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CALL TO ORDER

At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Fredenil “Fred” H. Castro 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.

DEFERMENT OF THE ROLL CALL

On motion of Representative Jericho Jonas B. Nograles, there being no objection, the Body deferred the calling of the Roll.

DEFERMENT OF THE READING OF THE JOURNAL

Likewise, on motion of Rep. Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body deferred the reading of the Journal of the previous session.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Subsequently, on motion of Rep. 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, which were referred to the appropriate Committees hereunder indicated:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 4520, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF CARAGA REGIONAL HOSPITAL LOCATED IN BARANGAY WASHINGTON, SURIGAO CITY, SURIGAO DEL NORTE FROM ONE HUNDRED FIFTY (150) TO THREE HUNDRED (300) BEDS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Barbers

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4521, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATION-WIDE OPERATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF HAZARDS (NOAH) CENTER TO STRENGTHEN DISASTER PREVENTION AND MITIGATION PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Yu

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 4522, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CONTINUING NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR HYBRID AND OTHER QUALITY SEEDS PRODUCTION AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 4523, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE CITY OF MANDAUE FROM THE SIXTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF CEBU TO CONSTITUTE THE LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF MANDAUE CITY”

By Representative Abellanosa

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 4525, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING THE MAGNA CARTA OF FILIPINO SEAFARERS”

By Representative Mendoza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 582, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PERSISTENT AND PREVALENT ANOMALIES AND SCAMS CONCERNING THE LAND REGISTRATION AUTHORITY”

By Representative Romero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 583, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE REGULAR MANDATORY CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE (PCSO), WITH THE END IN VIEW OF REVIEWING ITS CHARTER AND ENSURING THAT SAID CONTRIBUTIONS WERE REMITTED AND UTILIZED FOR THEIR INTENDED PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 584, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND INTENSIFIED MILITARIZATION IN SEVERAL TOWNS IN MASBATE, IN THE GUISE OF 'OPLAN TOKHANG', IN VIOLATION OF THE UNILATERAL CEASEFIRE DECLARATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES (GRP)”

By Representative Zarate

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

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

Reps. Enrico A. Pineda and Frederick W. Siao for House Bills No. 1615, 2862, 2863, 2864, 3852, 3943, 4087, 4088, 4089, 4090 and 4337;

Reps. Michael L. Romero, Ph.D., Bernadette "BH" Herrera-Dy, Luis Raymund F. Villafuerte Jr., Benhur B. Lopez Jr., Salvador B. Belaro Jr., Alfredo A. Garbin Jr., Teodoro "Ted" G. Montoro and Luis Jose Angel N. Campos Jr. for House Bills No. 1615, 2862, 2863, 2864, 3852, 3853, 3943, 4087, 4088, 4089, 4090 and 4337;

Rep. Lorna P. Bautista-Bandigan for House Bills No. 1615, 2862, 2863, 2864, 3852, 3853, 3943, 4087, 4089, 4090 and 4337;

Rep. Ron P. Salo for House Bills No. 1615, 2862, 2863, 2864, 3852, 3853, 4087, 4088, 4089 and 4090;

Rep. Delphine Gan Lee for House Bills No. 3943 and 4337;

Rep. Maria Vida Espinosa Bravo for House Bills No. 1563, 2265, 2476, 2513, 2733, 2848, 3201 and 4174;

Rep. Gus S. Tambunting for House Bills No. 894, 1035, 2604 and 2610;

Rep. Jose Antonio "Kuya Jonathan" R. Sy-Alvarado for House Bills No. 2319, 2474, 2953, 3782, 3943, 4337, 4356, 4396, 4411, 4478 and 4500 and House Resolution No. 559;

Rep. John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto for House Bills No. 4020, 4077, 4078, 4102, 4119, 4137, 4263 and 4265;

Rep. Gerald Anthony "Samsam" V. Gullas Jr. for House Bills No. 416 and 4149;

Rep. Ma. Lourdes Acosta-Alba for House Bills No. 2312 and 2313;

Reps. Evelina G. Escudero, Arnel M. Cerafica, Napoleon S. Dy, Noel L. Villanueva and Vicente "Ching" S.E. Veloso for House Bill No. 4174;

Reps. Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo, Greg G. Gasataya, Arcadio H. Gorriceta, Joey Sarte Salceda, Richard C. Eusebio, Celso L. Lobregat, Sandra Y. Eriguel, M.D., Carmelo "Jon" B. Lazatin II, Arnel M. Cerafica and Jose Carlos L. Cari for House Bill No. 3931;

Rep. Ma. Theresa V. Collantes for House Bills No. 2864, 3852, 3943, 4088 and 4090;

Rep. Richard C. Eusebio for House Bills No. 2863, 3943 and 4337;

Rep. Bernadette "BH" Herrera-Dy for House Bills No. 565, 567 and 568;

Rep. Arcadio H. Gorriceta for House Bill No. 516;

Rep. Vicente "Ching" S.E. Veloso for House Bill No. 558;

Rep. Manuel Jose "Mannix" M. Dalipe for House Bills No. 1115, 1427, 1428, 1429, 2993, 4356 and 4360;

Rep. Michael L. Romero, Ph.D. for House Bill No. 4117;

Rep. Christopher "Toff" Vera Perez De Venecia for House Bills No. 3254 and 4357;

Rep. Salvador B. Belaro Jr. for House Bill No. 61;

Reps. Elisa "Olga" T. Kho, Mariano Michael M. Velarde Jr., Florida "Rida" P. Robes, John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto, Raul "Boboy" C. Tupas, Jose "Ping-ping" I. Tejada, Ben P. Evardone, Aileen C. Radaza, Bellaflor J. Angara-Castillo, Tom S. Villarín, Pedro B. Acharon Jr., Rogelio "Ruel" D. Pacquiao, Wilter "Sharky" Wee Palma II, Horacio P. Suansing Jr., Jonas C. Cortes, Wilfredo S. Caminero, Benhur B. Lopez Jr. and Peter John D. Calderon for House Bill No. 401;

Rep. Gil "Kabarangay" P. Acosta for House Bills No. 565, 566, 567, 568, 2318, 2319, 2474, 2953 and 3782;

Rep. Ramon "Red" H. Durano VI for House Bill No. 4093; and

Rep. Abdullah D. Dimaporo for House Bill No. 3136.

THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

It being a Monday, on motion of Rep. Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair suspended the session at 4:05 p.m. upon motion of Rep. Nograles (J.J.).

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:06 p.m.

Upon resumption of session, on motion of Rep. Nograles (J.J.), the Chair recognized Rep. Tom S. Villarín who delivered the following privilege speech:

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. VILLARIN

Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of personal and collective privilege.

Today, Vice President Leni Robredo resigned from her Cabinet post as head of the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC). No, the Vice President did not quit but was fired from her job, as the Speaker opined. Malacañang said that irreconcilable differences with the Vice President led to the falling out and eventual booting from the Cabinet of Vice President Robredo. To this minute, I have heard that President Duterte has accepted with a heavy heart the resignation of Vice President Robredo.

Whatever the reasons, Mr. Speaker, she was booted out through a text message. Yes, an SMS – a short, methodical, summary execution of an order coming from no less than President Rodrigo Roa Duterte through Cabinet Secretary Leoncio "Jun" Evasco as forwarded by text from Christopher "Bong" Go, the loyal aide of the President who heads the Presidential Management Staff. The message says that she is to desist from attending all Cabinet meetings starting this Monday, December 5.

In a statement released to the media, Vice President Robredo stated that, "This is the last straw because it makes it impossible for me to perform my duties. Hence, I am tendering my resignation from the Cabinet on Monday, December 5, 2016. With this resignation, you can expect that I will continue to support the positive initiatives of this administration and oppose those that are inimical to the people." But Vice President Robredo further warned us of a plot to steal the Vice Presidency and she said that recent events indicate that this plot is now being set into motion. But our feisty and admirable Vice President has this to say: "I will not allow the will of the people to be thwarted. I will continue to serve the Filipino family and fulfill their dream for a better life."

