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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.

ROLL CALL

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Rodante D. Marcoleta, the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abayon
Abellanosa
Abu
Abueg
Acharon
Acop
Adiong
Aggabao
Alejano
Almonte
Alonte
Alvarez (F.)
Amante
Amatong
Andaya
Antonino
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arbison
Atienza
Bagatsing
Banal
Barbers
Barzaga
Bataoil
Batocabe
Bautista-Bandigan
Belmonte (J.C.)
Benitez
Bertiz
Biazon

Billones
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Bravo (M.V.)
Cagas
Calalang
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Canama
Cari
Casilao
Castro (F.L.)
Castro (F.H.)
Cerilles
Chavez
Chipeco
Collantes
Cortuna
Crisologo
Cuaresma
Dalipe
Datol
Daza
De Jesus
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Del Rosario
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (A.)
Durano
Dy
Elago
Enverga
Erice
Ermita-Buhain
Escudero
Espina
Evardone
Fariñas
Fernando
Ferrer (J.)
Floirendo
Fortuno
Garbin
Garcia (J.E.)
Garin (S.)
Gasataya
Geron

Go (A.C.)	Roa-Puno
Go (M.)	Robes
Gomez	Rocamora
Gonzales (A.P.)	Rodriguez (I.)
Gonzales (A.D.)	Rodriguez (M.)
Gonzalez	Romero
Hernandez	Romualdez
Herrera-Dy	Romualdo
Hofer	Sacdalan
Kho	Sagarbarria
Khonghun	Sahali
Lacson	Salceda
Lagman	Salimbangon
Lanete	Salo
Leachon	Salon
Lee	Sambar
Lobregat	Sandoval
Lopez (B.)	Sangcopan
Lopez (M.L.)	Santos-Recto
Macapagal-Arroyo	Sarmiento (C.)
Maceda	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Madrona	Savellano
Malapitan	Sema
Manalo	Siao
Marcoleta	Singson
Marcos	Suansing (E.)
Mariño	Suansing (H.)
Marquez	Suarez
Martinez	Sy-Alvarado
Matugas	Tambunting
Mellana	Tan (A.)
Mirasol	Tan (M.)
Montoro	Tejada
Nieto	Teves
Noel	Ting
Nograles (K.A.)	Tinio
Nolasco	Treñas
Oaminal	Tugna
Ong (E.)	Tupas
Ong (H.)	Ty
Ortega (P.)	Umali
Ortega (V.N.)	Unabia
Pacquiao	Ungab
Paduano	Unico
Palma	Uy (R.)
Pancho	Uybarreta
Panganiban	Vargas-Alfonso
Panotes	Velarde
Papandayan	Velasco-Catera
Pichay	Veloso
Pimentel	Vergara
Pineda	Villafuerte
Primicias-Agabas	Villanueva
Quimbo	Villaraza-Suarez
Radaza	Villarica
Ramirez-Sato	Villarin
Ramos	Yap (A.)
Relampagos	Yap (M.)

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Zamora (M.C.)
Zamora (R.)
Zarate
Zubiri

With 204 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix)

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Victoria Isabel G. Noel, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 4 dated July 30, 2018.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Representative Noel acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Reps. Frederick "Erick" F. Abueg, Franz E. Alvarez, Gil "Kabarangay" P. Acosta, Alex "AA" L. Advincula, Sabiniano S. Canama, Anthony M. Bravo, PhD, and Scott Davies S. Lanete, MD.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 7940, entitled:

"AN ACT REGULATING THE USE OF GOVERNMENT AMBULANCES, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFORE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Vargas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7941, entitled:

"AN ACT RECOGNIZING NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAYS IN THE PHILIPPINES,

CREATING A NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAYS PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Vargas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 7942, entitled:

"AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING SUSTAINABLE COASTAL TOURISM, PROVIDING MECHANISMS FOR ITS INSTITUTIONALIZATION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Vargas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 7943, entitled:

"AN ACT TO EXPAND THE COVERAGE OF MICRO ENTERPRISES AS BENEFICIARIES OF THE MAGNA CARTA FOR MICRO, SMALL, AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES OR REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6977, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8289 AND FURTHER AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9501"

By Representative Vargas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 7944, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION OF UNDERWATER CULTURAL HERITAGE IN PHILIPPINE WATERS"

By Representative Vargas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7945, entitled:

