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**CALL TO ORDER**

At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Gwendolyn F. Garcia 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. Juliette T. Uy delivered an invocation.

**ROLL CALL**

On motion of Rep. Arthur R. Defensor Jr., there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abaya  
Abayon  
Abellanosa  
Abu  
Abueg  
Acharon  
Acop  
Acosta  
Acosta-Alba  
Adiong  
Advincula  
Agarao  
Aggabao  
Aglipay-Villar  
Alejano  
Almonte  
Alvarez (F.)  
Alvarez (P.)  
Amatong  
Angara-Castillo  
Antonino  
Antonio  
Aquino-Magsaysay  
Aragones  
Arbison  
Arenas  
Atienza

Aumentado  
Baguilat  
Banal  
Barbers  
Barzaga  
Bataoil  
Batocabe  
Bautista-Bandigan  
Belmonte (F.)  
Belmonte (J.C.)  
Belmonte (R.)  
Benitez  
Bernos  
Bertiz  
Biazon  
Billones  
Biron  
Bolilia  
Bondoc  
Bordado  
Bravo (A.)  
Bravo (M.V.)  
Brosas  
Bulut-Begtang  
Calderon  
Calixto-Rubiano  
Caminero  
Campos  
Canama  
Cari  
Casilao  
Castelo  
Castro (F.L.)  
Castro (F.H.)  
Catamco  
Cayetano  
Celeste  
Cerafica  
Cerilles  
Chavez  
Co  
Cojuangco  
Cortes  
Cosalan  
Crisologo  
Cua  
Cuaresma  
Cueva  
Dalipe  
Datol  
Daza

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De Jesus	Lee
De Venecia	Limkaichong
De Vera	Lobregat
Defensor	Lopez (B.)
Del Mar	Lopez (M.L.)
Del Rosario	Macapagal-Arroyo
Deloso-Montalla	Maceda
Dimaporo (A.)	Madrona
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Malapitan
Durano	Manalo
Dy	Mangaoang
Elago	Mangudadatu (S.)
Enverga	Marcoleta
Eriguel	Marcos
Ermita-Buhain	Mariño
Escudero	Marquez
Espino	Martinez
Estrella	Matugas
Evardone	Mellana
Fariñas	Mendoza
Fernando	Mercado
Ferrer (J.)	Mirasol
Ferrer (L.)	Montoro
Ferriol-Pascual	Nieto
Floirendo	Noel
Flores	Nogralles (J.J.)
Fortun	Nogralles (K.A.)
Fortuno	Nolasco
Fuentebella	Nuñez-Malanyaon
Garbin	Oaminal
Garcia (G.)	Olivarez
Garcia (J.E.)	Ong (E.)
Garin (R.)	Ong (H.)
Garin (S.)	Ortega (P.)
Gasataya	Ortega (V.N.)
Geron	Pacquiao
Go (A.C.)	Paduano
Go (M.)	Palma
Gomez	Pancho
Gonzaga	Panganiban
Gonzales (A.P.)	Panotes
Gonzales (A.D.)	Papandayan
Gonzalez	Pichay
Gullas	Pimentel
Hernandez	Pineda
Herrera-Dy	Plaza
Hofer	Primicias-Agabas
Javier	Radaza
Kho	Ramos
Khonghun	Relampagos
Labadlabad	Revilla
Lacson	Roa-Puno
Lagman	Robes
Lanete	Rocamora
Laogan	Rodriguez (I.)
Lazatin	Rodriguez (M.)

Roman  
Romualdez  
Romualdo  
Roque (H.)  
Roque (R.)  
Sacdalan  
Sagarbarria  
Salceda  
Salo  
Salon  
Sambar  
Santos-Recto  
Sarmiento (C.)  
Sarmiento (E.M.)  
Savellano  
Sema  
Siao  
Singson  
Suansing (E.)  
Suansing (H.)  
Suarez  
Sy-Alvarado  
Tambunting  
Tan (A.)  
Tejada  
Teves  
Tiangco  
Ting  
Tinio  
Tugna  
Tupas  
Turabin-Hataman  
Ty  
Ungab  
Unico  
Uy (J.)  
Uy (R.)  
Uybarreta  
Vargas  
Vargas-Alfonso  
Velarde  
Velasco  
Velasco-Catera  
Velo  
Villafuerte  
Villanueva  
Villaraza-Suarez  
Villarica  
Villarin  
Violago  
Yap (A.)  
Yap (M.)  
Yap (V.)  
Yu  
Zarate  
Zubiri

With 246 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See also the Appendix)

## REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

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

### BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 6062, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) ROMBLON PROVINCIAL TRAINING CENTERS IN THE PROVINCE OF ROMBLON, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Madrona

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 6063, entitled:

“AN ACT IN RECOGNITION OF THE BRITISH SCHOOL MANILA AS AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION OF INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER, GRANTING CERTAIN PREROGATIVES CONDUCIVE TO ITS GROWTH AND EXPANSION AS SUCH, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Escudero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 6064, entitled:

“AN ACT SEEKING TO ADJUST, UPDATE AND RATIONALIZE THE ALLOWANCES AND BENEFITS OF THE PHILIPPINE FOREIGN SERVICE PERSONNEL”

By Representative Belaro

TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 6066, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE OFFICE OF THE TOURISM OFFICER IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS FROM THE PROVINCIAL, CITY, AND MUNICIPAL LEVELS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PERTINENT SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT 7610, OR OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Ortega (V.N.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 6067, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING LEGAL AWARENESS AMONG THE YOUTH BY INCLUDING BASIC LAW EDUCATION IN THE CURRICULA OF ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECONDARY SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Ortega (V.N.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 6068, entitled:

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

By Representative Campos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 6069, entitled:

“AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SKYWAY IN DAVAO CITY”

By Representative Almario

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 6070, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING ALL TELEVISION AND RADIO FACILITIES TO ALLOCATE AT LEAST FIVE (5) MINUTES A DAY FOR AIRTIME FOR PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFOMERCIALS ON LAWS, SOCIAL WELFARE, PUBLIC SAFETY, PROCEDURES AND OTHER MATTERS OF NATIONAL INTEREST TO INCREASE AWARENESS AND INFORM THE PUBLIC OF THEIR RIGHTS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES AS CITIZENS OF THE COUNTRY AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Mariño

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 6071, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TESDA PROVINCIAL TRAINING CENTER, MARINDUQUE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE”

By Representative Velasco

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 6072, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RATIONALIZED SYSTEM OF TIMELY, EVIDENCE-BASED, AND PEOPLE-CENTRIC SUSPENSION AND CANCELLATION OF CLASSES AND OPERATIONS OF WORKPLACES”

By Representative Belaro

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 6074, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE INTEGRATED NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 6075, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF DISASTER RESILIENCY AND DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Salceda

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

#### RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 1146, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION BY THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE SETTLEMENT OFFER OF THE MIGHTY CORPORATION FOR THE TAX EVASION CASES FILED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE”

By Representative Suarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1147, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT TO LOOK INTO THE POSITIVE EFFECTS OF AGRICULTURAL BIOTECHNOLOGY ON THE LIVES OF THE RURAL FOLKS AND ITS POTENTIAL AS AN ALTERNATIVE TOOL FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND AGRICULTURAL COMPETITIVENESS”

By Representative Mangaoang

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1148, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE WORKFORCE TO PROVIDE LAW DEGREE SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS FOR PROSPECTIVE LAWYER POLICEMEN IN STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES”

By Representative Ortega (V.N.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Resolution No. 1149, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT TO LOOK INTO THE POSITIVE EFFECTS OF AGRICULTURAL BIOTECHNOLOGY ON THE LIVES OF THE RURAL FOLKS AND ITS POTENTIAL AS AN ALTERNATIVE TOOL FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND AGRICULTURAL COMPETITIVENESS”

By Representatives Batocabe, Co and Garbin

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1150, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING WARMEST FELICITATIONS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO ON ITS 103<sup>RD</sup> FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1151, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE APPROPRIATE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR TRANSPORT NETWORK COMPANIES AND TRANSPORT NETWORK VEHICLE SERVICES”

By Representative Sarmiento (E.M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

### ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

With the permission of the Body, the following Members were made coauthors of the Bills and Resolutions hereunder indicated:

Rep. Juliette T. Uy for House Bill No. 263;

Rep. Lorna C. Silverio for House Bills No. 2068, 2909, 2910, 2945, 3005, 4084, 5201, and 5226, and House Resolution No. 786;

Reps. Michelle M. Antonio, Christopher V.P. De Venecia, Edwin C. Ong, Jocelyn Sy Limkaichong, Fernando V. Gonzalez, Jennifer Austria Barzaga, and Francisco Jose F. Matugas II for House Bill No. 5549;

Rep. Franz E. Alvarez for House Bill No. 5614;

Rep. Estrellita B. Suansing for House Bills No. 584, 1203, 5061, and 5433;

Rep. Manuel Monsour T. Del Rosario III for House Bills No. 2622, 2624, and 5549;

Rep. Orestes T. Salon for House Bill No. 4722;

Reps. Eleanor C. Bulut-Begtang and Alfred D. Vargas for House Bill No. 5811;

Rep. Micaela S. Violago for House Bills No. 5099, 5121, 5334, 5345, 5363, 5488, and 5811, and House Resolution No. 938;

Rep. Gus S. Tambunting for House Bills No. 2281 and 5631;

Rep. Jose Antonio "Kuya Jonathan" R. Sy-Alvarado for House Bills No. 4960, 4966, 5111, 5311, 5696, 5697, 5720, and 5843;

Rep. Jesus "Boying" F. Celeste for House Bill No. 2165;

Rep. Gwendolyn F. Garcia for House Bills No. 5018 and 5019;

Rep. Sol Aragonés for House Bills No. 4349 and 5549;

Reps. Arnel M. Cerafica and Sandra Y. Eriguel, M.D. for House Bill No. 2531;

