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CALL TO ORDER

At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Mylene J. Garcia-Albano 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. Jericho Jonas B. Nograles, there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abaya
Abellanosa
Abu
Abueg
Acharon
Acop
Acosta-Alba
Adiong
Advincula
Aggabao
Albano
Almario
Almonte
Alonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (P.)
Amatong
Angara-Castillo
Aquino-Magsaysay
Arbison
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Banal
Bataoil
Batocabe
Bautista-Bandigan
Belaro
Belmonte (F.)
Belmonte (J.C.)
Benitez
Bernos
Biazon

Billones
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Bravo (M.V.)
Brosas
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Campos
Casilao
Castelo
Castro (F.L.)
Castro (F.H.)
Catamco
Cerilles
Chavez
Chipeco
Co
Cojuangco
Collantes
Cortes
Cortuna
Cosalan
Crisologo
Cua
Cuaresma
Cueva
Dalipe
Datol
Daza
De Jesus
de Venecia
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Del Rosario
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (M.K.)
Durano
Dy
Enverga
Eriguel
Ermita-Buhain
Escudero
Espino
Fariñas
Ferrer (J.)
Ferrer (L.)
Flores
Fortun

Fortuno	Ortega (P.)
Garbin	Ortega (V.N.)
Garcia (G.)	Pacquiao
Garcia-Albano	Palma
Garin (S.)	Panganiban
Gasataya	Papandayan
Gatchalian	Pichay
Go (M.)	Pimentel
Gonzaga	Pineda
Gonzales (A.P.)	Plaza
Gonzales (A.D.)	Primicias-Agabas
Gonzalez	Quimbo
Herrera-Dy	Ramirez-Sato
Hofer	Ramos
Jalosjos	Relampagos
Kho	Revilla
Khonghun	Roa-Puno
Labadlabad	Rocamora
Lacson	Rodriguez (I.)
Lagman	Roman
Lanete	Romero
Laogan	Romualdez
Lazatin	Sacdalan
Leachon	Sahali
Lee	Salimbangon
Limkaichong	Salo
Lobregat	Sambar
Lopez (B.)	Sandoval
Lopez (C.)	Santos-Recto
Lopez (M.L.)	Sarmiento (C.)
Loyola	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Macapagal-Arroyo	Savellano
Maceda	Siao
Madrona	Silverio
Manalo	Singson
Mangaoang	Suansing (E.)
Mangudadatu (Z.)	Suansing (H.)
Marcoleta	Suarez
Marcos	Tambunting
Mariño	Tan (A.)
Marquez	Tan (S.)
Martinez	Tejada
Matugas	Teves
Mellana	Tinio
Mending	Tolentino
Mendoza	Treñas
Mercado	Tugna
Mirasol	Umali
Montoro	Unabia
Nava	Ungab
Noel	Unico
Nogralles (J.J.)	Uy (R.)
Nogralles (K.A.)	Uybarreta
Oaminal	Vargas
Ocampo	Velasco-Catera
Olivarez	Veloso
Ong (E.)	Villafuerte
Ong (H.)	Villanueva

Villarica
Villarin
Violago
Yap (M.)
Yu
Zamora (R.)
Zubiri

With 208 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix)

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 43, dated December 4, 2017.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Reference of Business.

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 6733, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE MEDICAL TOURISM AUTHORITY, TO FOSTER THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF MEDICAL TOURISM, TO PROMOTE THE NEED FOR A SYSTEMATIC AND STRATEGIC COORDINATION AMONG NUMEROUS STAKEHOLDERS WORKING TOWARD A THRIVING AND RESPONSIVE PHILIPPINE MEDICAL TOURISM INDUSTRY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 6734, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 6 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10000, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'AGRI-AGRA REFORM CREDIT ACT OF 2009' ”

By Representative Romero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 6735, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES (LBP) TO FOCUS ON ITS CHARTER TO ALLOCATE SIXTY (60) PERCENT OF ITS TOTAL LOAN PORTFOLIO IN SOLELY PROVIDING SUPPORT AND FINANCING SERVICES FOR FARMERS AND FISHERFOLKS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY, TO PROMOTE INCLUSIVE GROWTH AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE ESPECIALLY IN THE COUNTRYSIDE THROUGH THE DELIVERY OF INNOVATIVE SCHEMES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 6736, entitled:

“AN ACT SYSTEMIZING SPECTRUM USER FEES IMPOSED AGAINST ALL ALLOCATED AND ASSIGNED RADIO FREQUENCY BANDS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7925 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICY ACT OF THE PHILIPPINES' ”

