	None
Ortega (P.)	
Ortega (V.N.)	<i>Abstention:</i>
Pacquiao	
Paduano	None
Palma	
Panganiban	
Papandayan	
Pichay	
Plaza	
Primicias-Agabas	
Ramirez-Sato	
Ramos	
Revilla	
Roa-Puno	
Rocamora	
Rodriguez (I.)	
Roque	
Sahali	
Salo	
Santos-Recto	

With 188 affirmative votes, no negative votes, and no abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 6617.

Upon motion of Representative Matugas, the Chair recognized Rep. Kaka J. Bag-ao to explain her affirmative vote.

EXPLANATION OF REPRESENTATIVE BAG-AO'S VOTE

Representative Bag-ao explained in Filipino that the approval on Third Reading of House Bill No. 6617 or the Philippine HIV and AIDS Policy Bill was a significant milestone for Congress and

was a response to the alarming rise of HIV cases in the Philippines. As principal author thereof, she acknowledged the efforts and support of civil society; various organizations; former and current Committee on Health Chairpersons and Deputy Majority Leader Juan Pablo “Rimpy” P. Bondoc; and Senator Risa Hontiveros who was a primary advocate on certain health causes and whom she had drawn inspiration from. As she also expressed hope that the Bill would soon replace the existing law governing HIV/AIDS, she pointed out that it would safeguard the confidentiality and the right to privacy of persons living with HIV/AIDS.

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

Distributed on November 29, 2017:

2. House Bill No. 2830, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING FIFTEEN (15) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS IN THE WHOLE PROVINCE OF BATANGAS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980’, AS AMENDED”;

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:

Abayon
Abellanosa
Abu
Abueg
Acharon
Acop
Acosta-Alba
Adiong
Advincula
Agarao
Aggabao

Alejano
Almario
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (P.)
Amatong
Andaya
Angara-Castillo
Antonio
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arbison
Arenas
Atienza
Aumentado
Bag-ao
Bagatsing
Baguilat
Banal
Barzaga
Bataoil
Batocabe
Belaro
Belmonte (F.)
Belmonte (J.C.)
Benitez
Bertiz
Billones
Biron
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Bravo (M.V.)
Brosas
Calderon
Caminero
Campos
Cari
Casilao
Castelo
Catamco
Cerilles
Chavez
Chipeco
Co
Cojuangco
Cortuna
Crisologo
Cuaresma
Cueva
Dalipe
Datol
Daza
De Jesus
de Venecia
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar

Dimaporo (A.)	Mirasol
Duavit	Montoro
Durano	Nieto
Dy	Noel
Elago	Nogralles (J.J.)
Enverga	Nuñez-Malanyaon
Erice	Oaminal
Eriguel	Olivarez
Ermita-Buhain	Ong (E.)
Escudero	Ortega (P.)
Espino	Ortega (V.N.)
Evardone	Pacquiao
Fernando	Paduano
Ferrer (J.)	Palma
Ferrer (L.)	Panganiban
Ferriol-Pascual	Papandayan
Floirendo	Pichay
Flores	Plaza
Fortuno	Primicias-Agabas
Garbin	Ramirez-Sato
Garcia (G.)	Ramos
Garcia (J.E.)	Revilla
Garin (R.)	Roa-Puno
Gasataya	Rocamora
Gatchalian	Rodriguez (I.)
Geron	Roque
Go (M.)	Sahali
Gonzaga	Salo
Gonzales (A.P.)	Santos-Recto
Gonzalez	Sarmiento (C.)
Hernandez	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Hofer	Savellano
Kho	Sema
Labadlabad	Siao
Lacson	Silverio
Lagman	Suansing (E.)
Lanete	Suansing (H.)
Laogan	Sy-Alvarado
Lazatin	Tambunting
Lee	Tan (A.)
Limkaichong	Tan (M.)
Lobregat	Tejada
Lopez (B.)	Teves
Lopez (C.)	Ting
Lopez (M.L.)	Tinio
Macapagal-Arroyo	Tugna
Madrona	Umali
Malapitan	Unabia
Manalo	Ungab
Mangaoang	Unico
Marcos	Uy (R.)
Mariño	Velasco
Marquez	Veloso
Martinez	Vergara
Matugas	Villafuerte
Mellana	Villanueva
Mending	Villarica
Mercado	Violago