Rep. Gavini "Apol" C. Pancho for House Bill No. 4167;

Rep. Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano for House Bill No. 4742;

Rep. Florencio T. Flores Jr., M.D. for House Bills No. 1858 and 1859;

Rep. Delphine Gan Lee for House Bill No. 3468;

Rep. Karlo Alexei B. Nograles for House Bills No. 4274, 4848, 4853, and 4856;

Reps. Isidro S. Rodriguez Jr. and Benjamin C. Agarao Jr. for House Bills No. 3468, 5164, and 5523; and

Rep. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo for House Bill No. 695.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated June 19, 2017 of Atty. Usmin P. Diamel, Director IV, Regional Director, Regional Office No. XIII, Commission on Audit, furnishing copies of the Annual Audit Reports (AARs) for CY 2016 on the following Water Districts (WDs) under the audit jurisdiction of this Regional Office:

1. Butuan City Water District
2. Surigao Metropolitan Water District
3. Bayugan Water District
4. Bunawan Water District
5. San Francisco Water District
6. Sibagat Water District
7. Carmen Water District

### TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated June 21, 2017 of Catalino S. Cuy, Officer-in-Charge, DILG, Department of the Interior and Local Government, submitting a copy of the Statement of Allotments, Obligations and Balances (Current and Cont. Appropriations) of the Office of the Secretary, this Department, as of May 31, 2017, in compliance with Section 91 of the General Provisions of R.A. 10924 (FY 2017 GAA).

### TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated June 22, 2017 of Thelma S. Timbol, State Auditor IV, Audit Team Leader, Commission on Audit, furnishing a copy of Annual Audit Report

on the Ramon Magsaysay Technological University, Iba, Zambales for the year ended December 31, 2016.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated June 30, 2017 of Mary Grace D. Reyes, State Auditor III, Audit Team Leader, NGS SUCs and Other NGS Stand-Alone Agencies, Team R16-08, Commission on Audit, furnishing copies of the Annual Audit Report (AAR) for CY 2016 on the following agencies:

1. Carlos A. Hilado Memorial State College (CHMSC), Talisay City, Negros Occidental.
2. Northern Negros State College of Science and Technology (NONESCOST), Sagay City, Negros Occidental.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated July 3, 2017 of Madonna S. Atencion, State Auditor IV, Audit Team Leader, Office of the Auditor, Commission on Audit, furnishing a copy of the 2016 Annual Audit Report on the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA).

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated July 4, 2017 of Michael G. Aguinaldo, Chairperson, Commission on Audit, furnishing copies of the 2016 Annual Audit Reports on 8 national government agencies:

1. Department of the Interior and Local Government
2. National Police Commission
3. Bureau of Fire Protection
4. General Headquarters – Armed Forces of the Philippines
5. Philippine Army
6. Philippine Navy
7. Philippine Air Force
8. Bureau of Corrections

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated July 6, 2017 of Michael G. Aguinaldo, Chairperson, Commission on Audit, furnishing copies of the CY 2016 audit reports on the results of audit of the accounts and operations of 26 Government-Owned or Controlled Corporations (GOCCs) in the National Capital Region enumerated in the attached list:

1. AFP Retirement and Separation Benefits System (AFP-RSBS) (CY 2015-2016)

2. Al-Amanah Islamic Investment Bank of the Philippines (AAIIBP) (CY 2015-2016)
3. Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSoP) (CY 2015-2016)
4. Cagayan Economic Zone Authority (CEZA)
5. Center for International Trade Expositions and Missions (CITEM)
6. Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP)
7. DBP Data Center, Inc. (DCI)
8. Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP)
9. DISC Contractors, Builders and General Services, Inc. (DISC)
10. Duty Free Philippines Corporation (DFPC)
11. Human Settlements Development Corporation (HSDC)
12. Laguna Lake Development Authority (LLDA)
13. LBP Leasing and Finance Corporation (LLFC) (CY 2015-2016)
14. National Dairy Authority (NDA)
15. National Livelihood Development Corporation (NLDC) (CY 2015-2016)
16. Nayong Pilipino Foundation (NPF)
17. Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA)
18. PEA Tollway Corporation (PEATC)
19. People's Television Network, Inc. (PTNI)
20. Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PCIC)
21. Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA)
22. Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PHIC)
23. Philippine International Trading Corporation (PITC)
24. Philippine Mining Development Corporation (PMDC)
25. Philippine Retirement Authority (PRA)
26. Quedan and Rural Credit Guarantee Corporation (QUEDANCOR)



## TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated July 13, 2017 of Joyce E. Martir, State Auditor III, OIC-Audit Team Leader, Regional Office No. XVI, Commission on Audit, furnishing a copy of the transmitted Calendar Year 2016 Annual Audit Report on the Central Philippines State University, Kabankalan City, Negros Occidental.

## TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letters dated July 20, 2017 of Roger E. Dino, Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, furnishing the House of Representatives with duly certified and authenticated BSP issuances, to wit:

1. Circular No. 966 dated 11 July 2017;
2. Circular Letter No. CL-2017-042 dated 7 July 2017;
3. Circular Letter No. CL-2017-043 dated 11 July 2017;
4. Circular Letter No. CL-2017-044 dated 12 July 2017;
5. Memorandum No. M-2017-019 dated 9 June 2017;
6. Memorandum No. M-2017-021 dated 12 July 2017; and
7. Memorandum No.M-2017-022 dated 12 July 2017.

## TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letter dated June 21, 2017 of Michael G. Aguinaldo, Chairperson, Commission on Audit, furnishing copies of the 2016 Annual Audit Reports and Management Letter on the following government agencies, pursuant to Section 4, Article IX-D of the Constitution of the Philippines.

## A. Annual Audit Reports

1. Bureau of Communications Services
2. Commission on the Filipino Language
3. Commission on Filipinos Overseas
4. Film Development Council of the Philippines
5. Foreign Service Institute
6. Governance Commission for GOCCs
7. Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council

8. Movie and Television Review and Classification Board
9. National Commission for Culture and the Arts
10. National Intelligence Coordinating Agency
11. National Printing Office
12. National Security Council
13. National Youth Commission
14. Presidential Management Staff
15. Philippine Commission on Women
16. Philippine Competition Commission
17. Presidential Broadcast Staff-RTVM
18. Presidential Legislative Liaison Office
19. Technical Cooperation Council of the Philippines
20. UNESCO National Commission of the Philippines

## B. Management Letter

1. Optical Media Board

## TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## COMMITTEE REPORT

Report by the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 332), re H.B. No. 6084, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JANUARY 16 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF NAVOTAS IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 945

Sponsors: Representative Primicias-Agabas and Tiangco

## TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Thereafter, the Chair recognized Rep. Juan Pablo “Rimpy” P. Bondoc for his manifestation.

**MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE BONDOC**

Representative Bondoc said that the Secretariat had inadvertently left out as present in that day’s session those Members who were attending meetings of the Commission on Appointments (CA). He read the

pertinent portion of Section 71 (b.1) of the amended Provisional House Rules on who should be deemed present in plenary sessions; and asked that the attendance record be corrected to reflect the presence of the aforesaid Members.

### **ROLL CALL**

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General corrected the record accordingly and stated that the Roll Call showed that there were 258 Members present. (See Appendix)

### **BUSINESS OF THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 283 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 5799**

On motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body then considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 5799, as embodied in Committee Report No. 283 and reported out by the Committee on Natural Resources.

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

“AN ACT REVERTING FISHPONDS WHICH HAVE BEEN UNUTILIZED OR ABANDONED FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS TO FORESTLANDS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 43 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 705 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED FORESTRY REFORM CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES.”

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

### **SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE DEFENSOR**

With the concurrence of the author of the Bill, on motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body considered the Explanatory Note as the sponsorship remarks on the measure.

On further motion of Representative Defensor, the Chair recognized Reps. Arnel U. Ty and Jose L. Atienza Jr. for sponsorship and interpellation, respectively.

### **INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA**

Representative Atienza requested the Sponsor to enlighten the Body on the benefits of converting unutilized or abandoned fishponds into forestlands.

Initially, Representative Ty explained the Duterte Administration's efforts in addressing the pollution of water resources and the setting up of illegal fish pens; and the Speaker's directive to the Committee on Natural Resources to be stringent about bills converting protected areas and forestlands into agricultural or alienable and disposable lands.

Representative Atienza sought assurance on safeguards against the construction of existing and new hotels and business establishments in swamp lands that were defined as fishponds, even while the Body was still discussing House Bill No. 5799. He urged his colleague to look at the environmental and socio-economic impact of a measure that was seemingly innocent and pro-poor but would promote the interest of a selected sector. He asked whether the Sponsor would consider his proposal not to shorten the contestability period of fishponds and not to allow the conversion of unutilized or abandoned fishponds lands into alienable and disposable lands where said establishments had already been constructed.

Representative Ty said that the inputs of Representative Atienza would help improve the Bill, but clarified that the intention of the Bill was simply to facilitate the rehabilitation of abandoned fishponds. He surmised that the latter might have been referring to House Bill No. 691 on the disposition of public agricultural lands under Commonwealth Act No. 141. He reiterated that measures on the conversion of lands would be thoroughly scrutinized in the House and Senate and could even be vetoed by the President. He explained that House Bill No. 5799 was just facilitating the rehabilitation of fishponds under Section 43 of Presidential Decree (P.D.) No. 705 so that the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) could replant trees thereon. He added that Section 43 of P.D. No. 705 already provided that abandoned fishponds will be converted into forestlands but not into alienable and disposable lands.

### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

The Chair then suspended the session at 4:57 p.m., upon motion of Representative Atienza.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 5:00 p.m.

**INTERPELLATION OF  
REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA**  
(Continuation)

Representative Ty thereupon said that he was accepting Representative Atienza's suggestion to insert a colatilla that would ensure that fishponds converted to forestlands would remain inalienable.