By Representative Cua

TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 6737, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM (DAR) PROVINCIAL OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPA-

LITY OF MALITA, PROVINCE OF DAVAO OCCIDENTAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bautista-Bandigan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM

House Bill No. 6738, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE (PENRO) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MALITA, PROVINCE OF DAVAO OCCIDENTAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bautista-Bandigan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 6739, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS AND HOSPITALS TO PROVIDE FOR MOTORCYCLE MEDICAL EMERGENCY FIRST-RESPONDERS”

By Representative Velarde

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 1490, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION TO INCREASE ITS COVERAGE FOR HEMODIALYSIS FROM NINETY (90) SESSIONS TO ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX (156) SESSIONS”

By Representative De Vera

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Resolution No. 1491, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REMOVAL OF THE

MONUMENT OF ANDRES BONIFACIO AT THE MAKATI PARK AND GARDEN”

By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1492, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE INADEQUACIES OF PROTOCOLS AND/OR POLICIES TO SAFEGUARD THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF STATUS OF PERSONS WITH HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV)”

By Representative Roman

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1493, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING ALLANREY SALAZAR AND JOSE FERNANDEZ DATUIN FOR REPRESENTING THE COUNTRY IN INTERNATIONAL ART EXHIBITIONS AND COMPETITIONS, GIVING HONOR AND PRESTIGE FOR THE COUNTRY”

By Representative Velarde

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1494, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO INVESTIGATE THE ATTACK ON HUMAN RIGHTS WORKERS AND ACTIVISTS CONDUCTING A FACT FINDING MISSION IN STA. CATALINA, NEGROS ORIENTAL”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1495, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO INVESTIGATE THE HARASSMENT OF

LUMAD STUDENTS AND TEACHERS
DURING THEIR CAMPOUT OUTSIDE
THE OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT
OF EDUCATION NATIONAL OFFICE”

By Representative Elago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1496, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, HOW THE ISIS WAS ABLE TO INFILTRATE AND RECRUIT FILIPINO-MUSLIMS BY THE LURE OF FINANCIAL GAIN, IN MARAWI AND MINDANAO, IN ORDER TO PROPOSE REMEDIAL MEASURES TO PREVENT SIMILAR MARAWI-INCIDENTS FROM RECURRING ANYWHERE IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY BY ENSURING THAT ALL MONIES AND GRANTS FOR THE ECONOMIC AND OTHER FORMS OF REHABILITATION OF MARAWI SHALL BE PROPERLY AND EXPEDITIOUSLY UTILIZED”

By Representatives Papandayan and Dimaporo
(M.K.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1497, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON VISAYAS AFFAIRS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SPIRALING PRICES OF SUGAR”

By Representatives Ferrer (J.) and Cueva

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1498, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEMISE OF PHILIPPINE ACTOR AND STUNT DIRECTOR, MR. TEODORO GALAN BALDOMARO”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1499, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MS. KRIZZIAH LYN TABORA FOR BEING THE CHAMPION IN WOMEN'S DIVISION ON THE 53RD QubicaAMF BOWLING WORLD CUP (BWC) 2017”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 1500, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE(S) TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE UNLAWFUL AND ONEROUS IMPOSITIONS OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF THE GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL (GCC) ON THE PRE-EMPLOYMENT MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (OFWs)”

By Representative Bertiz

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1501, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FOR BEING RE-ELECTED INTO THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION COUNCIL UNDER CATEGORY (C) AND RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THE MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY, THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND ALL OTHER AGENCIES INVOLVED IN THE RE-ELECTION”

By Representative Manalo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1502, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REINSURANCE CONTRACTS AWARDED TO DOMESTIC INSURANCE COMPANIES BY THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM”

By Representative Alvarez (P.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated October 25, 2017 of Harry D. Florida, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Allacapan, Province of Cagayan, submitting their Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation for the 3rd Quarter ending September 30, 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Report of Atty. Cesar Strait Pareja, Secretary General, House of Representatives, on enrolled bill, submitted to the Office of the President, for His Excellency's consideration and signature, pursuant to the provision of Rule VI, Section 18, Par. (h) of the Rules of the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 4942, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY PUDO IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NATONIN, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE.”