Yap (A.)
Yap (M.)
Yap (V.)
Yu
Zarate
Zubiri

Negative:

None

Abstention:

None

With 191 affirmative votes, no negative votes, and no abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 2830.

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF CERTAIN HOUSE BILLS

(Continuation)

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Singson relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Abu.

Distributed on November 29, 2017

3. House Bill No. 6690, entitled: “AN ACT DECLARING MAY 3 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF STA. CRUZ, PROVINCE OF MARINDUQUE, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS 'STA. CRUZ DAY' ”;
4. House Bill No. 6580, entitled: “AN ACT CREATING FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE NINTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT ZAMBOANGA CITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (J) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED”;
5. House Bill No. 5262, entitled: “AN ACT DECLARING MAY 22 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF GUIMARAS IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS ANNIVERSARY AS A PROVINCE”;

6. House Bill No. 6688, entitled: “AN ACT DECLARING JULY 4 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE ENTIRE PROVINCE OF BOHOL, TO BE KNOWN AS 'FRANCISCO DAGOHOY DAY' IN HONOR OF FRANCISCO DAGOHOY, A NATIVE OF BOHOL AND LEADER OF THE LONGEST PHILIPPINE REVOLT ON RECORD THAT LASTED FOR EIGHTY-FIVE (85) YEARS DURING THE SPANISH ERA”;

7. House Bill No. 6689, entitled: “AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 17 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY.”

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:

Abayon
Abellanosa
Abueg
Acharon
Acop
Acosta-Alba
Adiong
Advincula
Agarao
Aggabao
Alejano
Almario
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (P.)
Amatong
Andaya
Angara-Castillo
Antonio
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arbison
Arenas
Atienza
Aumentado
Bag-ao
Bagatsing

Baguilat	Floirendo
Banal	Flores
Barzaga	Fortuno
Bataoil	Garbin
Batocabe	Garcia (G.)
Belaro	Garcia (J.E.)
Belmonte (F.)	Garin (R.)
Belmonte (J.C.)	Gasataya
Benitez	Gatchalian
Bertiz	Geron
Billones	Go (M.)
Biron	Gonzaga
Bolilia	Gonzales (A.P.)
Bondoc	Gonzalez
Bordado	Hernandez
Bravo (A.)	Hofer
Bravo (M.V.)	Kho
Brosas	Labadlabad
Calderon	Lacson
Caminero	Lagman
Campos	Lanete
Cari	Laogan
Casilao	Lazatin
Castelo	Lee
Catamco	Limkaichong
Cerilles	Lobregat
Chavez	Lopez (B.)
Chipeco	Lopez (C.)
Co	Lopez (M.L.)
Cojuangco	Macapagal-Arroyo
Cortuna	Madrona
Crisologo	Malapitan
Cuaresma	Manalo
Cueva	Mangaoang
Dalipe	Marcos
Datol	Mariño
Daza	Marquez
De Jesus	Martinez
de Venecia	Matugas
De Vera	Mellana
Defensor	Mending
Del Mar	Mercado
Dimaporo (A.)	Mirasol
Duavit	Montoro
Durano	Nieto
Dy	Noel
Elago	Nogralas (J.J.)
Enverga	Nuñez-Malanyaon
Erice	Oaminal
Eriguel	Olivarez
Ermita-Buhain	Ong (E.)
Escudero	Ortega (P.)
Espino	Ortega (V.N.)
Evardone	Pacquiao
Fernando	Paduano
Ferrer (J.)	Palma
Ferrer (L.)	Panganiban
Ferriol-Pascual	Papandayan