**QUERY OF THE CHAIR**

The Chair then asked whether the Sponsor was accepting the proposed amendment, to which the latter replied in the affirmative and remarked that the same was already indicated in Section 43 of P.D. No. 705.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Bernadette "BH" Herrera-Dy, the Chair recognized Rep. Carlos O. Cojuangco for his interpellation.

**INTERPELLATION OF  
REPRESENTATIVE COJUANGCO**

Representative Cojuangco asked on the scope of the conversion of fishponds. Representative Ty replied that the Bill (1) covered inland fishponds under DENR fishpond lease agreements (FLAs) and not those in rivers and natural waterways, and (2) provided for the reversion of said fishponds to the DENR if the FLAs were violated or cancelled.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Representative Cojuangco, the Chair suspended the session at 5:11 p.m.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

At 5:13 p.m., the session resumed.

**INTERPELLATION OF  
REPRESENTATIVE COJUANGCO**  
(Continuation)

Upon resumption of session, Representative Ty agreed with Representative Cojuangco's proposed amendment to disallow the planting of trees on waterway fishponds once these were reverted to the DENR.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Defensor, the Chair recognized Rep. Raul A. Daza for his interpellation.

**INTERPELLATION OF  
REPRESENTATIVE DAZA**

Upon recognition by the Chair, Representative Daza asked if unutilized or abandoned fishponds that had been foreclosed by the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) and bought by private owners were covered by the measure. Representative Ty answered that only government-owned fishponds or those with FLAs were within the Bill's ambit.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Defensor, the Chair recognized Rep. Edcel C. Lagman for his interpellation.

**POINT OF INFORMATION OF  
REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN**

After reading Sections 2 and 3 of Article XII of the Constitution on national economy and patrimony, Representative Lagman initially pointed out that only agricultural lands of the public domain and not timberlands could be subject to alienation. He then said that the colatilla that was previously proposed was unnecessary and redundant, considering that an abandoned or unutilized fishpond which was reverted to forestland would remain such and could not be alienated.

**INTERPELLATION OF  
REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN**

Representative Lagman then proceeded with his queries on why abandoned fishponds were being reverted to forestlands and why the five-year waiting period was being shortened. The Sponsor cited data on violations of FLAs and abandonment of fishponds; the DENR's intention to reforest said areas; and the Bill's intention to facilitate the conversion of underutilized fishponds.

Representative Lagman pointed out that the DENR had issued FLAs to such fishponds precisely because it had studied and validated their productivity to operate as fishponds; and that a five-year period was provided to give time for interested parties to take over the FLAs once they were cancelled. He thus concluded there were no overriding reasons for such conversion even after three or five years; and reiterated that by operation of law, forestlands could not be alienated.

### **TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE**

There being no further interpellations, on motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Defensor, the Body proceeded to the period of amendments.

### **TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS**

There being no Committee and individual amendments, on motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of amendments.

### **APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5799**

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body approved House Bill No. 5799 on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting.

### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

At this point, Representative Defensor acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Rep. Emi G. Calixto-Rubiano.

### **BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 292 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 691**

On motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 691, as contained in Committee Report No. 292 and reported out by the Committee on Natural Resources.

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

“AN ACT SIMPLIFYING THE PROCEDURE IN THE DISPOSITION OF PUBLIC AGRICULTURAL LANDS, AMENDING SECTION 24 OF COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 141, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE PUBLIC LAND ACT'.”

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Representative Defensor, 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 Defensor, the Chair recognized Representative Ty, Chairperson of the Committee on Natural Resources, to sponsor the measure.

### **SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE TY**

After Representative Defensor manifested on behalf of Representative Ty that the Explanatory Note of the measure be made part of the sponsorship speech on House Bill No. 691, the latter said that he was ready to accept questions.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Defensor, the Chair recognized Representative Lagman who requested for a copy of the Bill.

### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

The Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 5:33 p.m.

### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 5:34 p.m.

### **TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE**

There being no interpellations, on motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Defensor, the Body proceeded to the period of Committee amendments.

### **COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

There being no objection, the Body approved the Committee amendments as presented on the floor by Representative Ty.

**TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS**

There being no other Committee and no individual amendments, on motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of amendments.

**APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 691, AS AMENDED**

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body approved on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting House Bill No. 691, as amended.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Representative Defensor, the Chair suspended the session at 5:38 p.m.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 5:39 p.m.

**BUSINESS FOR THE DAY:  
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 262  
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 5745**

On motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 5745, as contained in Committee Report No. 262 and reported out by the Committees on Agriculture and Food, and Appropriations.

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

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE COCONUT FARMERS AND INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND AND PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND UTILIZATION.”

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

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Defensor, and with the approval of Rep. Jose T. Panganiban Jr., CPA, LLB, Chairperson of the sponsoring Committee, the Chair recognized Rep. Ramon V.A. “Rav” Rocamora, for his sponsorship speech.

**SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE ROCAMORA**

Representative Rocamora said that the Bill was not just about inclusive growth but bringing about justice long sought by coconut farmers whose copras were levied during the Marcos era purportedly to develop the coconut industry and lift coconut farmers out of poverty. He pointed out that companies that used the coconut levy fund -- that now stood at around ₱100 billion -- had flourished, while farmers continued to languish.

On motion of Representative Bondoc, the Chair recognized Rep. Ariel “Ka Ayik” B. Casilao for his interpellation.

**INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE CASILAO**

Representative Casilao relayed the opposition of the Anakpawis Party-List and Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas to the Bill and asked if it could state that the coconut levy fund came from money stolen by the Marcos Administration and should be returned to the coconut farmers. The Sponsor said that he was willing to improve the social justice provision of the Bill but could not accept the inclusion of the aforesaid statement because what the measure was dealing with was reparations for coconut farmers.

Representative Casilao then questioned the disposition of the coconut levy fund by the Privatization and Management Office (PMO); the purpose of holding ₱85 billion thereof in a trust fund; and the non-submission of a list of supposed beneficiaries. The Sponsor explained that privatization would not be automatic and would be regulated by the Coconut Industry Trust Fund Committee; and the ₱85 billion would be a perpetual fund to ensure funds even after 50 years while ₱10 billion would be a jump-start fund for the rehabilitation of the coconut industry.

Representative Panganiban thereafter debated with his colleague on the latter’s position on 1) providing a higher amount for the seed fund and a lower amount for the trust fund; 2) directly giving financial

assistance as well as livelihood, medical, and scholarship assistance to the farmers; and 3) giving a co-chairmanship in the Coconut Industry Trust Fund Committee to a coconut farmer representative. Representative Casilao said that he will propose the pertinent amendments to the substitute bill that would really serve the interests of the coconut farmers.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Herrera-Dy, the Chair recognized Rep. Tom S. Villarin for his interpellation.

### **INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE VILLARIN**

Representatives Villarin and Panganiban first discussed the social justice provision of the Bill and then exchanged views on the beneficiaries of the aforesaid trust fund.

On one hand, Representative Villarin held that it should be prioritized for small coconut farmers and farm workers which comprised 90% of the beneficiaries, as he stressed that the fund came from their pockets. He stated that a Senate bill that had been passed that was similar to House Bill No. 5745, defined who was a coconut farmer and who could be considered as beneficiaries of the trust fund.

On the other hand, Representative Panganiban pointed out that the objective of the measure was to help not only small coconut farmers and farm workers but also big coconut farmers considering that they all belonged to the entire coconut industry. He added that the Supreme Court had not distinguished between small and big farmers, and had ruled that the coconut levy fund was of public nature and interest and should be used for the development of the coconut farmers and the coconut industry. He also stated that the fund was collected from all coconut farmers without distinction and as such, the Committee on Agriculture and Food had voted to define coconut farmers without limiting the number of hectares they were tilling.

In ending his interpellation, Representative Villarin appealed to his colleagues to let small coconut farmers and farm workers benefit from the trust fund as he stressed that legislation should be biased for the poor. He also reserved his right to propose his amendments at the proper time.

### **SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5745**

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Herrera-Dy, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 5745.

### **BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 294 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 5818**

On successive motions of Representative Herrera-Dy, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 5818, as contained in Committee Report No. 294 and submitted by the Committee on Labor and Employment, regulating the practice of employers in posting notices of termination of employment of former employees in newspaper, social media, and other public information venues; dispensed with the reading of the text thereof without prejudice to its insertion into the Record of the House; as concurred by Rep. Randolph S. Ting, Chairperson of the Committee on Labor and Employment, 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.

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

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

#### Submitted by the Committees on Tourism and Appropriations:

1. House Bill No. 5747, as contained in Committee Report No. 263, declaring Pilis Falls in Palili, Samal, Bataan an ecotourism site;

2. House Bill No. 5748, as contained in Committee Report No. 264, declaring the Municipality of Jovellar in Albay Province an ecotourism zone;

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

3. House Bill No. 5754, as contained in Committee Report No. 266, separating the Rizal National School of Arts and Trades-Santor Extension in Santor, Rizal, Kalinga Province from the Rizal National School of Arts and Trades, and converting it into the Santor National High School;
4. House Bill No. 5755, as contained in Committee Report No. 267, separating the Parañaque National High School – Don Bosco Extension in Don Bosco, Parañaque City from the Parañaque National High School, and converting it into the Don Bosco National High School;
5. House Bill No. 5756, as contained in Committee Report No. 268, establishing the Depase National High School in Depase, Bayog, Zamboanga del Sur;
6. House Bill No. 5757, as contained in Committee Report No. 269, separating the Parañaque National High School – San Antonio High School Annex in San Antonio, Parañaque City from the Parañaque National High School, and converting it into the San Antonio National High School Parañaque;
7. House Bill No. 5758, as contained in Committee Report No. 270, separating the Bokod National High School – Daklan Extension in Tublay Central, La Trinidad, Benguet from the Bokod National High School and converting it into the Daklan National High School;