TO THE ARCHIVES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Legislative Franchises (Committee Report No. 500), re H.B. No. 6754, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO ULTRASONIC BROADCASTING SYSTEM INCORPORATED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8081 ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE ULTRASONIC BROADCASTING SYSTEM

INCORPORATED A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4974

Sponsors: Representatives Alvarez (F.) and Bataoil

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 501), re H.B. No. 6758, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING MOUNT BULAYLAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CUYAPO, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA A TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2489

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 502), re H.B. No. 6759, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE DIOCESAN SHRINE OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, ALSO KNOWN AS THE TAONG PUTIK DAMBANA NI SAN JUAN BAUTISTA, IN BARANGAY BIBICLAT, ALIAGA, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA A PILGRIMAGE SITE AND TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2490

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

On motion of Representative Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Chair declared the Privilege Hour, and thereafter recognized Rep. Bernadette “BH” Herrera-Dy to deliver her privilege speech.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA

Before Representative Herrera-Dy could deliver her speech, the Chair recognized Rep. Jose L. Atienza Jr. who stated that Journal No. 43, dated December 4, 2017, failed to substantially talk about the heroism and sacrifices of former Senator Benigno “Ninoy” S. Aquino Jr. which was the focus of the speech that he delivered the previous day. He urged the Secretariat to correct the matter and to faithfully write down in the Journal the purpose of his message, which is to remind the nation not to forget the former Senator’s sacrifices in order to attain the democracy that the Filipinos are now enjoying.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE HERRERA-DY

Recognized by the Chair, Representative Herrera-Dy called on her colleagues to use their oversight powers to safeguard the rights of Filipino children. In line with the country’s commitment to the observance of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, she underscored laws that have been enacted in Congress to address political, socio-cultural, and economic challenges that affect the lives of children. However, she noted that despite said measures, the lives of children have remained threatened and subject to violence, discrimination, and abuse.

She then referred in particular to Republic Acts (R.A.s) No. 7610, 9208, 10364, 9262, 9775, and 9344, as amended by R.A. No. 10630 whose implementation has posed a great challenge to officials in both the national and local levels. She discussed the

findings and recommendations of a study made by the Philippine Legislators’ Committee on Population and Development thereon. Subsequently, she recommended the conduct of a House inquiry on the implementation of the aforesaid laws.

REFERRAL OF REPRESENTATIVE HERRERA-DY’S PRIVILEGE SPEECH

On motion of Representative Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Herrera-Dy’s privilege speech to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

On further motion of Representative Nograles, the Chair recognized Rep. Frances L. Castro to deliver her privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE CASTRO (F.L.)

Adverting to the country’s celebration of International Human Rights Day on December 10, Representative Castro spoke about what she called the increasing fascism of the current administration. Speaking in Filipino, she said that despite numerous resolutions sponsored and privilege speeches made by the Makabayan bloc Representatives, no concrete action has been made by Congress to give justice to the victims of human rights abuse. She cited facts and figures on the nationwide incidence of bombings of lumad schools, human rights violations in pursuit of the war against illegal drugs, militarization, crackdown on activists, extrajudicial killings, and arrests of militant leaders including leaders of drivers groups.

She added that the Administration’s anti-poor policies such as the tax reform program, inhumane wages, contractualization, and the absence of genuine land reform are also gradually killing the citizens of the country.

Representative Castro subsequently stressed that despite the current situation, the Makabayan bloc and progressive mass organizations will stand their ground to defend the rights of every Filipino.

REFERRAL OF REPRESENTATIVE CASTRO’S (F.L.) PRIVILEGE SPEECH

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

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Thereafter, Representative Nograles (J.J.) acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Reps. Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla, Francisco G. Datol Jr., Milagros Aquino-Magsaysay, Joseph Sto. Niño B. Bernos, and Michael L. Romero, Ph.D.

On further motion of Representative Nograles, the Chair recognized Rep. Ariel “Ka Ayik” B. Casilao for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE CASILAO

Representative Casilao condemned the recent arrest of Mr. George San Mateo, the leader of the Pinag-Isang Samahan Ng Tsuper at Operators Nationwide (PISTON), for leading a recent transport strike. Speaking in Filipino, he also mentioned President Rodrigo Roa Duterte’s issuance of a proclamation declaring the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) and New People’s Army (NPA) as terrorists; and his pronouncements that legitimate mass organizations who were critical of his policies, were fronts of the CPP-NPA. He assailed the suppression of the right of the people to air grievances against government policies and stressed that political killings and forceful arrests are against the rights of every human being. He pointed out that more illegal arrests, enforced disappearances, and political killings will occur.

Representative Casilao then said that the Anak-pawis Party-List, Makabayan, Bagong Alyansang Makabayan, and Karapatan will commemorate the forthcoming International Human Rights Day through a big protest march. He concluded that in the face of tyranny, defiance and resistance is the only way.