Pichay
Plaza
Primicias-Agabas
Ramirez-Sato
Ramos
Revilla
Roa-Puno
Rocamora
Rodriguez (I.)
Romero
Roque
Sahali
Salo
Santos-Recto
Sarmiento (C.)
Sarmiento (E.M.)
Savellano
Sema
Siao
Silverio
Singson
Suansing (E.)
Suansing (H.)
Sy-Alvarado
Tambunting
Tan (A.)
Tan (M.)
Tejada
Teves
Ting
Tinio
Tugna
Umali
Unabia
Ungab
Unico
Uy (R.)
Velasco
Velo
Vergara
Villafuerte
Villanueva
Villarica
Violago
Yap (A.)
Yap (M.)
Yap (V.)
Yu
Zarate
Zubiri

Negative:

None

Abstention:

None

With 192 affirmative votes, no negative votes, and no abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading the aforementioned House Bills.

THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

The day being a Monday, on motion of Representative Benhur B. Lopez Jr., there being no objection, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour, and thereafter recognized Rep. Jose L. Atienza Jr. to deliver his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA

Remembering former Senator Benigno “Ninoy” S. Aquino Jr. on his birthday on November 27, Representative Atienza recalled the former’s years as an academic scholar; a reporter covering the Korean War; and the youngest elected local chief executive during his time. As he spoke in Filipino, he likewise recalled the Senator’s performance in the Senate where he showed his honest assessment of what he thought was good for the country; as well as his arrest, imprisonment, illnesses, and death sentence during martial law where he exhibited his steadfastness and strength. He also said that after seeking medical treatment abroad, the then leader of the Liberal Party went home because of his quest for the country’s liberation from martial rule. He likewise opined that upon returning to the Philippines, Ninoy was not assassinated but murdered.

Representative Atienza then related the founding of the Lakas ng Bayan (Laban) Party and the Partido Demokratiko ng Pilipino (PDP-Laban) which was currently the “Super Majority” Party of the nation. He pointed out that the latter emanated from Ninoy and were it not for the Senator, there would be no PDP-Laban; no liberation through the so-called EDSA Revolution; and no return of democracy.

Saying that Ninoy served to inspire millions of Filipinos to fight abuse and suffering, Representative Atienza stressed that the citizenry should do so again under the present Administration.

REFERRAL OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA’S PRIVILEGE SPEECH

On motion of Representative Lopez (B.), there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Atienza’s privilege speech to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Lopez, the Chair recognized Rep. Munir M. Arbison for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ARBISON

Representative Arbison denounced the current leader of the province of Sulu who he said was ruling like a dictator and took the reins of power under the illusion of becoming the ultimate uniting sultan of the province. He alleged that under Sulu's current administration, political opponents including himself and his family members have been arrested or charged with crimes; public prosecutors have become mere rubber stamps; police forces are under local executive control; and the activities of bandits, terrorists, criminals are unabated.

Representative Arbison then asked the Chamber to request the Judiciary and the Department of Justice (DOJ) to separately conduct investigations on officials, judges, and court personnel in Sulu. In particular, he asked the agencies to expedite the investigation of (1) the Sulu provincial prosecutor for numerous complaints of unprofessionalism, bias, and graft and corruption and (2) the local chief executive for his control over the police despite the suspension of such power by the National Police Commission.

To conclude, Representative Arbison asked for the immediate return of the criminal justice system and rule of law in Sulu and punishment of erring judges and court personnel.