Mr. Speaker, I know Vice President Leni to be a person of conviction, having a passion for the poor, a silent worker who enjoys being with farmers, fisherfolk, indigenous peoples, and those in the fringes of society – mga nasa "laylayan ng lipunan." Having worked with her through the NGO Saligan, an alternative law group, when I

was also with a similar NGO called Kaisahan, I came to know this admirable lady to be so bereft of political ambitions or being hungry for power. She was a virtual unknown when she was selected to be the running mate of former DILG Secretary Mar Roxas.

VP Leni is not one of those who wanted power nor desperately needed power. Her strength comes from her convictions and that of being a decent person. She is a loving and doting mother to three daughters with the late Secretary Jesse Robredo, himself a decent man and an untainted public official. She is a working mother and a public official who is now thrust to the second highest position of the land.

The media loves her and wanted to portray her as what she really is – a humble, starkly beautiful, and fearless woman. Thus, there is no reason why her detractors should despise her for appearing in the cover of prestigious magazines. After all, her position and demeanor is a contrast to the grizzly killings and foul-mouthed invectives thrown daily in media.

Mr. Speaker, as the HUDCC chairperson for less than five months, VP Leni cut the bureaucratic red tape in housing applications for the poor. She argued with Congress not to cut the budget for housing, saying that 5.2 million families living in blighted areas need the government's help. She battled for in-city, near-city resettlement for informal settler families and the provision of livelihood and employment opportunities. She was overseeing the Yolanda housing backlog problems when the axe fell on her.

While this is not the first nor will be the last time when the President and the Vice President come from two opposing parties, the treatment she received as a Cabinet member leaves much to be desired. Her resignation reflects how the President draws the line with the telltale saying, "those who are not with me are against me." This portends of a highly partisan and divisive presidency which is not good for our nation.

As a woman, VP Leni was even subjected to misogynist remarks and marked hostility just because she opposes extra-judicial killings, the burial of former President Marcos at the Libingan ng Mga Bayani and his family's return to power, and the re-imposition of the death penalty, among others, which for a long time have been her advocacy and principles.

While she shared the vision of the President to better the lives of the poor, she struggled with him over principles especially on the dignity of the human life and the human person. In short, she

speaks her mind out and is not swayed by the on-rush of sycophants willing to do the fist and raise it in Hitler-like salute.

Thus, I would agree with her when she said that her stay in President Duterte's Cabinet is untenable, but I would say that her booting out was a great disservice to the Filipino people. With a few good men and women in public service, she is a great loss to our country and people.

Mr. Speaker, Akbayan would like to commend VP Leni for showing grace under fire; for standing for principles over pragmatism; and for resisting and exposing a culture of impunity, unbridled machismo, rising patriarchy, intolerance, and sheer lack of decency.

We are one with her in her call not to let the will of the people be thwarted by insidious attempts to "game the electoral protest" in favor of the late dictator's son and namesake. We are one with her in rejecting historical revisionism and fighting the darkness that is slowly enveloping this nation. We are with #LabanLeni in fighting against the dying of the light as we rage with fervor over our freedoms and democratic way of life.

Now that she is unshackled from the Duterte administration, she has become a beacon of hope for all Filipinos. VP Leni offers compassion over ruthlessness, justice over just moving on, freedom over lies and untruths, and the heart of #Every-Woman. She has no traditional political machinery, save for the courage to tread along a path less travelled.

Mr. Speaker, she is my Vice President come hell or high water for she will be the last woman standing in this fight.

Thank you, and mabuhay si VP Leni Robredo at ang sambayanang Pilipino.

Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker.

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Benhur B. Lopez Jr., the Chair recognized Rep. H. Harry L. Roque Jr. for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. ROQUE (H.)

Rep. Villarin cited irreconcilable differences between Vice President Robredo and President Duterte as the main reason for the former's resignation, in reply to the initial query of Rep. Roque. Nevertheless, the latter asked why the Vice President sought and accepted a Cabinet position knowing fully well that she and the President did not belong to the same party; and

pointed out that when VP Robredo joined the Cabinet, she agreed with the President's program of government.

Subsequently, Rep. Villarín pointed out that VP Robredo spoke out her mind during Cabinet meetings and opposed certain policies she deemed inimical to public interest; and expressed his Akbayan Party-List's support for the VP's convictions and achievements. He however raised a point of order and said he could not speak for the VP nor the Liberal Party, as regards Rep. Roque's inquiry on whether the VP should have become the head of the Opposition instead of accepting a Cabinet position and whether she should end its coalition with the super majority considering that she had ended her unity with the administration.

Rep. Roque thereafter asked about the House Rule that Rep. Villarín was invoking and sought the Chair's ruling on the point of order, while Rep. Villarín clarified that what he raised was not a technical point of order and he was just saying that he could not speak for the VP's political party.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

With the Chair directing the Majority Leader to respond to the concern of Rep. Roque (H.), on motion of Rep. Lopez (B.), the session was suspended at 4:35 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:38 p.m.

REMARKS OF REP. NOEL

With the permission of the Chair, Rep. Victoria Isabel G. Noel stated that upon consultation with Reps. Villarín and Roque (H.), there seemed to be no point of order and the latter wanted to continue with his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. ROQUE (H.)

(Continuation)

Recognized anew by the Chair, Rep. Roque clarified that he had no personal axe to grind against the VP but found it odd that she accepted a Cabinet post in an administration that did not share her vision of government. He said he was not surprised that she came to a point of irreconcilable differences after only five months in the office, and while no one could compel her to stay, she should have known from the start that she would have difficulty in joining the Cabinet on the basis of its principles and platform of government.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Rep. Lopez (B.) acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Rep. Roque (H.).

On motion of Rep. Lopez, the Chair then recognized Rep. Jose L. Atienza Jr. who wished to interpellate Rep. Villarín.

REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

The Chair initially noted that Rep. Villarín had already taken his seat and remarked that according to the House Rules, this signified that he was no longer available for interpellation.

REMARKS OF REP. VILLARIN

Upon the Chair's query when he once again took the floor, Rep. Villarín however said that he was still willing to be interpellated.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. ATIENZA

Rep. Atienza's first question was whether his colleague had personal knowledge of the issues surrounding VP Robredo's resignation or disassociation from the Duterte administration. Replying in the negative, Rep. Villarín however said that the VP's posting on her official website; information from Akbayan Party-List members who were working under the Office of the Vice President; and media accounts cited the two officials' irreconcilable differences on various principles.

Both Members then debated on whether individuals or political parties who were working with the government, such as Akbayan Party-List and the Liberal Party, should disassociate themselves from the President's administration if their principles clashed with it. Rep. Villarín said that his party-list was engaging in pro-poor programs with the government but that it had always voiced out its position whenever it differed from the administration's. Rep. Atienza said that Buhay Party-List will remain with the Minority, will continue fiscalizing, and will not agree with anyone who cites principles but could not stand by the same nor could influence anyone to follow his ideals.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Lopez (B.), the Chair recognized Rep. Edcel C. Lagman for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. LAGMAN

Rep. Lagman asked whether VP Leni Robredo quit the Cabinet because of grievous assaults against

her person and position including an order, through SMS, to stop attending Cabinet meetings; misogynist and sexist remarks, and the President's pronouncement that he preferred former Senator Ferdinand Marcos Jr. to be his Vice President. After his colleague confirmed the same, he said that he could not understand why some people would not see the aforementioned principles as grounds for VP Robredo's resignation as Housing Secretary.

SUSPENSION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

On motion of Rep. Lopez (B.), there being no objection, the Body suspended the Privilege Hour.