Submitted by the Committees on Health, and Appropriations:

8. House Bill No. 4274, as contained in Committee Report No. 298, upgrading the Southern Isabela General Hospital in Santiago City, Isabela into the Southern Isabela Medical Center;

9. House Bill No. 5880, as contained in Committee Report No. 299, upgrading the Amai Pakpak Medical Center in Marawi City, Lanao del Sur;

10. House Bill No. 5881, as contained in Committee Report No. 300, establishing the SOCCSKSARGEN General Hospital in Surallah, South Cotabato;

Submitted by the Committees on Justice, and Appropriations:

11. House Bill No. 5903, as contained in Committee Report No. 301, creating three (3) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in Laguna to be stationed in Calamba City, amending for the purpose Section 14(E) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129;
12. House Bill No. 5904, as contained in Committee Report No. 302, creating two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the First Judicial Region to be stationed in Batang City, Ilocos Norte, further amending Section 14 (A) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129;
13. House Bill No. 5905, as contained in Committee Report No. 303, creating two (2) additional branches of the Metropolitan Trial Court in the National Capital Judicial Region to be stationed in Malabon City, Metro Manila, amending Section 27 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129;
14. House Bill No. 5906, as contained in Committee Report No. 304, creating an additional branch of the Regional Trial Court to be stationed in the Municipality of Bongabong, and four (4) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court to be stationed in the Municipalities of Bansud, Bulalacao, Gloria, and Mansalay, all in the province of Oriental Mindoro, amending Section 14(E) and Section 30 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129;
15. House Bill No. 5907, as contained in Committee Report No. 305, creating an additional branch of the Regional Trial Court in the Third Judicial Region to be stationed in Iba, Zambales, further amending Section 14(C) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129;

16. House Bill No. 198, as contained in Committee Report No. 306, creating an additional Regional Trial Court branch in the Province of Leyte to be stationed in Baybay City, further amending Section 14(I) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129;
17. House Bill No. 5932, as contained in Committee Report No. 308, creating two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Province of Leyte to be stationed in Ormoc City, amending Section 14(I) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129;
18. House Bill No. 3443, as contained in Committee Report No. 309, creating an additional branch of the Regional Trial Court in the First Judicial Region to be stationed in Asingan, Pangasinan, further amending Section 14(A) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129;

Submitted by the Committees on  
Transportation, and Appropriations:

19. House Bill No. 5954, as contained in Committee Report No. 312, establishing a Land Transportation Office (LTO) satellite office in Malay, Aklan;
20. House Bill No. 5955, as contained in Committee Report No. 313, establishing an LTO Extension Office in Narra, Palawan;
21. House Bill No. 1924, as contained in Committee Report No. 315, converting the LTO-Medellin Extension Office into a regular district office;
22. House Bill No. 5992, as contained in Committee Report No. 316, converting the satellite office of the LTO in Bayugan, Agusan del Sur into a regular district office;
23. House Bill No. 3169, as contained in Committee Report No. 317, converting the LTO licensing centers in Batangas City, Batangas into a regular licensing center;

24. House Bill No. 4065, as contained in Committee Report No. 318, establishing a regular LTO district office in Panabo City, Davao del Norte;
25. House Bill No. 4166, as contained in Committee Report No. 319, converting the LTO licensing center in San Pablo City, Laguna into a regular licensing center; and
26. House Bill No. 4765, as contained in Committee Report No. 323, establishing an LTO extension office in Brook's Point, Palawan.

**APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL**

On further motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 4, dated July 31, 2017.

**REFERRAL OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS  
ON INQUIRIES IN AID OF LEGISLATION**

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

1. House Resolution No. 1053, on the propriety and legitimacy of Manila North Tollways Corporation's request for another increase of the closed system toll rates at the North Luzon Expressway – to the Committee on Transportation;
2. House Resolution No. 1055, on the reported garlic importation by the Department of Agriculture – to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;
3. House Resolution No. 1056, on the review of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 8042 or the Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipinos Act of 1995, as amended by R.A. No. 10022 to evaluate its effectivity in the promotion and protection of Filipino migrants' rights and their families – to the Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs;