REFERRAL OF REPRESENTATIVE ARBISON'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH

On motion of Representative Lopez (B.), there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Arbison's privilege speech to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

On motion of Representative Lopez, the Chair recognized Rep. Edgar R. Erice to deliver his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ERICE

Representative Erice took the floor to address the allegations made in several articles written by Mr. Jarius Bondoc in the February and November 2017 issues of the *Philippine Star* regarding the mining operations of SR Metals, Inc. (SRMI) in Agusan del Norte during his term as company pres-

ident and director. As he clarified the issues involved, he stressed that Mr. Bondoc's revival of stale issues that were already answered and resolved was a continuous but vain attempt to taint the company and tie it to politics. He remarked that there was even no effort on Mr. Bondoc's part to get his or the mining company's side of the story.

Thereupon, he said that the country should not neglect the contributions of mining companies in nation-building and their socioeconomic multiplier effects as well as the SRMI's performance in environmental protection and social compliance. He also asked the media in general to help the country move forward through responsible journalism.

On motion of Representative Lopez (B.), the Chair next recognized Representative Atienza for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA

Taking note of the fact that his name was mentioned in Representative Erice's speech, Representative Atienza clarified that he was the one who signed the approval of the SRMI's mineral production sharing agreement when he was the Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). He however stressed that he had nothing to do with Basiana Mining Exploration Corporation, nor with the complaint it filed against the SRMI and the resolution thereof, because all of this occurred during the term of his predecessor in the DENR. He added that when he learned about the SRMI's shortcomings when he assumed office in the DENR, he acted on the matter based on what the law required.

Representative Erice affirmed all of the same and said that the SRMI actually paid the biggest penalty ever paid by a mining company for its failure to comply with the DENR's mining rules and regulations.

REFERRAL OF REPRESENTATIVE ERICE'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH

On motion of Representative Lopez (B.), there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Erice's privilege speech and the interpellation thereon to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

On further motion of Representative Lopez, the Chair recognized Rep. Arlene D. Brosas to deliver her privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS

Representative Brosas initially discussed how education leads to success and a bright future. She also cited constitutional provisions on the protection and promotion of the Filipino people's right to education, as well as international conventions and declarations on basic civil and political rights regardless of such factors as race, sex, religion, and birth status and on the right to education of indigenous peoples (IPs).

She thereupon focused on the plight of lumad children who were being adversely affected by military operations in Mindanao. She delved into the IPs' call to the Department of Education (DepEd) for an end to martial law, military presence, and delays in the issuance of school permits to operate. As she related incidents of crackdowns and bomb threats in lumad schools, she lamented DepEd Secretary Leonor Briones' insensitivity to the atrocities being committed against IPs.

Representative Brosas then pointed out that volunteer teachers and lumad schools were the ones who were filling in the shoes for the DepEd which is tasked to provide education to citizens.

EXTENSION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

At this point, on motion of Representative Lopez (B.), there being no objection, the Body extended the Privilege Hour for another 30 minutes.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS (Continuation)

Thereupon, Representative Brosas added that the State must address the violations committed against the human rights and right to basic education of lumads; and called for an end to militarization.

REFERRAL OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS' PRIVILEGE SPEECH

On motion of Representative Lopez (B.), there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Brosas' privilege speech to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Lopez, the Chair recognized Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago for her privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ELAGO

Representative Elago condemned the harassment, intimidation, arrest, trumped-up charges, and

killings made by State forces against human rights workers and activists, several instances of which she related. She held that this was a red flag of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte's increasing tendency to willingly shed blood to prolong his power and retaliate against his dwindling popularity.

Subsequently, she called for a strong and principled mass movement to counter the Administration's greed for power and for unity against systematic oppression, violence, and tyranny.

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Abu relinquished the Chair to Rep. Arthur R. Defensor Jr.

REFERRAL OF REPRESENTATIVE ELAGO'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH

On motion of Representative Lopez (B.), there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Elago's privilege speech to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

On further motion of Representative Lopez, the Chair recognized Rep. Tom S. Villarin for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE VILLARIN

Representative Villarin spoke about the government's decision to allow two private ports in Davao City to operate instead of utilizing and modernizing the Sasa Port. He explained how, in this kind of arrangement, the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) will lose revenues from dockage, container handling, and wharfage fees. He discussed an Ateneo de Davao study that there are viable and immediately available options for the modernization of the Sasa Port.