ROLL CALL

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General called the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abaya	Bondoc
Abayon	Bordado
Abu	Bravo (A.)
Acharon	Bravo (M.V.)
Acop	Brosas
Acosta	Bulut-Begtang
Acosta-Alba	Calderon
Advincula	Calixto-Rubiano
Agarao	Caminero
Aggabao	Campos
Aglipay-Villar	Canama
Alejano	Cari
Almario	Casilao
Almonte	Castro (F.L.)
Alvarez (F.)	Castro (F.H.)
Alvarez (P.)	Catamco
Andaya	Cayetano
Angara-Castillo	Celeste
Antonino	Cerafica
Aragones	Cerilles
Arcillas	Chavez
Arenas	Chipeco
Atienza	Co
Aumentado	Cojuangco
Bag-ao	Collantes
Bagatsing	Cortes
Banal	Cortuna
Barzaga	Cosalan
Bataoil	Crisologo
Bautista-Bandigan	Cuaresma
Belaro	Cueva
Belmonte (F.)	Dalipe
Belmonte (J.C.)	Daza
Biron	De Venecia
Bolilia	De Vera
	Defensor
	Del Mar
	Deloso-Montalla
	Dimaporo (A.)
	Dimaporo (M.K.)
	Duavit
	Durano
	Dy
	Elago
	Erice
	Eriguel
	Ermita-Buhain
	Escudero
	Espina
	Espino
	Estrella
	Eusebio
	Evardone
	Fariñas
	Fernando
	Ferrer (J.)

Ferrer (L.)
Ferriol-Pascual
Flores
Fortun
Fortuno
Fuentebella
Garcia (G.)
Garcia (J.E.)
Garin (R.)
Garin (S.)
Gasataya
Go (A.C.)
Go (M.)
Gomez
Gonzaga
Gonzales (A.P.)
Gonzales (A.D.)
Gonzalez
Gorriceta
Herrera-Dy
Hofer
Jalosjos
Javier
Kho
Khonghun
Labadlabad
Lagman
Lanete
Laogan
Lee
Limkaichong
Lobregat
Lopez (B.)
Lopez (C.)
Lopez (M.L.)
Macapagal-Arroyo
Maceda
Madrona
Malapitan
Manalo
Mangaoang
Mangudadatu (S.)
Marcoleta
Marcos
Marquez
Martinez
Matugas
Mellana
Mending
Mercado
Mirasol
Montoro
Nava
Nieto
Noel
Nogralles (J.J.)
Nogralles (K.A.)
Nolasco
Nuñez-Malanyaon
Oaminal
Olivarez
Ong (E.)
Ong (H.)
Ortega (P.)
Ortega (V.N.)
Pacquiao
Palma
Panganiban
Panotes
Pichay
Pimentel
Pineda
Primicias-Agabas
Quimbo
Ramirez-Sato
Ramos
Roa-Puno
Rocamora
Rodriguez (I.)
Rodriguez (M.)
Roman
Romero
Romualdez
Roque (H.)
Roque (R.)
Sacdalan
Sagarbarria
Salceda
Salon
Sandoval
Sarmiento (C.)
Sarmiento (E.M.)
Savellano
Siao
Silverio
Singson
Suansing (E.)
Suansing (H.)
Suarez
Sy-Alvarado
Tambunting
Tan (A.)
Tan (M.)
Tiangco
Ting
Tinio
Ty
Umali
Unabia
Ungab
Unico
Uy (J.)

Uy (R.)
 Uybarreta
 Vargas
 Vargas-Alfonso
 Velasco
 Veloso
 Vergara
 Villanueva
 Villaraza-Suarez
 Villarica
 Villarin
 Violago
 Yap (A.)
 Yap (M.)
 Yu
 Zarate

With 219 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See also Appendix 1)

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Considering that copies of Journal No. 50 dated November 29, 2016 had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Rep. Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of said Journal and subsequently approved the same.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

On motion of Rep. Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Additional Reference of Business.

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the titles of the following Resolutions on First Reading, including a Message from the Senate, which were referred to the appropriate Committees hereunder indicated:

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 585, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD, MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY, OFFICE OF TRANSPORT SECURITY, LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE, AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO INTENSIFY AND COORDINATE THEIR EFFORTS TO SUPPRESS THE TRAFFICKING OF ILLEGAL DRUGS WITHIN THE COUNTRY”

By Representative Sarmiento (C.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

House Resolution No. 586, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE COMMISSION TO, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ADMINISTER A FAITHFUL INVENTORY OF ALL ITS POLICE OFFICER AND PERSONNEL ON THE MATTER OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE, CIVIL OR CRIMINAL CASES FILED AGAINST THEM AS THE PARAMETERS FOR THEIR IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL FROM THE SERVICE AND RID THE PNP OF ROQUE COPS IN THE PROCESS”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 587, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION FOR THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH TO CONDUCT CURSORY CHECK, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REAL CURRENT STATUS OF STEM CELL THERAPY IN THE PHILIPPINES, IF THERE ARE ALREADY EVIDENCE AND DATA TO PROVE THAT SUCH TREATMENTS WORK ON A PER DISEASE BASIS, ATTENDANT ETHICAL ISSUES SURROUNDING THE REGENERATIVE MEDICINE (IF ANY), AND WHETHER CERTAIN REGULATIONS HAVE TO BE PRESCRIBED AGAINST STEM CELL BANK AND PROCEDURES AND/OR CLINICAL APPLICATIONS”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 588, entitled:

“URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON ENERGY TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE SUICIDE OF ATTY. FRANCISCO VILLA, JR., CHAIRMAN OF THE BIDDINGS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE OF THE ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION, ON 09 NOVEMBER 2016, IN PARANÁQUE, METRO MANILA”

By Representative Belmonte (J.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 589, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UNDER THE SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE WELFARE OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDs), THROUGH AN APPROPRIATE AMENDMENT OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES”

By Representative Zamora (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 590, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO GIVE HONOR AND RECOGNITION TO THE PHILIPPINE TAEKWONDO TEAM FOR WINNING A BRONZE MEDAL IN THE 2016 WORLD JUNIOR TAEKWONDO CHAMPIONSHIP”

By Representative Del Rosario

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 591, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CALLING AN INVESTIGATION FOLLOWING THE ALLEGED SUICIDE OF ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION (ERC) DIRECTOR FRANCISCO "JUN" VILLA JR”

By Representative Gatchalian

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 592, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CIVIL REGISTRY SYSTEM-INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROJECT PHASE 2 DEAL BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY AND U.S. BASED UNISYS CORPORATION, IN CONNECTION WITH THE GROSS VIOLATIONS AND FAILURES OF

UNISYS AS THE SAME PROPONENT OF THE PROJECT'S FIRST PHASE, PARTICULARLY ITS UNBRIDLED CONTROL OF THE COUNTRY'S CIVIL REGISTRY SYSTEM, AND TO ULTIMATELY NEVER ALLOW FOREIGN CONTROL OF THE SAME”

By Representative Zarate

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 593, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHIES AND SUPPORT TO THE INJURED VICTIMS OF THE RECENT EARTHQUAKE IN TOKYO, JAPAN”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 594, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES ON THE DEMISE OF REVOLUTIONARY LEADER HONORABLE FIDEL ALEJANDRO CASTRO RUZ, PRESIDENT OF CUBA”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 595, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO TASK THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO REGULATE USE OF SKY LANTERN TO STAVE OFF THEIR POSSIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Resolution No. 596, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER HOUSE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON

THE DELAY IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10173, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "DATA PRIVACY ACT OF 2012", WITH THE END IN VIEW OF SECURING ITS PROPER IMPLEMENTATION IN PROTECTING THE PERSONAL DATA OF FILIPINOS"