"AN ACT TO PROTECT MARINE MAMMALS AND ENSURE THEIR SURVIVAL FOR THE BENEFIT OF FUTURE GENERATIONS"

By Representative Suansing (E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RE-
SOURCES

House Bill No. 7946, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING RESTAURANTS
AND OTHER SIMILAR FOOD ESTAB-
LISHMENTS TO DISCLOSE AND DIS-
PLAY NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION
OF FOOD AND BEVERAGES ON
THEIR MENUS AND MENU BOARDS”

By Representative Suansing (E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7947, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A STUDY AND
FOR DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS
REGARDING CASES OF HEPATITIS C
AMONG FIREFIGHTERS, PARAMED-
ICS, EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNI-
CIANS AND OTHER EMERGENCY RE-
SPONSE EMPLOYEES”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7948, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL
CENTER FOR INFORMATION AND
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE RELATING
TO ALL TYPES OF FAMILY RE-
SOURCE AND SUPPORT PROGRAMS”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION
AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 7949, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING A PHILIPPINE LA-
BOR FORCE COMPETENCIES COM-
PETITIVENESS PROGRAM, AND ES-
TABLISHING FREE ACCESS TO TECH-
NICAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING
PROGRAMS”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 7950, entitled:

“AN ACT EMPOWERING THE PHILIPPINE
INSTITUTE OF TRADITIONAL AND
COMPLEMENTARY HEALTH CARE
BY VESTING UPON IT REGULATORY
POWERS, PROVIDING IT WITH AUG-
MENTED HUMAN RESOURCES AND
UPGRADED EQUIPMENT, ESTAB-
LISHING TESTING LABORATORIES
AND FIELD OFFICES, AMENDING
CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 8423 AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Estrella

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7951, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL
TWO (2) METROPOLITAN TRIAL
COURT BRANCHES IN THE CITY OF
PARAÑAQUE AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 7952, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MODERN-
IZATION OF THE PHILIPPINE NU-
CLEAR RESEARCH INSTITUTE, DE-
PARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECH-
NOLOGY (PNRI-DOST), AND APPRO-
PRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Mangaoang

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 7953, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE GUIMARAS
STATE COLLEGE IN THE PROVINCE
OF GUIMARAS INTO A STATE UNI-
VERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE
GUIMARAS STATE UNIVERSITY AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Nava

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 7954, entitled:

“AN ACT PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES AND PARAMETERS IN INFORMATION DISCLOSED BY THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE TO THE MEDIA REGARDING PERSONS SUSPECTED OF COMMITTING CRIMINAL ACTS AND FOR OTHER SIMILAR PURPOSES”

By Representative Gatchalian

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 7955, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY BAGONG BUHAY IN THE CITY OF PALAYAN, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA”

By Representative Vergara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 7956, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING THE FRANCHISE OF THE TANDAG ELECTRIC AND TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. GRANTED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8715, AND RENEWING/EXTENDING THE TERM THEREOF TO ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS FROM THE DATE OF EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT”

By Representative Pimentel

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 7957, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING COMPENSATION TO SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN OFFICIALS FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 10742, ENTITLED 'SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN REFORM ACT OF 2015' ”

By Representative Erice

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 7958, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PHILIPPINE PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS OF THE VENICE BIENNALE IN VENICE, ITALY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Durano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7959, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PARTICIPATION OF THE YOUTH IN ANTI-DRUG ABUSE COUNCIL IN ALL LEVELS”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 7960, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING RESEARCH ON DYSTONIA”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7961, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE SUM-AG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (SNHS) IN THE CITY OF BACOLOD, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, INTO A STATE COLLEGE TO BE KNOWN AS THE SUM-AG STATE COLLEGE (SSC) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Gasataya

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7962, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF CORAZON LOCSIN MONTELIBANO MEMORIAL REGIONAL

HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF BACOD, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL FROM FOUR HUNDRED (400) TO ONE THOUSAND (1,000)-BED CAPACITY, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS PERSONNEL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Gasataya

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7963, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES CAMPUS IN THE CITY OF BACOD, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Gasataya

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 7964, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING SENIOR CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES FROM TRAVEL TAX”

By Representative Gasataya

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 7965, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ORIENTAL MINDORO CENTRAL DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN PINAMALAYAN, ORIENTAL MINDORO TO PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS ORIENTAL MINDORO PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL AND TO INCREASE THE BED CAPACITY TO ONE HUNDRED (100) BEDS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Umali