REFERRAL OF REPRESENTATIVE CASILAO’S PRIVILEGE SPEECH

Upon Representative Nograles’ (J.J.) motion, there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Casilao’s privilege speech to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

TERMINATION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

At this juncture, on motion of Representative Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body terminated the Privilege Hour.

**BUSINESS FOR THE DAY:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 454
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 6604**

On successive motions of Representative Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 6604, as embodied in Committee Report No. 454 and reported out by the Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms, regulating the rates of political propaganda on television, radio and print during an electoral campaign period, amending for the purpose Section 11 of R.A. No. 9006 or the “Fair Election Act”; dispensed with the reading of the text of the measure without prejudice to its insertion into the Record of the House; as concurred by Rep. Sherwin N. Tugna, Chairperson of the Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms, adopted the Explanatory Note thereof as the sponsorship remarks on the measure; terminated the period of sponsorship and debate; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of Committee and individual amendments; and approved the same on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 5:00 p.m., upon motion of Representative Nograles (J.J.).

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:00 p.m., the session resumed.

**BUSINESS FOR THE DAY:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 487
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 6702**

Thereupon, on successive motions of Representative Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 6702, as embodied in Committee Report No. 487 and reported out by the Committees on Welfare of Children, and Appropriations, regulating the importation, manufacture, distribution and sale of children’s products containing hazardous chemicals and providing penalties for violation thereof; dispensed with the reading of the text of the measure without prejudice to its insertion into the Record of the House; as concurred by Rep. Divina Grace C. Yu, Chairperson of the Committee on Welfare of Children, adopted the Explanatory Note as the sponsorship remarks on the measure; terminated the period of sponsorship and debate; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of Committee or individual amendments; and approved the same on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting.

**BUSINESS FOR THE DAY:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 482
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 6686**

Upon motion of Representative Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 6686, as embodied in Committee Report No. 482 and reported out by the Committees on Agrarian Reform, and Appropriations.

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

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

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Representative Nograles, 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.

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Nograles, the Chair recognized the Chairperson of the Committee on Agrarian Reform, Rep. Rene L. Relampagos for his sponsorship speech.

**SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF
REPRESENTATIVE RELAMPAGOS**

Representative Relampagos initially thanked the House leadership and the authors of House Bill No. 6686 for supporting the policy of providing immediate financial protection, assistance, and relief from losses to affected agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs). He explained that the Bill will protect ARBs from extreme financial losses due to unfortunate events; ensure the delivery of support services from the Department of Agrarian Reform, Department of Agriculture, and the Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation; serve as a credit reduction mechanism and facilitate credit access to formal lending institutions; provide a choice of insurance windows to address various issues impeding availment of insurance in agriculture; and enable the government to support ARBs through a risk-free management mechanism.

As Representative Relampagos stressed the constitutional mandate of Congress to legislate laws that would respond to the needs of the Filipino people especially the landless farmers and farmworkers, he then asked for support in immediately passing the Bill.

**INTERPELLATION OF
REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN**

Recognized by the Chair upon motion of Representative Nograles' (J.J.), Rep. Edcel C. Lagman manifested his support for House Bill No. 6686 and then discussed with Representative Relampagos the initial annual appropriation for the payment of insurance premiums of all qualified ARBs in the country.

Considering that there will be deficiency in funds to cover all of the ARBs, Representative Lagman inquired as to who would prioritize and what would be the mode of prioritization among the qualified beneficiaries.

**SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION
ON SECOND READING
OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6686**

At this point, on motion of Representative Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6686 to allow the Committee on Agrarian Reform to collate the information being requested by Representative Lagman.

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

On successive motions of Representative Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading the following House Bills calendared under the Business for the Day, as contained in various Committee Reports and submitted by the Committees concerned; dispensed with the reading of the texts of the measures without prejudice to their insertion into the Record of the House; adopted the Explanatory Notes as the sponsorship remarks on the measures; terminated the period of sponsorship and debate; approved the amendments as contained in the Committee Report;

terminated the period of amendments; and approved the same on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting:

1. House Bill No. 6714 as embodied in Committee Report No. 492 and submitted by the Committees on Civil Service and Professional Regulation, and Appropriations, regulating the practice of food technology in the Philippines, and creating the Board of Food Technology; and
2. House Bill No. 3222, as embodied in Committee Report No. 494 and submitted by the Committees on Basic Education and Culture, Appropriations, and Ways and Means, establishing a national vision screening program for kindergarten pupils.