By Representatives Suansing (H.) and Suansing (E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 597, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE REPORTED ESCAPE OF SOME CHINESE NATIONALS WHO WERE ARRESTED BY THE BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION (BI) FUGITIVE SEARCH UNIT IN COORDINATION WITH THE SPECIAL ACTION FORCE (SAF) OF THE PNP WHO WERE ILLEGALLY WORKING AT AN UNLICENSED ONLINE GAMING BUSINESS IN A HOTEL AND LEISURE PARK LOCATED AT CLARK FREEPORT IN THE PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA AND THE ALLEGATION OF BRIBERY ATTEMPT OF THE BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION (BI) AGENTS BY SOME OF THESE ARRESTED CHINESE NATIONALS FOR THEIR RELEASE AS WELL AS THE REPORTED BRIBERY ATTEMPT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) SECRETARY AND PHILIPPINE AMUSEMENT AND GAMING CORPORATION (PAGCOR) CHAIR BY MACAU-BASED GAMBLING MAGNATE, JACK LAM"

By Representatives Bondoc, Gonzales (A.D.) and Romero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message dated November 29, 2016, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on November 28, 2016 passed with amendments House Bill No. 3408, entitled:

"AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

FROM JANUARY ONE TO DECEMBER THIRTY-ONE, TWO THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Senior Deputy Majority Leader Juan Pablo "Rimpy" P. Bondoc acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of his guests and those of Rep. Aurelio "Dong" D. Gonzales Jr; as well as guests of Reps. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr., Ariel "Ka Ayik" B. Casilao, and Rogelio Neil P. Roque.

RESUMPTION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

On motion of Rep. Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body resumed the Privilege Hour.

EXTENSION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

On successive motions of Rep. Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Chair extended the Privilege Hour for one hour and recognized Rep. Bordado to interpellate Rep. Villarín.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. BORDADO

After thanking Rep. Villarín for standing behind VP Robredo and Rep. Lagman for talking kindly about her, Rep. Bordado asked about her accomplishments as HUDCC Secretary. Rep. Villarín enumerated institutionalizing different modes of settlement within cities; reducing steps involved in processing applications for socialized housing; coordinating with private housing stakeholders regarding the housing backlog; and facilitating the construction of dwelling units for Typhoon "Yolanda" victims.

REFERRAL OF REP. VILLARIN'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH

On motion of Rep. Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body referred Rep. Villarín's privilege speech and interpellations thereon, to the Committee on Rules.

On motion of Rep. Nograles, the Chair next recognized Rep. Gus S. Tambunting who delivered the following privilege speech:

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. TAMBUNTING

Mr. Speaker, fellow Members of the House, last Sunday, December 4, 2016, the President was

reported to have ordered the arrest of a certain Mr. Jack Lam, a Macau-based gaming tycoon, for the crimes of bribery and economic sabotage. The order was issued, according to reports, days after Justice Secretary Vitaliano Aguirre II was allegedly subjected to attempted bribery in connection with the arrest on November 24, 2016 of some 1,318 Chinese nationals illegally working for Lam's unlicensed online gaming operations at Fontana Leisure Parks and Casino in Clark, Pampanga.

The alleged bribery attempt was reportedly committed on November 26 in a hotel at Bonifacio Global City through retired Philippine National Police (PNP) Chief Wally Sombero. In behalf of Jack Lam, Sombero allegedly told Secretary Aguirre that Lam has been looking for a godfather to protect his gambling business. The President acted as he must in ordering the police to arrest those who violated the law. The perpetrators of crimes alleged to have been committed are within the purview of the powers of the police and other relevant law enforcement agencies to investigate, arrest, and prosecute.

We look ahead to the full investigation, prosecution and punishment of those who, as the evidence warrants, committed the crimes as alleged. The Jack Lam case cannot, however, be left solely to the police and other law enforcement agencies. Mr. Speaker, the Jack Lam case raises important questions that require urgent legislative action.

How can 1,318 foreign nationals come into the country without work permits and then be employed to work in an allegedly illegal enterprise, an unlicensed online gaming operation in a hotel casino complex located in one of our premier economic zones, Clark, in Pampanga? How can it happen that an unlicensed online gaming operation can be conducted with such impunity? What is emboldening foreigners to undertake illegal gaming activities in the country? Is the Bureau of Immigration doing its job in screening and monitoring the entry and movement of foreign nationals in the country? Is the Labor Department doing its job to ensure that not only aliens with work permits can pursue gainful employment in Philippine-based enterprises? Are the concerned gaming regulatory agencies doing their jobs to ensure that gaming operations in the country are conducted only in accordance with law and only licensed gaming operators, entities can operate?

Mr. Speaker, this puts to doubt the effectiveness of key agencies and departments of government to implement existing laws on immigration, labor and gaming, and others. The law, Mr. Speaker, is our people's sole protection against criminality. It is also the only bulwark of defense of our country against economic predation and

sabotage. If the law is not implemented as it should, and its norms of conducts are violated at will not only through sheer incompetence but through shameless acts of corruption, government cannot govern, Mr. Speaker. The people's welfare is subverted and laid to waste by a government that fails to protect their interests.

In this spirit, in the exercise of the oversight powers of Congress, at the appropriate time and venue, an inquiry should be made, in aid of legislation, on the alleged conduct by Mr. Jack Lam, of unlicensed online gaming operations and the entry of 1,318 foreign nationals that illegally work on said unlicensed gaming operations; and, more importantly, we should also study how the government can properly monitor, assess, and tax the online gaming industry. Germane to said investigation is the inquiry into the alleged bribery attempt and the arrest of foreign nationals working without the necessary permits.

Mr. Speaker, I believe it is time to put more teeth in our regulatory laws on gaming. It is also time to make sure that our regulatory agencies do their jobs better in implementing the laws intended to safeguard the public interest and welfare of our people.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REFERRAL OF REP. TAMBUNTING'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH

There being no interpellators, on motion of Rep. Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body referred Rep. Tambunting's speech to the Committee on Rules.

On motion of Rep. Nograles, the Chair next recognized Rep. Leopoldo N. Bataoil who delivered the following privilege speech:

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. BATAOIL

Honorable Members of this Chamber, I rise today on a matter of collective and personal privilege to manifest the gratitude of the Filipino war veterans to the United States Congress in its passage of the bill conferring the US Congressional Gold Medal award to Filipino veterans of World War II; and to honor the courage and sacrifice of Filipino World War II veterans.

Mr. Speaker, on November 30, 2016, the United States House of Representatives approved "The Filipino Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act." The bill was unanimously passed by the US Senate on July 13, 2016. The Senate version (S.1555) was sponsored by Senators Mazie Hirono, Dean Heller, Harry Reid, Tim

Kaine, Brian Schatz. The House version (H.R. 2737) was sponsored by Representatives Tulsi Gabbard, Joseph Heck, Juan Vargas, Mike Thompson, Mark Takai, and Jackie Speier. Both bills were introduced on June 11, 2015. The approved measure, Mr. Speaker, will now be sent to the Office of the US President for his signature.

In behalf of the war veterans, Mr. Speaker, I sponsored a resolution expressing the profound appreciation of the Philippine House of Representatives and the Filipino World War II Veterans for the passage of this measure.

Mr. Speaker, this is a very significant day for our World War II veterans who have fought for over six decades for the recognition of their wartime services.

Mr. Speaker, ladies and gentlemen, allow me to backtrack into history.

On July 26, 1941, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt issued an executive order mobilizing the Philippine Commonwealth Army into the service of the US Armed Forces in the Second World War. Throughout those dark years, Filipino soldiers fought courageously side by side with the American servicemen. They were part of the guerilla resistance movement, and they endured unspeakable horrors and brutal conditions in prison camps and on the war front.

Our brave soldiers fought and were promised just compensation. However, with the passage of the Rescission Act on February 18, 1946 by the United States Congress, Filipino soldiers were excluded from the benefits granted under the Bill of Rights. This was in stark contrast to the veterans of other nations who served under the United States Army command. Take note, the Filipino soldiers were excluded as compared to veterans of other nations, of other countries.