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7966, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING BURNHAM PARK IN THE CITY OF BAGUIO AS A NATIONAL HERITAGE PARK AND AP-

PROPRIATING FUNDS FOR ITS CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Go (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 2019, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONCERNS ABOUT THE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST THE CHURCH IGLESIA NI CRISTO IN RELATION TO THE ASSASSINATION OF MAYOR FERDINAND BOTE OF GENERAL TINIO, NUEVA ECIJA”

By Representative Robes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Resolution No. 2020, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING SEN. MANNY 'PACMAN' PACQUIAO FOR WINNING THE WBA WELTHERWEIGHT CROWN OVER ARGENTINIAN LUCAS MATTHYSSE VIA TECHNICAL KNOCK-OUT IN THE SEVENTH ROUND”

By Representative Vargas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2021, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO FOR A VERY SUCCESSFUL STAGING OF THEIR 'LINGAP LABAN SA KAHIRAPAN' OUTREACH PROGRAM HELD LAST 15 JULY 2018”

By Representative Vargas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2022, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE STATUS OF

PRE-DEPARTURE, ON-SITE AND OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES PROVIDED BY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO SEAFARERS”

By Representative Sarmiento (E.M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2023, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE WEST VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY FOR PRODUCING EIGHT TOPNOTCHERS IN THE 2018 PHILIPPINE NURSING LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS BRINGING HONOR AND PRIDE TO ILOILO AND TO THE REST OF THE WESTERN VISAYAS REGION”

By Representative Treñas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Resolution No. 2024, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO IN CELEBRATION OF ITS 104TH FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY”

By Representative Silverio

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2026, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING SECRETARY MENARDO I. GUEVARRA FOR BEING APPOINTED AS THE NEW SECRETARY OF JUSTICE”

By Representatives Villarica, Robes, Pancho, Silverio and Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2027, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BAMBOO LIVELIHOOD PROGRAM IN

RELATION TO THE GOVERNMENT'S NATIONAL GREENING PROGRAM (NGP)”

By Representative Velasco

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2028, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, CONCERNING THE COMPLIANCE BY THE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES OF LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS ON THE CONDITIONS FOR THE RELOCATION OF THE RESIDENTS OF TEMPORARY HOUSING IN BARANGAY 105, TONDO, CITY OF MANILA”

By Representative Lopez (M.L.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2029, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION HONORING FILIPINO TEACHERS ON THE OCCASION OF THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL TEACHERS' MONTH (NTM) - 'GRATITUDE IN 10SIFIED' ”

By Representative Del Mar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Resolution No. 2030, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING HON. EMMANUEL 'MANNY' D. PACQUIAO FOR HIS EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE IN HIS FIGHT LAST JULY 15, 2018”

By Representatives Nieto, Maceda, Martinez, Sandoval and Malapitan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

21 July 2018

HON. PANTALEON D. ALVAREZ
Speaker
House of Representatives
Batasan Hills, Quezon City

Dear Speaker Alvarez:

In compliance with the President's constitutional duty, I have the honor to transmit to Congress, through the House of Representatives, the following budget documents:

1. The President's Budget Message for FY 2019;
2. FY 2019 National Expenditure Program (Volumes I, II and III);
3. FY 2019 Budget of Expenditures and Sources of Financing; and
4. FY 2019 Staffing Summary.

Very truly yours,

RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE
President of the Philippines

Encls.: a/s

cc: Hon. Vicente C. Sotto III
President
*Senate of the Philippines*Hon. Loren B. Legarda
Chairman, Committee on Finance
*Senate of the Philippines*Hon. Karlo Alexei B. Nograles
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Message dated July 24, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on July 23, 2018 approved the Conference Committee Re-

port of the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1717, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE BASIC LAW FOR THE AUTONOMOUS REGION OF THE BANGSAMORO AND ABOLISHING THE AUTONOMOUS REGION OF MUSLIM MINDANAO, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9054, ENTITLED 'AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN AND EXPAND THE ORGANIC ACT FOR THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO,' AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6734, ENTITLED 'AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN ORGANIC ACT FOR THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO,' AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

and House Bill No. 6475, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE BASIC LAW FOR THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN THE BANGSAMORO REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9054, ENTITLED 'AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN AND EXPAND THE ORGANIC ACT FOR THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO,' AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6734, ENTITLED 'AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN ORGANIC ACT FOR THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO,' AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