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body approved to include as additional coauthors to House Bills No. 6604, and 6649, and House Resolution No. 1421, as contained in the lists to be submitted by the Committee on Rules.

ADOPTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1421

On successive motions of Representative Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body considered House Resolution No. 1421, urging the Department of Tourism (DOT) to institutionalize and promote the Kalapati Festival of Barangay Holy Spirit in Quezon City; dispensed with the reading of the text thereof without prejudice to its insertion into the Record of the House; and unani- mously adopted the same.

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

On an omnibus motion of Representative Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading the following House Bills calendared under the Business for Thursday and Friday, as contained in various Committee Reports and submitted by the Committees hereunder indicated; dispensed with the reading of the texts thereof without prejudice to their insertion into the Record of the House; adopted the Explanatory Notes as the sponsorship remarks on the measures; terminated the period of sponsorship and debate; approved the Committee amendments, as contained

in their respective Committee Reports, if any; terminated the period of amendments; and approved the same on Second Reading through *viva voce* vot- ing:

1. House Bill No. 6585, as contained in Com- mittee Report No. 442, and submitted by the Committees on Tourism; and Appropri- ations, declaring Barangay Tala in Orani, Bataan an ecotourism zone;
2. House Bill No. 6602, as contained in Com- mittee Report No. 452, and submitted by the Committees on Basic Education and Culture, and Appropriations, separating the Heracleo Casco National High School An- nex in Barangay San Isidro, Sta. Maria, Davao Occidental and converting it to the Pedro Mariscal National High School;
3. House Bill No. 6603, as contained in Com- mittee Report No. 453, and submitted by the Committees on Basic Education and Culture, and Appropriations, separating the Kalbay National High School Annex in Bar- angay Sugul, Jose Abad Santos, Davao Occidental and converting it to Emeliano S. Fontanares Sr. National High School;
4. House Bill No. 6681, as contained in Com- mittee Report No. 478, and submitted by the Committees on Tourism, and Appropri- ations, declaring the Porta Vega Beach and the shorelines of Barangays T.R. Yangco, Cadulan, and Divisoria, all in Dimasalang, Masbate, an ecotourism site, establishing the Porta Vega Ecotourism Council;
5. House Bill No. 6682, as contained in Com- mittee Report No. 479, and submitted by the Committees on Tourism, and Appropri- ations, declaring the Limahong Channel in Lingayen, Pangasinan a tourist spot;
6. House Bill No. 6683, as contained in Com- mittee Report No. 480, and submitted by the Committees on Tourism, and Appropri- ations, declaring La Union province a tour- ist destination and the “surfing capital of the North”, and providing for its develop- ment;
7. House Bill No. 6711, as contained in Com- mittee Report No. 491, and submitted by the Committees on Health, and Appropri- ations, upgrading the Dr. Paulino J. Garcia Memorial Research and Medical Center Extension Hospital in Talavera, Nueva

Ecija, to a level-2 hospital and increasing its bed capacity to one hundred (100) beds to be now known as the Talavera General Hospital;

8. House Bill No. 6715, as contained in Committee Report No. 493, and submitted by the Committees on Higher and Technical Education, Appropriations, and Ways and Means, separating the Southern Philippines Agriculture, Business, Marine and Aquatic School of Technology (SPAMAST) – Digos City Campus in Digos, Davao del Sur, from the SPAMAST in Malita, Davao Occidental and converting it into the Davao del Sur State College;
9. House Bill No. 6740, as contained in Committee Report No. 496, and submitted by the Committees on Health, and Appropriations, 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);
10. House Bill No. 6741, as contained in Committee Report No. 497, and submitted by the Committees on Higher and Technical Education, Appropriations, and Ways and Means, converting the Zamboanga City State Polytechnic College into the Zamboanga Peninsula Polytechnic State University; and
11. House Bill No. 6742, as contained in Committee Report No. 498, and submitted by the Committees on Health, and Appropriations, increasing the bed capacity of the Zamboanga City Medical Center from five hundred (500) to eight hundred (800) beds amending Republic Act No. 7272.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Nograles (J.J.), the Chair suspended the session at 5:37 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:38 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until four o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, December 6, 2017.

It was 5:38 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

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

Approved on December 6, 2017.

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MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE**Journal No. 44****Tuesday, December 05, 2017**

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

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

* Appeared after the Roll Call

** On official mission

*** Attending meetings of CA/HRET/Conference Committee/Committee meetings authorized by Committee on Rules

**** Officially notified the House, through the Secretariat, of their absence

***** Absent without notice

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