For more than 60 years, Filipino veterans and their families have been seeking justice and recognition. They have been relentlessly pursuing what was justly theirs to begin with, but were stripped away.

In 2009, after 60 years, the World War II veterans were recognized for their services when President Barack Obama signed a legislation that included the Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation (FVEC). Under the equity compensation, all Filipino World War II veterans will receive a one-time lump sum payment -- US\$15,000 if they were U.S. citizens and \$9,000 for Filipino World War II veterans.

Last week, Mr. Speaker and dear colleagues, another milestone had been achieved with the passage of the US Congress of the measure that seeks to award the Congressional Gold Medal to Filipino World War II veterans. The Filipino Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act seeks to collectively award a Congressional Gold Medal, the highest expression of national appreciation for distinguished achievements and contributions in the United States, to 260,000 Filipino veterans in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot help but recall the days of service of my late uncle, the late 3rd Lt. Leopoldo G. Bataoil. I was in fact named after him. He graduated from the Philippine Military Academy in 1943 to be thrown in the battlefields of Bataan. He rendered service for our beloved country. He died in the battlefield of Bataan. His body was never recovered even up to this date. But I am glad to know that in 1953 or 10 years later from 1943 when he was commissioned as a 3rd lieutenant, I was named after him.

Mr. Speaker, some of them have already passed on without even receiving the honor of the compensation.

It is disheartening to know, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining valiant heroes who risked their lives for liberty and freedom during World War II -- only less than 8,000 strong as we speak today -- have been living their twilight years despondent and in need in this country which they fought to protect.

These senior veterans, Mr. Speaker, manage to get through their day-to-day needs with a meager monthly pension of ₱5,000 per month and a total administrative disability pension of ₱1,700 only. The total amount of ₱6,700 per month is not sufficient, Mr. Speaker, considering the continuing increase in the prices of food, electricity, gas, and other basic commodities, not to mention their medicine and health care needs.

Since 1994, Mr. Speaker, when Republic Act No. 7696 mandated the increase in the monthly pension of senior veterans from ₱1,000 to ₱5,000, funding constraints have hindered the passage of proposed measures that will further increase the old age pension of veterans. Many attempts have been made, but none of the bills got through the halls of Congress. It was sad to note, that these bills were put in the back seat.

In the 17th Congress, Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Welfare, where I am the chairperson, will continue to push for the approval of the bills improving the pension and other benefits being received by our veterans and their dependents. The committee will vigorously defend

the increase of the old age pension from the current ₱5,000 per month to at least ₱20,000 per month. The increase will enable them to enjoy, at the very least, day-to-day living. That is why, Mr. Speaker, and dear colleagues, I seek your support to urgently pass the measure proposing the increase in the pension of veterans while they can still enjoy these benefits.

Most, if not all, of our World War II veterans, Mr. Speaker, are nonagenarians, 90 years old and above; some have even surpassed their 100th birthday, and are often in need of medical care and hospitalization more than anybody else. However, Mr. Speaker, we only have one Veterans Memorial Medical Center in operation and this is located in Quezon City. And this is too far from those veterans living in the provinces, in the Visayas and Mindanao, who, because of their advanced age, have difficulty in mobility. Even though there are accredited hospitals in the provinces that cater to the medical needs of our senior veterans, many of these hospitals in the provinces do not have the facilities for geriatric care. Mr. Speaker, and dear colleagues, the need to pass measures seeking to establish veterans' hospitals in Visayas and Mindanao, is likewise urgent.

I hope, Mr. Speaker, that true to the pronouncements of President Duterte and his love for this country, the measures proposing to improve the remaining days of the lives of our senior veterans will be finally put first in the agenda just as these veterans have put this country first before themselves.

Recalling to mind the radio broadcast message aired from the Malinta Tunnel after the Fall of Bataan, and I quote, "The flesh must yield at last, endurance melts away, and the end of the battle must come." Indeed, the end of the lives of our war heroes is near, and the best way to recognize their sacrifice, Mr. Speaker, is to at least provide them a life free from poverty, debts, and worry.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REFERRAL OF REP. BATAOIL'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH

On motion of Rep. Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body referred Rep. Bataoil's privilege speech to the Committee on Rules.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Nograles, the Chair recognized Rep. Casilao who delivered the following privilege speech:

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. CASILAO

Salamat, Ginoong Speaker.

Magandang hapon, mga kapwa Mambabatas. Ang topic ko po ngayong hapon ay hinggil sa International Human Rights Week. Ang patuloy na pakikibaka ng mga magsasaka, manggagawa, para sa tunay na pag-respeto sa karapatan.

Honorable Speaker, mga kapwa Mambabatas, at sa mga staff at mga manggagawa ng House of Representatives, mapagpalayang hapon ang ipinapaabot ng Anakpawis Party-List.

December 10, 2016 will be the 68th International Human Rights Day, and it is now being commemorated by human rights groups and people's organizations, with week-long activities, also involving the political prisoners across the country and the victims of Typhoon "Yolanda".

Earlier today, this Representation was together with peasant leaders who are in Solidarity Fasting for Freedom at Mendiola Bridge and who are calling for the immediate release of more than 400 political prisoners, especially the elderly, sickly, and the women. This human rights week, I would like to put to your attention the socio-economic, cultural, and democratic rights of the peasant sector.

Honorable colleagues, human rights is a universal concept, and for the farmers, it is concretized by their rights to land, livelihood, and social services, and against state fascism. This generally falls to the International Covenant on the Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights to which the country is a signatory since 1966, and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, also signed by the country in 1966. Also, as a protection, the Comprehensive Agreement on Respect for Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law or the CARHRIHL between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP), was also signed in 1998.

Bago po naupo bilang pangulo si Pangulong Duterte, ipinangako na niya po ang resumption ng peace talks sa NDFP at ang release ng lahat ng mga bilanggong politikal. We laud this move from the President that is why, right now, we are joining the national clamor for the freedom of political prisoners and the continuation of the peace talks to the next substantive agenda which is the socio-economic reforms.

Nitong nakaraang araw lang po, Ginoong Speaker, mga kapwa ko Mambabatas, last December 2, this Representation together with the Vice-Chairperson of the Special Committee on Peace

and Reconciliation, my colleague in the Makabayan Bloc, Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate, helped in facilitating another round of meetings with the President and representatives of the NDFP in Davao City. Sa loob po ng tatlong oras mahigit na pag-uusap ng Chairperson ng NDFP peace panel na si Ginoong Fidel Agcaoili at dalawang miyembro nito na sina Ginang Wilma Tiamzon at Ginoong Benito Tiamzon, nagkausap at nagkalinawan po sa iba't-ibang mga isyu at isa sa mahalaga na nais ko pong ibalita at ipaalam sa aking mga kapwa Mambabatas, is the commitment of the President to release before Christmas 165 political prisoners, 25 of which nasa lamesa na po ni Pangulong Duterte para pirmahan; and he agreed as a result of a peaceful and very welcoming conversation with the representatives of the NDFP, to consider the release also of the elderly and sickly political prisoners.

Mr. Speaker, mga kapwa ko Mambabatas, I am certain na you would agree that in the ongoing armed conflict between the government forces and the New People's Army (NPA), the principal victims are the peasant sector. Worst, there are growing documentations of rights abuses by State forces against helpless farmers.

Last September 1, I delivered a speech marking the anniversary of Martial Law. I cited then, military abuses committed in July, August, and early September. We demanded a stop to military human rights abuses, but apparently, they simply continued.

Mula sa mga datos po ng Karapatan, a human rights group, umaabot na po sa 94 ang biktima ng pampolitikang pamamaslang at suspetsa nito, allegedly committed by the different government security forces including Civilian Armed Forces Geographical Units (CAFGUs), Special CAFGU Armed Auxiliary (SCAA), Investment Defense Force, at ang mga para-militar na grupo tulad ng Magahat-Bagani at Allah Mara.