TO THE ARCHIVES

Message dated July 24, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 639, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA ELENA, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated July 24, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendment House Bill No. 1955, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF RIZAL MEDICAL CENTER IN

PASIG CITY FROM THREE HUNDRED (300) TO FIVE HUNDRED (500) BEDS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated July 24, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 5556, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO ISLA COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, INC., PRESENTLY KNOWN AS INNOVE COMMUNICATIONS, INC., AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7372, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE ISLA COMMUNICATIONS CO. A FRANCHISE TO INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND INTERNATIONAL POINTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' ”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated July 24, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendment House Bill No. 5880, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE AMAI PAK-PAK MEDICAL CENTER IN MARAWI CITY, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL SUR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated July 24, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendment House Bill No. 6294, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE BILIRAN PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN ITS PROPOSED RELOCATION SITE IN BARANGAY LARRAZABAL, MUNICIPALITY OF NAVAL, PROVINCE OF BILIRAN, FROM SEVENTY-FIVE (75) TO TWO HUNDRED (200) BEDS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated July 24, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendment House Bill No. 6311, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE NARRA MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NARRA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN FROM TEN (10) TO ONE HUNDRED (100) BED CAPACITY, AND NAMING IT AS THE GOVERNOR ALFREDO MENDOZA ABUEG, SR. MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated July 24, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendment House Bill No. 6618, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A ONE HUNDRED (100)-BED CAPACITY HOSPITAL IN BARANGAY HABAY 2 IN THE CITY OF BACOR, PROVINCE OF CAVITE TO BE KNOWN AS THE BACOR DISTRICT HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated July 24, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 6620, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF ST. ANTHONY MOTHER AND CHILD HOSPITAL IN CEBU CITY FROM TWENTY-FIVE (25) TO ONE HUNDRED (100), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated July 24, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 6740, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE LABUAN PUBLIC HOSPITAL IN ZAMBOANGA CITY INTO A LEVEL II HOSPITAL TO

BE KNOWN AS THE LABUAN GENERAL HOSPITAL, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FOR GENERAL CARE SERVICES TO ONE (100), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated July 25, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on July 24, 2018 passed the following House Bills without amendment:

House Bill No. 2849, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF VETERANS REGIONAL HOSPITAL IN BAYOMBONG, NUEVA VIZCAYA FROM TWO HUNDRED (200) TO FIVE HUNDRED (500), UPGRADING ITS SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL CHANGING ITS NAME TO REGION II TRAUMA AND MEDICAL CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

House Bill No. 4274, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE SOUTHERN ISABELA GENERAL HOSPITAL IN SANTIAGO CITY, PROVINCE OF ISABELA INTO A TERTIARY GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE SOUTHERN ISABELA MEDICAL CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

House Bill No. 6389, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE SERVICES AND FACILITIES OF THE LA UNION MEDICAL CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF AGOO, PROVINCE OF LA UNION BY INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY TO THREE HUNDRED (300) AND ESTABLISHING A TRAUMA CENTER THEREIN, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS PERSONNEL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

House Bill No. 6619, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE BAGUIO GENERAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER FROM

FIVE HUNDRED (500) TO EIGHT HUNDRED (800) BEDS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

House Bill No. 6711, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE DR. PAULINO J. GARCIA MEMORIAL RESEARCH AND MEDICAL CENTER EXTENSION HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TALAVERA, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, TO A LEVEL II HOSPITAL AND INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FROM FIFTY (50) TO ONE HUNDRED (100) BEDS TO BE NOW KNOWN AS THE TALAVERA GENERAL HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated July 25, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on July 24, 2018, the Senate designated Senators Francis “Chiz” G. Escudero, Ralph G. Recto and Paolo Benigno “Bam” Aquino IV as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 5780, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE DON HONORIO VENTURA TECHNOLOGICAL STATE UNIVERSITY (DHVTSU) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BACOLOR, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA AS THE DON HONORIO VENTURA STATE UNIVERSITY (DHVSU), AND EXPANDING ITS CURRICULAR OFFERINGS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9832, ENTITLED 'AN ACT CONVERTING THE DON HONORIO VENTURA COLLEGE OF ARTS AND TRADES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BACOLOR, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE DON HONORIO VENTURA TECHNOLOGICAL STATE UNIVERSITY (DHVTSU) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR' ”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated July 25, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on July 24, 2018, the Senate designated Senators Francis “Chiz” G. Escudero, Ralph G. Recto and Paolo Benigno