Representative Villarin then pointed out that the operation of the Davao Sasa Port does not require emergency powers but mere common sense and a dose of political will.

REFERRAL OF REPRESENTATIVE VILLARIN'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH

On motion of Representative Lopez (B.), there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege speech of Representative Villarin to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

On further motion of Representative Lopez, the Chair recognized Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ZARATE

Speaking in Filipino, Representative Zarate lambasted the present Administration for political

killings, civilian evacuations, and military operations; as well as human rights violations committed due to the war against illegal drugs. Adverting to this year's commemoration of the World Human Rights Day in December 10, he condemned President Duterte's recent declaration on a "crackdown" on legal organizations which Representative Zarate believed would target human rights advocates; farmer and labor leaders; and IPs. He also denounced the effects of counter-insurgency operations and a food blockade in Mindanao as well as the termination of peace talks, on the lives of lumads.

Finally, Representative Zarate urged his colleagues to show courage, condemn human rights violations, continue seeking peace in the negotiating table, and defend the Filipino people from tyranny and oppression.

REFERRAL OF REPRESENTATIVE ZARATE'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH

On motion of Representative Lopez (B.), there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege speech of Representative Zarate to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

EXTENSION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

Upon successive motions of Representative Lopez (B.), there being no objection, the Chair extended the Privilege Hour for another 10 minutes, and thereafter recognized Rep. Ron P. Salo to deliver his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE SALO

Tackling certain issues concerning public school teachers such as salary increases and pension payments, Representative Salo focused on the tutors' inability to pay loans incurred with the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) and other private lending institutions. He discussed DepEd Order No. 55 that aimed to give teachers a leeway to pay for their loans. He called on Congress to urge (1) the GSIS to wave penalties for loan payments and condone loans of retirees among public school teachers; and (2) the DepEd, Department of Finance, and government financial institutions to

immediately conduct nationwide financial literacy seminars to empower public school teachers to better manage their personal finances.

In concluding his speech, Representative Salo said that he would file the pertinent resolution thereon.

REFERRAL OF REPRESENTATIVE SALO'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH

On motion of Representative Lopez (B.), there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Salo's privilege speech to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

TERMINATION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

There being no other Member who wished to avail of the Privilege Hour, on motion of Representative Lopez (B.), there being no objection, the Body terminated the Privilege Hour.

TRANSMITTAL TO THE SENATE OF HOUSE BILLS APPROVED ON THIRD READING

On further motion of Representative Lopez (B.), 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.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Lopez (B.), there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until four o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, December 5, 2017.

It was 6:22 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

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

Approved on December 5, 2017

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Quezon City, Philippines

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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
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BANAL	***** CUA	***** GO (A.C.)
* BARBERS	CUARESMA	GO (M.)
BARZAGA	CUEVA	**** GOMEZ
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***** BAUTISTA-BANDIGAN	DAZA	*** GONZALES (A.D.)
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BELMONTE (F.)	DE VENECIA	**** GORRICETA
BELMONTE (J.C.)	DE VERA	**** GULLAS

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	HOFER		ONG (E.)		SUANSING (E.)
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	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
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***	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		VERGARA
	MATUGAS	*****	SACDALAN		VILLAFUERTE
	MELLANA	*****	SAGARBARRIA		VILLANUEVA
	MENDING		SAHALI	****	VILLARAZA-SUAREZ
*	MENDOZA	*****	SALCEDA		VILLARICA
	MERCADO	***	SALIMBANGON	*	VILLARIN
	MIRASOL	*	SALO		VIOLAGO
	MONTORO	****	SALON		YAP (A.)
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	NIETO	*****	SANDOVAL		YAP (V.)
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	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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