Tuluy-tuloy din ang militarisasyon sa iba't-ibang regions ng Mindanao, Abra, Masbate, Camarines Sur, Northern Samar, Quezon, Tarlac, at iba pang mga probinsya. Ang deployment ng militar ay karaniwang umuukopa sa mga komunidad ng mga magsasaka at katutubo kung kaya't sila ang pangunahing mga nabibiktima ng mga pang-aabusong ito. Ultimo ang 18 lumad na paaralan sa Palimbang, Sultan Kudarat ay hindi pinalampas ng militar kung kaya pati ang schooling ng mga kabataang lumad ay apektado.

Mr. Speaker, honorable colleagues, it is simply one plus one, that the continued occupation by the military is causing continuing rights abuses against farmers and rural-based sectors; hence, we

are reiterating our call for the immediate pull-out of military forces from their communities.

Aside from outright violations to life, persecuted farmers who are asserting their rights to land, remain incarcerated in jails as political prisoners. According to Karapatan also, about 80% of the 434 political prisoners in the country are farmers, which included the late Bernabe Ocasla, a 66-year old farmer who was detained at the Manila City Jail and died of cardiac arrest last week. We, from Anakpawis Party-List, are actively campaigning for peasant political prisoners such as Dario Tomada, Kilusang Magsasaka ng Pilipinas (KMP) leader for Eastern Visayas; Oscar Belleza and Norberto Murillo, all farmers from Leyte and accused of the mass grave case similar to the charges filed against NDFP consultants. We are also urging the immediate releases of Alex Arias detained at Camp Bagong Diwa, Billy Morado at Caloocan City Jail; Felicidad Caparal, Maritess Cosenas, and Moreta Alegre -- all languishing in the Correctional Institute for Women.

In relation to this, I urge my fellow colleagues of the House to pay a visit to these peasant political prisoners and personally hear their quandary. I would be delighted to accompany my colleagues.

Aside from violations of right to life, liberty, and rights to land and livelihood ng mga magsasaka ay patuloy na nilalabag. Mula pa noong makalawa hanggang sa kasalukuyan, Mr. Speaker, the farms of Hacienda Luisita farm workers are being destroyed by more than 100 goons of the Cojuangco-Aquino family, led by a certain Buena Timbol from their firm, Luisita Estate Management. Armado ng armalite ang mga goons na ito at kaninang umaga ay nagpapatok ang mga ito.

Moreover, this noon, farmers from Capas, Tarlac are asking for help against the demolition of their crops, carried out by the Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA), paving way for Clark Green City project. Also, last October, farmers from San Jose Del Monte City were arrested under the guise of Oplan "Tokhang" when they are clearly opposing displacement and land grabbing by Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP).

There are overwhelming manifestations that the peace we are hoping for the Filipino farmers is still distant.

In addition, Mr. Speaker, mga kapwa ko Mambabatas, today, my office was visited by leaders of People Surge or the victims of Typhoon "Yolanda" who are still seeking support from the government. Honorable colleagues, they are still seeking support as the Aquino administration obviously neglected their needs for an authentic rehabilitation of their communities and livelihood.

Particularly for Eastern Visayas, after being damaged by Typhoon “Yolanda” in November 2013, they were ravaged by Typhoons “Glenda” on July 2014 and “Ruby” and “Seniang” on December 2014. The farmers of Eastern Visayas are appealing for urgent support as their main sources of livelihood such as coconut, were totally destroyed by the consecutive natural calamities. We all know that the coconut needs to grow for three to seven years before it could be cultivated.

The right to an adequate standard of living of “Yolanda” victims, particularly their rights to food, water, and adequate housing, is continuously being violated. With no source of livelihood from their agricultural production, they have no source of food. Being barred from returning to their communities labeled as “no build-no dwell” zones, they are forcedly relocated to areas with no sources of livelihood.

At present, about 120 typhoon victims from Eastern Visayas are here in Manila, to be joined by 180 victims from Panay and 145 from Central Visayas. Thus, hundreds of victims are holding the Lakbayan ng Visayas until December 10 to oppose the flawed rehabilitation program and put to attention to the national center the worsening hunger situation they are presently facing.

Hence, again, I appeal to the House of Representatives to urge appropriate executive offices to urgently address the hounding issues of victims of “Yolanda” and other typhoons.

In addition, Mr. Speaker, ang urban-based poor ay maglulunsad ng kanilang Lakbayan ng Maralita starting today from Bulacan hanggang bukas sa Mendiola. Ang main demands nila ay ang pagtigil sa mga violent demolitions sa kanilang mga communities, ang improvement sa mga relocation sites na walang mga utilities at sira-sira, at mga rights abuses sa mga urban poor activists. Fundamental din ang panawagan ng mga urban poor, sa ilalim ng Kadamay, na gawing service-oriented ang relocation, from its profit-oriented framework na naka-under sa iba’t-ibang mga private-public partnership (PPP) schemes. Sa kabila ng idineklara ni Pangulong Duterte na “no relocation, no demolition,” nagpapatuloy po ang mga bayolenteng demolisyon ng mga urban poor communities.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I urge the Members of the House to always keep in mind the socio-economic, cultural, and democratic rights of the farming sector in carrying out our legislative work. Majority or 75% of our population come from the peasant sector; hence, the issues of agrarian reform, human rights, the end of militarization, the freedom or release of all political prisoners, and

disaster response are clearly fundamental democratic issues, fulfilling the aspiration of millions of Filipinos, and by doing so, the so-called “real change” could be attained in our country.

Maraming salamat, Mr. Speaker. Maayong hapon kan atong tanan.

REFERRAL OF REP. CASILAO’S PRIVILEGE SPEECH

On motion of Rep. Nograles, there being no objection, the Body referred the speech of Rep. Casilao to the Committee on Rules.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Nograles (J.J.), the Chair recognized Rep. Enrico A. Pineda who delivered the following privilege speech:

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. PINEDA

Mr. Speaker and the honorable Members of the House of Representatives, I rise today on a matter of personal and collective privilege to express extreme disappointment over how the two telecommunications giants, Smart and Globe, are treating us, Members of Congress and the Filipino nation as a whole.

Last August 16, 2016, I delivered my first privilege speech decrying what has been the dismal state of the country’s internet service, during which I cited facts and other relevant figures showing how internet in Japan is 22 times faster than the Philippines, yet internet connectivity is 96 times more expensive than Japan. It was made very clear in my speech that we are lagging behind in terms of internet speed, so much so that even Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, and war-torn Afghanistan may have comparatively better internet service than ours.

Congress immediately acted on this matter and the Committee on Information and Communications Technology held two hearings, one during its organizational meeting where the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) and the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) were made to account for specific governmental action to address the problems of the telecommunications industry, and another when Globe and Smart were given the opportunity to explain their side of this dilemma. It is unfortunate that instead of the owners themselves or those who are familiar with the technical aspects of the issue on internet connectivity and telecommunications attending, we were to make do with the lawyer representatives who did nothing but cite excuses to exculpate the telecommunication companies (telcos) from liability. In short, the telcos were anything but helpful in our quest to remedy our in-

ternet woes. Worse, Globe released this infomercial on Facebook to further boost its resolve that the problem lies anywhere but with them.

If I may ask you to look at the video so you can see the infomercial that is being played by Globe. (*Video Presentation*)

My dear colleagues, as you can see from that infomercial, it appears that for Globe, the snail-paced internet in the country is the government's doing. Yes, my dear colleagues, according to Globe, government regulations are the reason why it cannot cope with the rising need for more cell sites.

Lest we fail to notice, they are required to overcome 25 permits which would take at least eight months of processing before they may be allowed to put up a single cell site. I should be ashamed of myself for having to put the telcos in the spotlight when, in fact, it is the government that should have been blamed for the internet woes of the country.