“Bam” Aquino IV as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 6030, entitled:

“AN ACT INTEGRATING THE CEBU CITY MOUNTAIN EXTENSION CAMPUS AS A SATELLITE CAMPUS OF THE CEBU TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9744, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'AN ACT CONVERTING THE CEBU STATE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF CEBU AND ALL ITS SATELLITE CAMPUSES LOCATED IN THE PROVINCE OF CEBU INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CEBU TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY (CTU) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR' ”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated July 25, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on July 24, 2018, the Senate designated Senators Francis “Chiz” G. Escudero, Ralph G. Recto and Paolo Benigno “Bam” Aquino IV as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 6031, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE INTEGRATION OF THE MAASIN CITY COLLEGE INTO THE SOUTHERN LEYTE STATE UNIVERSITY (SLSU)”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated July 25, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on July 24, 2018, the Senate designated Senators Francis “Chiz” G. Escudero, Joseph Victor G. Ejercito and Paolo Benigno “Bam” Aquino IV as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 6202, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SOUTH COTABATO STATE COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SURALLAH, PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO, INTEGRATING THEREWITH THE SURALLAH NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SURALLAH, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated July 25, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on July 24, 2018, the Senate designated Senators Francis “Chiz” G. Escudero, Grace Poe and Paolo Benigno “Bam” Aquino IV as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 6203, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE SORSOGON STATE COLLEGE IN THE PROVINCE OF SORSOGON INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE SALVADOR H. ESCUDERO III STATE UNIVERSITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated July 25, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on July 24, 2018, the Senate designated Senators Francis “Chiz” G. Escudero, Ralph G. Recto and Paolo Benigno “Bam” Aquino IV as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 6465, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE NORTHWESTERN MINDANAO STATE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (NMSCST) IN THE CITY OF TANGUB, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHWESTERN MINDANAO (UNM) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated April 20, 2018 of Undersecretary Eduardo M. Año, Officer-in-Charge, Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), submitting the 1st Quarter 2018 Reports on Project Fund Utilization and Accomplishments of the following Nationally Funded Projects of the DILG:

1. FYs 2013-2016 Bottom-Up Budgeting (DILG Fund);
2. FY 2016 Bottom-Up Budgeting (BuB) (LGSF);
3. FY 2017 Assistance to Disadvantaged Municipalities (ADM); and
4. FYs 2012-2017 Sagana at Ligtas na Tubig sa Lahat (SALINTUBIG).

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated April 30, 2018 of Allan S. Borromeo, Regional Director, Regional Office No. XI, Department of Public Works and Highways, submitting to the House of Representatives the Monthly Project Status Report for the month of April 2018 for projects implemented by their office within the 1st Legislative District of Davao del Norte.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

Letter dated 2 May 2018 of Francisco T. Duque III, Secretary, Department of Health, submitting the final version of the 4th Annual Report on Republic Act No. 10354, otherwise known as the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act of 2012.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Letter dated May 4, 2018 of Mildred Lagbas-Mondigo, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Sugbongcogon, Province of Misamis Oriental, submitting their Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation for the Quarter ended March 31, 2018 on the Local Government Support Fund – Financial Assistance to LGUs 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated May 9, 2018 of Sylvanna O. Reusora, MSWDO, Municipality of Libertad, Province of Misamis Oriental, submitting the Partial Liquidation of the LGSF FY 2017 – Assistance to Indigent Individual and Families of the said municipality as of May 7, 2018 and a copy of Report of Receipts and Disbursements as received by LGU resident COA on May 9, 2018.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated May 14, 2018 of Austere A. Panadero, Officer-in-Charge, Department of the Interior and Local Government, submitting the Statement of Allotments, Obligations and Balances (SAOB) of the Office of the Secretary, this Department, as of April 30, 2018, in compliance with Section 95 of Republic Act No. 10964.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated May 15, 2018 of Bobby B. Balicao, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Wao, Province of Lanao del Sur, submitting the Fund Utilization Posting Documents and Progress Report for the concreting of Junction National Road Barangay Panang to Sitio Pulacan Barangay Park Area Farm to Market Road Phase I.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated May 16, 2018 of Ferdinand B. Trinidad, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Iguig, Province of Cagayan, submitting the Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation for the 1st Quarter of 2018 of the Local Government Support Fund – Financial Assistance to Local Government Units of said municipality.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated 16 May 2018 of Alicia dela Rosa-Bala, Chairperson, Civil Service Commission, submitting to the House of Representatives a copy of the Commission's 2017 Annual Report.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE
AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Email dated May 23, 2018 of Regina Mora of DOTr, submitting a list of DOTr Ongoing and Planned Projects as of April 2018.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Letter dated 23 May 2018 of Ernando S. De Leon, Director, Currency Issue and Integrity Office, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, submitting to the House of Representatives the Consolidated Accomplishment Report from January 2010 to December 2017 of the Currency Integrity Staff (Investigation Division), Currency Issue and Integrity Office, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letter dated May 23, 2018 of Emmanuel C. De Guzman, President, Polytechnic University of the Philippines, submitting the Status Report regarding Tulong Dunong Program (TDP) and Expanded Students' Grants-in-Aid Program for Poverty Alleviation (ESGP-PA) for School Year 2017-2018.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated May 25, 2018 of Atty. Usmin P. Dimamel, Director IV, Regional Director, Regional Office No. XIII, Commission on Audit, submitting Annual Audit Reports/Management Letters for CY 2017 on the following Water Districts (WDs):