4. House Resolution No. 1058, on the deliberate sabotage by Provincial Governor Roel R. Degamo, Board Member Miguel Dungog, Provincial Director Henry Biñas, and several chiefs of police, all of Negros Oriental, of small town lottery (STL) operations duly sanctioned by the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) in the Province of Negros Oriental – to the Committee on Public Order and Safety;
5. House Resolution No. 1059, on the business operations and tax payments/liabilities of fishing operators in the coastal areas of the Province of Negros Oriental – to the Committee on Ways and Means;
6. House Resolution No. 1068, on the P79 million-worth of cash and cheques recovered in Marawi City during a military clearing operation – to the Committees on National Defense and Security, and Public Order and Safety;
7. House Resolution No. 1071, on the Philippine government's assessment of and response to the ongoing diplomatic row between the State of Qatar and three gulf countries that may affect the lives of thousands of overseas Filipino workers – to the Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs;
8. House Resolution No. 1072, on the security and stability of bank internal systems in light of the recent Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI) internal error – to the Committee on Banks and Financial Intermediaries;
9. House Resolution No. 1073, on the arbitrary exclusion of Mary Joy Tabal, Philippine marathoner, as well as all others who may be similarly situated, from the Philippine delegation to the 29th Southeast Asian Games in Kuala Lumpur – to the Committee on Youth and Sports Development;
10. House Resolution No. 1074, on the alleged proliferation of fake medical certificates and pre-signed medical test results of physicians in the application or renewal of driver's license at the Land Transportation Office (LTO) – to the Committee on Transportation;
11. House Resolution No. 1075, on the supposed participation of United States forces in the Marawi City operations of the Armed Forces of the Philippines – to the Committees on National Defense and Security, and Public Order and Safety;
12. House Resolution No. 1076, on the recent diplomatic crisis in Qatar which could threaten the security and well-being of overseas Filipinos – to the Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs;
13. House Resolution No. 1079, on the alleged unpaid carriage fees of Sky Cable payable to Solar Entertainment – to the Committee on Information and Communications Technology;
14. House Resolution No. 1080, on the Resorts World fiasco with view to deter the same and debunk misguided accounts – to the Committees on Public Order and Safety, Games and Amusements, and Tourism;
15. House Resolution No. 1081, on the circumstances surrounding the BPI technical system glitch – to the Committee on Banks and Financial Intermediaries;
16. House Resolution No. 1084, on the alleged violation of the Ipilan Nickel Corporation in Brooke's Point, Palawan – to the Committee on Natural Resources;
17. House Resolution No. 1085, on the plight of evacuees from the Islamic City of Marawi who fall victims of the ongoing siege and state of martial law in the entire Mindanao – to the Committee on Human Rights;
18. House Resolution No. 1086, on the effect of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on workers and employment – to the Committee on Labor and Employment;

19. House Resolution No. 1087, on the roadmap, programs, projects and action plans of the Department of Tourism that aim to regulate tourist spots in order to promote sustainability – to the Committee on Tourism;
20. House Resolution No. 1095, on the reported building of underwater resorts and theme park on an island known as the Philippines' Last Ecological Frontier – to the Committee on Tourism;
21. House Resolution No. 1097, on the status of the Food and Drug Administration's hearings to resolve the issue on whether or not the contraceptives in the market are abortifacients – to the Committee on Health;
22. House Resolution No. 1103, on the accountability of the National Irrigation Administration (NIA) relative to the unlawful distribution of water from the Angat river and violations of Article 31 of Presidential Decree No. 1067 and Section 291 of the Local Government Code – to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;
23. House Resolution No. 1106, on the anomalous and scandalous possibility of another water rate hike by Manila Water and Maynilad Water Services Inc. – to the Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization;
24. House Resolution No. 1107, on the possible mandatory construction of alternative roads to major highways – to the Committee on Public Works and Highways;
25. House Resolution No. 1108, on the alleged irregularities on the billings, meter readings, unexplained charges and other complaints of inefficient service of the Panay Electric Company (PECO) – to the Committee on Energy;
26. House Resolution No. 1109, on the constitutional violations made by elements of the Philippine National Police (PNP) and the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) in Marawi City in the performance of their duties under Presidential Proclamation No. 216, Series of 2017 – to the Committees on National Defense and Security, and Public Order and Safety;
27. House Resolution No. 1113, on the military operations of the elements of the 39th and 72nd Infantry Battalion of the Philippine Army in North Cotabato and Bukidnon – to the Committees on National Defense and Security, and Public Order and Safety; and
28. House Resolution No. 1145, on the alleged irregularities in respect of taxes assessed on and collected from Del Monte Philippines, Inc. resulting to revenue loss to the government – to the Committee on Ways and Means.

#### ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Whereupon, on motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until four o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, August 2, 2017.

It was 6:44 p.m.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

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

Approved on August 2, 2017.

Congress of the Philippines  
House of Representatives  
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**MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE****Journal No. 5****Tuesday, August 01, 2017**

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ABAYA	BELMONTE (R.)	DEFENSOR
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ABU	BERTIZ	DELOSO-MONTALLA
ABUEG	BIAZON	DIMAPORO (A.)
ACHARON	BILLONES	DIMAPORO (M.K.)
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ACOSTA-ALBA	BONDOC	DY
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***** ALCALA	CALDERON	***** ESPINA
ALEJANO	CALIXTO-RUBIANO	ESPINO
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ALMONTE	CAMPOS	* EUSEBIO
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BANAL	CUA	GO (A.C.)
BARBERS	CUARESMA	GO (M.)
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BATAOIL	DALIPE	GONZAGA
BATOCABE	DATOL	GONZALES (A.P.)
BAUTISTA-BANDIGAN	DAZA	GONZALES (A.D.)
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 ZARATE  
 ZUBIRI

\* 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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