But, no, I refuse to be fooled by these claims of Globe. Their issues about regulations and the required 25 permits are but lame excuses because as billion-dollar companies with a bureaucracy of tens of thousands of employees, they could have efficiently attended to these requirements, and systematically and successfully overcome them no matter how numerous they may be. They have been in this business for the last 25 years and it is not as if they have not been able to put up a single cell site. They were able to construct 22,000 cell sites, but it seems as though there was an inordinate refusal by Smart and Globe to put up the needed 26,000 more to reach the low target of 1,000 subscribers per cell site ratio. And mind you, my dear colleagues, this is still low compared to Japan's 522 subscribers per cell site and Vietnam's 860 subscribers in each cell site. Instead of building more cell sites, what they do is accept more subscribers which necessarily worsens the problem.

They want additional revenues from additional subscribers but they don't want to spend for additional infrastructure to accommodate them. One need not be a Harvard or a Wharton graduate to realize what these telcos are after: they want more income for little or no input at all. A truly remarkable business model that will surely make them the best-run and most profitable business in the country to the detriment of the public and the subscribers. It is a scheme that lands its owners among the Forbes list of wealthiest people in Asia, but unfortunately for us lands the Philippines in the list of countries with the worst internet service. Day in, and day out, they collect fees for services which they actually do not deliver, raking millions

upon millions of our constituent's money for unlimited calls that is more like an unlimited wait for your calls to connect; prepaid loads that are lost in the airwaves; and unlimited internet where the only thing unlimited is the time to upload a single Facebook picture. This to me is actual robbery, or worse, an act of plundering the public which should be dealt with appropriately.

Mr. Speaker, Globe and Smart seem to be proudly doing this scheme with impunity and I wonder why. Instead of acknowledging the problems and exerting efforts to construct needed infrastructure, they embark on a costly media frenzy to twist the facts and put the blame on somebody else but them. Their concerted efforts of training the sights of the blame game to the local government and the government structure as a whole only show that they operate as a duopoly.

If Globe and Smart seem to have forgotten that they are public service entities, it is well within the plenary powers of Congress to make them realize that they are supposed to prioritize good service and put motives for profit at the backburner. We have, looming before us, this once-in-a-lifetime chance of correcting this impropriety. We should act to make our own meaningful contribution to improve the internet and telecommunications service in the country. We should not give due course on the application of Smart and Globe for the renewal of their franchises unless and until they have instituted measures that would raise the standards of internet and telecommunications services in the country -- when no calls are dropped anymore, internet is as fast or even faster than our ASEAN neighbors, and prepaid loads are not robbed in the airwaves. We should not allow them to negotiate their way around for their legislative franchises, if they will not make good and improve on their services. Let us be careful in our dealings with them so that we may not fall prey or be as sick as they are with their propensity for greed and money.

Let us help the Philippine Competition Commission (PCC) perform well on its mandate as guardian against monopolistic business machinations. Let us hear and hear well why it is detrimental to the consuming public that all available frequencies for public telephony is effectively controlled by a duopoly. We should be watchful of the developments in the telecommunications industry and not let it be controlled by a few whose seeming desire is to milk profits from this critical industry, in perpetuity. Let us open the doors for new players in the telecommunication industry, one which will foster real and healthy competition that will translate to better service.

I call on vigilance amongst us Representatives of our people that we not let Globe and Smart go

about their business without our careful and diligent scrutiny. I know all of us will heed this call. I believe in Congress, and I believe that this is a Congress for the people, a Congress that puts forth the welfare of its people, above all.

Thank you. Thank you very much.

On motion of Rep. Nograles (J.J.), the Chair recognized Rep. Tobias “Toby” M. Tiangco to interpellate Rep. Pineda.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. TIANGCO

To the queries of Rep. Tiangco, Rep. Pineda discussed the upcoming franchise renewal of Smart and Globe the following year; the presence of lawyers instead of said telcos’ information technology team in a Committee meeting; and the telcos’ intention of realizing more profits rather than rendering efficient telecommunications service to the people. The two Members then agreed that Congress should grant them provisional instead of long-term franchises subject to the upgrading of their facilities.

Thereafter, the Chair recognized Rep. Villarín for his interpellation, on motion of Rep. Nograles (J.J.).

INTERPELLATION OF REP. VILLARIN

Reps. Villarín and Pineda agreed about the constitutional provision mandating the State to prohibit the existence of monopolies to safeguard public interest; the task of the Philippine Competition Commission to review the practices of telcos; and the need for Congress to exercise its oversight functions over said companies. The latter said that he will support House Bill No. 93 which his colleague had filed in this regard.

REFERRAL OF REP. PINEDA’S PRIVILEGE SPEECH

On motion of Rep. Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body referred Rep. Pineda’s privilege speech and the interpellations thereon to the Committee on Rules.

TERMINATION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

On motion of Rep. Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body terminated the Privilege Hour.

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF CERTAIN HOUSE BILLS

On successive motions of Rep. Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body then proceeded to the approval on Third Reading of the following House

Bills, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on November 29, 2016, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the amended Provisional Rules of the House:

1. House Bill No. 937, entitled: “AN ACT DIVIDING BARANGAY NORTH BAY BOULEVARD SOUTH IN THE CITY OF NAVOTAS INTO THREE (3) DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY NBBS PROPER, BARANGAY NBBS KAUNLARAN AND BARANGAY NBBS DAGAT-DAGATAN”; and
2. House Bill No. 4402, entitled: “AN ACT DIVIDING BARANGAY TANZA IN THE CITY OF NAVOTAS INTO TWO (2) DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY TANZA 1 AND BARANGAY TANZA 2.”

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

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abaya
Abayon
Abu
Acharon
Acop
Acosta
Acosta-Alba
Advincula
Agarao
Aggabao
Aglipay-Villar
Alejano
Almario
Almonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (P.)
Andaya
Angara-Castillo
Antonino
Aragones
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza

Aumentado
Bag-ao
Bagatsing
Banal
Barzaga
Bataoil
Bautista-Bandigan
Belaro
Belmonte (F.)
Belmonte (J.C.)
Biron
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Bravo (M.V.)
Brosas
Bulut-Begtang
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Campos
Canama
Cari
Casilao
Castro (F.L.)
Castro (F.H.)
Catamco
Cayetano
Celeste
Cerafica
Cerilles
Chavez
Chipeco
Co
Cojuangco
Collantes
Cortes
Cortuna
Cosalan
Crisologo
Cuaresma
Cueva
Dalipe
Daza
De Venecia
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (A.)
Dimaporo (M.K.)
Duavit
Durano
Dy
Elago
Erice
Eriguel
Ermita-Buhain
Escudero
Espina
Espino
Estrella
Eusebio
Evardone
Fariñas
Fernando
Ferrer (J.)
Ferrer (L.)
Ferriol-Pascual
Flores
Fortun
Fortuno
Fuentebella
Garcia (G.)
Garcia (J.E.)
Garin (R.)
Garin (S.)
Gasataya
Go (A.C.)
Go (M.)
Gomez
Gonzaga
Gonzales (A.P.)
Gonzales (A.D.)
Gonzalez
Gorriceta
Herrera-Dy
Hofer
Jalosjos
Javier
Kho
Khonghun
Labadlabad
Lagman
Lanete
Laogan
Lee
Limkaichong
Lobregat
Lopez (B.)
Lopez (C.)
Lopez (M.L.)
Macapagal-Arroyo
Maceda
Madrona
Malapitan
Manalo
Mangaoang
Mangudatu (S.)
Marcoleta
Marcos

Marquez	Sy-Alvarado
Martinez	Tambunting
Matugas	Tan (A.)
Mellana	Tan (M.)
Mending	Tiangco
Mercado	Ting
Mirasol	Tinio
Montoro	Turabin-Hataman
Nava	Ty
Nieto	Umali
Noel	Unabia
Nogralas (J.J.)	Ungab
Nogralas (K.A.)	Unico
Nolasco	Uy (J.)
Nuñez-Malanyaon	Uy (R.)
Oaminal	Uybarreta
Olivarez	Vargas
Ong (E.)	Vargas-Alfonso
Ong (H.)	Velasco
Ortega (P.)	Veloso
Ortega (V.N.)	Vergara
Pacquiao	Villanueva
Palma	Villaraza-Suarez
Panganiban	Villarica
Panotes	Villarin
Pichay	Violago
Pimentel	Yap (A.)
Pineda	Yap (M.)
Plaza	Yu
Primicias-Agabas	Zarate
Quimbo	
Ramirez-Sato	<i>Negative:</i>
Ramos	
Roa-Puno	None
Rocamora	
Rodriguez (I.)	
Rodriguez (M.)	<i>Abstention:</i>
Roman	
Romero	None
Romualdez	
Roque (H.)	
Roque (R.)	
Sacdalán	
Sagarbarria	
Salceda	
Salon	
Sandoval	
Sarmiento (C.)	
Sarmiento (E.M.)	
Savellano	
Siao	
Silverio	
Singson	
Suansing (E.)	
Suansing (H.)	
Suarez	

With 221 affirmative votes, no negative votes, and no abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bills No. 937 and 4402.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

On further motion of Rep. Nogralas (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Additional Reference of Business.

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the titles of the following Committee Reports which were referred to the appropriate Committees as hereunder indicated:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 32), re H.B. No. 4597, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CONCEPCION DOS, IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, CITY OF MARIKINA, TO BE KNOWN AS SSS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 425

Sponsors: Representatives Escudero, Nograles (K.) and Quimbo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 33), re H.B. No. 4598, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL HIGH-SCHOOL IN BARANGAY NASISI, CITY OF LIGAO, PROVINCE OF ALBAY, TO BE KNOWN AS LIGAO CITY NATIONAL TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL HIGH-SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 624

Sponsors: Representatives Escudero, Nograles (K.) and Gonzalez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 34), re H.B. No. 4599, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF PAGADIAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS PAGADIAN CITY SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1211

Sponsors: Representatives Escudero, Nograles (K.) and Yu

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Ways and Means (Committee Report No. 35), re H.B. No. 4144, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 145 (C) OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED”

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Cua and De Vera

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

CHANGE OF REFERRAL OF CERTAIN HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

On motion of Rep. Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body changed the referral of the following House Resolutions to the Committees specified hereunder:

1. House Resolution No. 565 – from the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability to the Committees on Good Government and Public Accountability, and Energy; and
2. House Resolution No. 566 – from the Committee on Energy to the Committees on Good Government and Public Accountability, and Energy.

SENATE TRANSMITTAL OF HOUSE MEASURES

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body directed the Secretariat to immediately transmit to the Senate the recently-approved measures on Third Reading.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

On subsequent motion of Rep. Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until four o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, December 6, 2016.

It was 6:54 p.m.

I hereby attest to the correctness of the foregoing.

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

Approved on December 6, 2016

Congress of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Philippines

MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE**Date: December 05, 2016**

**** ABAD	* BELMONTE (R.)	DEFENSOR
ABAYA	** BENITEZ	DEL MAR
ABAYON	** BERNOS	**** DEL ROSARIO
* ABELLANOSA	* BERTIZ	DELOSO-MONTALLA
ABU	**** BIAZON	DIMAPORO (A.)
* ABUEG	**** BILLONES	DIMAPORO (M.K.)
ACHARON	BIRON	DUAVIT
ACOP	BOLILIA	DURANO
ACOSTA	BONDOC	DY
ACOSTA-ALBA	BORDADO	ELAGO
* ADIONG	BRAVO (A.)	***** ENVERGA
ADVINCULA	BRAVO (M.V.)	ERICE
AGARAO	BROSAS	ERIGUEL
AGGABAO	BULUT-BEGTANG	ERMITA-BUHAIN
AGLIPAY-VILLAR	***** CAGAS	ESCUDERO
*** ALBANO	CALDERON	ESPINA
***** ALCALA	CALIXTO-RUBIANO	ESPINO
ALEJANO	CAMINERO	ESTRELLA
ALMARIO	CAMPOS	EUSEBIO
ALMONTE	CANAMA	EVARDONE
**** ALONTE	CARI	FARIÑAS
ALVAREZ (F.)	CASILAO	FERNANDO
* ALVAREZ (M.)	** CASTELO	FERRER (J.)
ALVAREZ (P.)	CASTRO (F.L.)	FERRER (L.)
* AMANTE	CASTRO (F.H.)	FERRIOL-PASCUAL
***** AMATONG	CATAMCO	*** FLOIRENDO
ANDAYA	CAYETANO	FLORES
ANGARA-CASTILLO	CELESTE	FORTUN
ANTONINO	CERAFICA	FORTUNO
***** ANTONIO	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	* DALOG	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	OLIVAREZ	SINGSON
HERRERA-DY	ONG (E.)	SUANSING (E.)
HOFER	ONG (H.)	SUANSING (H.)
JALOSJOS	ORTEGA (P.)	SUAREZ
JAVIER	ORTEGA (V.N.)	SY-ALVARADO
KHO	PACQUIAO	TAMBUNTING
KHONGHUN	** PADUANO	TAN (A.)
LABADLABAD	PALMA	TAN (M.)
** LACSON	* PANCHO	**** TAN (S.)
LAGMAN	PANGANIBAN	***** TEJADA
LANETE	PANOTES	***** TEVES
LAOGAN	**** PAPANDAYAN	TIANGCO
***** LAZATIN	PICHAY	TING
* LEACHON	PIMENTEL	TINIO
LEE	PINEDA	*** TOLENTINO
LIMKAICHONG	* PLAZA	*** TREÑAS
LOBREGAT	PRIMICIAS-AGABAS	* TUGNA
LOPEZ (B.)	QUIMBO	***** TUPAS
LOPEZ (C.)	* RADAZA	* TURABIN-HATAMAN
LOPEZ (M.L.)	RAMIREZ-SATO	TY
*** LOYOLA	RAMOS	UMALI
MACAPAGAL-ARROYO	** RELAMPAGOS	UNABIA
MACEDA	**** REVILLA	UNGAB
MADRONA	ROA-PUNO	UNICO
MALAPITAN	***** ROBES	UY (J.)
MANALO	ROCAMORA	UY (R.)
MANGAOANG	RODRIGUEZ (I.)	UYBARRETA
MANGUDADATU (S.)	RODRIGUEZ (M.)	VARGAS
***** MANGUDADATU (Z.)	ROMAN	VARGAS-ALFONSO
MARCOLETA	ROMERO	** VELARDE
MARCOS	ROMUALDEZ	VELASCO
**** MARIÑO	**** ROMUALDO	* VELASCO-CATERA
MARQUEZ	ROQUE (H.)	VELOSO
MARTINEZ	ROQUE (R.)	VERGARA
MATUGAS	SACDALAN	* VILLAFUERTE
MELLANA	SAGARBARRIA	VILLANUEVA
MENDING	**** SAHALI	VILLARAZA-SUAREZ
**** MENDOZA	SALCEDA	VILLARICA
MERCADO	*** SALIMBANGON	VILLARIN
MIRASOL	** SALO	VIOLAGO
MONTORO	SALON	YAP (A.)
NAVA	* SAMBAR	YAP (M.)
NIETO	SANDOVAL	* YAP (V.)
NOEL	* SANTOS-RECTO	YU
NOGRALES (J.J.)	SARMIENTO (C.)	**** ZAMORA (M.C.)
NOGRALES (K.A.)	SARMIENTO (E.M.)	*** ZAMORA (R.)
NOLASCO	SAVELLANO	ZARATE
NUÑEZ-MALANYAON	**** SEMA	** ZUBIRI
OAMINAL	SIAO	
*** OCAMPO	SILVERIO	

* Appeared before/after 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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