A. Annual Audit Reports:

1. Buenavista Water District, Buenavista, Agusan del Norte;
2. Bayugan Water District, Bayugan City;
3. Prosperidad Water District, Prosperidad, Agusan del Sur;
4. Bacuag Water District, Bacuag, Surigao del Norte;
5. Del Carmen Water District, Del Carmen, Surigao del Norte;
6. Metro Siargao Water District, Dapa, Surigao del Norte;
7. Bislig City Water District, Bislig City, Surigao del Sur;
8. Hinatuan Water District, Hinatuan, Surigao del Sur;
9. Tandag Water District, Tandag, Surigao del Sur;
10. Cantilan Water District, Cantilan, Surigao del Sur;
11. Lianga Water District, Lianga, Surigao del Sur; and
12. Madrid Water District, Madrid, Surigao del Sur.

B. Management Letters:

1. Barobo Water District, Barobo, Surigao del Sur; and
2. Sibagat Water District, Sibagat, Agusan del Sur.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated 28 May 2018 of Roger E. Dino, Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, furnishing the House of Representatives with a duly certified and authenticated copy of Circular Letter No. CL-2018-040 dated 23 May 2018.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letter dated May 28, 2018 of Noel C. Galvez, President/CEO of Vanguard Radio Network Co., Inc., submitting additional documents to update their reportorial requirements for Republic Act No. 7529 and Republic Act No. 8069 and providing an update of their development plans.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

Letter dated May 30, 2018 of Benjamin E. Diokno, Secretary, Department of Budget and Management, transmitting the consolidated Statement of Appropriations, Allotments, Obligations, Disbursements and Balances (SAAODB) of the national government agencies for the quarter ending March 31, 2018.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated May 30, 2018 of Juarlito V. Garcines, President, Agusan del Sur State College of Agriculture and Technology (ASSCAT), submitting the ASSCAT Journey Towards University Status (2018-2020).

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Letter dated June 1, 2018 of Allan S. Borromeo, Regional Director, Regional Office XI, Department of Public Works and Highways, submitting to the House of Representatives the Monthly Project Status Report for the month of May 2018 of projects implemented by their office within the First Legislative District of Davao del Norte.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

Letter dated June 6, 2018 of Arnel R. Patatag, Audit Team Leader, Mactan-Cebu International Airport Authority, Commission on Audit, furnishing the House of Representatives a copy of the 2016 Annual Audit Report on the Mactan-Cebu International Airport Authority.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated June 6, 2018 of Jesus Clint O. Aranas, President and General Manager, Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), submitting to the House of Representatives the Report on the GSIS Investment Portfolio as of December 31, 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

Letter dated 7 June 2018 of Delfin N. Lorenzana, Secretary, Department of National Defense, submitting the monthly report on the implementation of Martial Law in Mindanao covering the period April 1-30, 2018.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

Letters dated June 7 and 13, 2018 of Roger E. Dino, Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), furnishing the House of Representatives with duly certified and authenticated BSP issuances, to wit:

1. Circular No. 1005 dated 31 May 2018;
2. Circular No. 1006 dated 1 June 2018;
3. Circular No. 1007 dated 6 June 2018;
4. Circular Letter No. CL-2018-041 dated 31 May 2018; and
5. Circular Letter No. CL-2018-042 dated 6 June 2018.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letter dated 11 June 2018 of Nestor A. Espenilla Jr., Governor, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, submitting their Report on Economic and Financial Developments in the Philippines, First Quarter 2018, pursuant to Section 39(a), Chapter I, Article V of Republic Act No. 7653.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letter dated 22 June 2018 of Ivanna G. Dela Peña, First Vice President and Head Regulatory Management, MERALCO, providing the House of Representatives a copy of MERALCO's 2017 Annual Report, pursuant to Section 14 of Republic Act No. 9209.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

Letters dated 25 June 2018 of Roger E. Dino, Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), furnishing the House of Representatives with duly certified and authenticated BSP issuances, to wit:

1. Circular No. 1008 dated 14 June 2018;
2. Circular Letter No. CL-2018-043 dated 19 June 2018; and
3. Circular Letter No. CL-2018-044 dated 18 June 2018.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letter dated July 27, 2018 of Salvador C. Medialdea, Executive Secretary, Office of the President, Malacañang, transmitting two (2) original copies of Republic Act No. 11054 which was signed on even date by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ORGANIC LAW FOR THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6734, ENTITLED 'AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN ORGANIC ACT FOR THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO,' AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9054, ENTITLED 'AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN AND EXPAND THE ORGANIC ACT FOR THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO' ”

TO THE ARCHIVES

Project Status as of April 30, 2018 of the Province of Zamboanga del Sur on the DILG-KAL-SADA Program.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Quarterly Financial Report of Operations for the 1st Quarter of 2018 of the Province of Kalinga on the DILG-CMGP, attested by Jocel C. Baac, Provincial Governor.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Quarterly Physical Report of Operations for the Quarter ending March 31, 2018 of the Province of Zamboanga del Norte on the DILG-CMGP.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Quarterly Physical Report of Operations for the 1st Quarter of 2018 of the Province of Kalinga on the DILG-CMGP, attested by Jocel C. Baac, Provincial Governor.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Quarterly Financial Report of Operations for the Quarter ending March 2018 of the Province of Lanao del Sur, on the Local Government Support Fund – Conditional Matching Grant to Provinces, attested by Bedjoria Soraya Alonto Adiong, Provincial Governor.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Quarterly Financial Report of Operations for the Quarter ending March 31, 2018 of the Province of Davao del Sur, on the Local Government Support Fund – Conditional Matching Grant to Provinces, attested by Douglas RA. Gagas, Provincial Governor.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Annual Audit Report on the University of Southeastern Philippines for the year ended December 31, 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Annual Audit Report on the Nueva Ecija University of Science and Technology, Cabanatuan City, for the year ended December 31, 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Annual Audit Report on the Zamboanga City State Polytechnic College for the year ended December 31, 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

2017 Annual Report of the Department of Budget and Management.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

2017 Accomplishment Report of the Philippine Sports Commission.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

2017 Annual Report of the Bohol I Electric Cooperative, Inc., Cabulijan, Tubigon, Bohol.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

2017 Annual Audit Report on the Aurora Pacific Economic Zone and Freeport Authority, Casiguran, Aurora Province.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

2017 Annual Audit Report on the Subic-Clark Alliance for Development.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

2017 Annual Report of the Career Executive Service Board.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation for the First Quarter ended 2018 of the Province of Compostela Valley on the DILG-KALSADA Program, attested by Jayvee Tyron L. Uy, Provincial Governor.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation for the 1st Quarter ended 2017 of the Municipality of San Isidro, Province of Bohol on the LGSF, attested by Jacinto B. Naraga, Municipal Mayor.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation for the Quarter ended December 31, 2017 of the Municipality of Toboso, Province of Negros Occidental on the LGSF-ADM, attested by Richard M. Jajoco, Municipal Mayor.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation for the 1st Quarter ended 2018 of the Municipality of Albuquerque, Province of Bohol on the LGSF-ADM, attested by Elpren Charles M. Tungol, Municipal Mayor.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation for the Quarter ended June 2018 of the Municipality of Medellin, Province of Cebu on the Local Government Support Fund – Assistance to Disadvantaged Municipalities, attested by Joven Mondigo Jr., Municipal Mayor.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Reports and supporting documents for Conditional Matching Grant to Provinces for Road Repair, Rehabilitation and Improvement:

1. Monthly Physical Report of Operations from September to December 2017 / Monthly Financial Report of Operations from November to December 2017 of the Province of Camarines Norte on the LGSF-CMGP for Road Repair, Rehabilitation and Improvement;
2. Fund Utilization Reports on the Upgrading of the Daet - San Lorenzo Ruiz Road and the Labo-Fundado-Bakal Road; and
3. Certification of the OIC - Provincial Accountant of Camarines Norte on the disbursement of funds for the projects.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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

1. Consolidated Senate Bill No. 1444 and House Bill No. 6772, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING PROTECTED AREAS AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR MANAGEMENT, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7586, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM (NIPAS) ACT OF 1992', AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

(Now Republic Act No. 11038)

2. House Bill No. 833, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE MONTEVISTA-CATEEL NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAVERSING THE MUNICIPALITY OF COMPOSTELA, COMPOSTELA VALLEY PROVINCE INTO THE BENIGNO S. AQUINO JR. NATIONAL HIGHWAY”;

(Now Republic Act No. 11041)

3. House Bill No. 1425, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE ACOP, TUBLAY, KAPANGAN – KIBUNGAN – BAKUN – SINIPSIP, BUGUIAS SECONDARY NATIONAL ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF BENGUET TO GOV. BADO DANGWA NATIONAL ROAD”;

(Now Republic Act No. 11042)

4. House Bill No. 2656, entitled:

“AN ACT NAMING THE DIVERSION ROAD IN SORSOGON CITY, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON AS SALVADOR H. ESCUDERO III DIVERSION ROAD”;

(Now Republic Act No. 11043)

5. House Bill No. 2785, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE WAWA ROAD AT BARANGAY SAN RAFAEL, MUNICIPALITY OF RODRIGUEZ, PROVINCE OF RIZAL AS GENERAL LICERIO I. GERONIMO HIGHWAY”;

(Now Republic Act No. 11044)

6. House Bill No. 4782, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE KAY TIKLING-ANTIPOLO-TERESA-MORONG NATIONAL ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF RIZAL, TRAVERSING THROUGH BARANGAY DOLORES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAYTAY UP TO BARANGAY MAYBANCAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MORONG, AS CORAZON C. AQUINO AVENUE”;

(Now Republic Act No. 11045)

7. House Bill No. 4947, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE ROAD TRAVERSING BARANGAYS SAN JOSE, TOLENTINO WEST, TOLENTINO EAST, FRANCISCO, SUNGAY WEST (LEFT SIDE), SUNGAY EAST (RIGHT SIDE), SUNGAY EAST, IRUHIN WEST, IRUHIN CENTRAL, IRUHIN EAST AND

DAPDAP WEST IN THE CITY OF TAGAYTAY, PROVINCE OF CAVITE TO ISAAC O. TOLENTINO AVENUE”;

(Now Republic Act No. 11046)

8. House Bill No. 5001, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING GOVERNOR’S DRIVE, TRAVERSING SORO-SORO BRIDGE IN THE CITY OF BIÑAN, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF TERNATE, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, AS JUANITO R. REMULLA, SR. ROAD”;

(Now Republic Act No. 11047)

9. House Bill No. 5002, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE MOLINO-SALAWAG-PALIPARAN ROAD, TRAVERSING BARANGAY TALABA 4 IN THE CITY OF BACCOOR, AND BARANGAY PALIPARAN 1 IN THE CITY OF DASMARIÑAS, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE, AS BACCOOR-DASMARIÑAS NATIONAL ROAD”;

(Now Republic Act No. 11048)

10. House Bill No. 5123, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE MOLINO BOULEVARD TRAVERSING BARANGAY TALABA 4 AND BARANGAY SAN NICOLAS 3 IN THE CITY OF BACCOOR, PROVINCE OF CAVITE AS BACCOOR BOULEVARD”;

(Now Republic Act No. 11049)

11. House Bill No. 5356, entitled:

“AN ACT NAMING THE LINAMON – MATUNGAO – BALOI NATIONAL ROAD TRAVERSING BARANGAY SAMBURON IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LINAMON, AND BARANGAY BULAO IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALOI, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE, AS THE METRO ILIGAN REGIONAL AGRO-INDUSTRIAL CENTER (MIRAIC) HIGHWAY”;

(Now Republic Act No. 11050)

12. House Bill No. 5643, entitled:

“AN ACT NAMING THE POBLACION-CANIOGAN NATIONAL ROAD TRAVERSING BARANGAY POBLACION AND BARANGAY BARAKANAS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUBOD, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE AS THE ARSENIANO ARCELO QUIBRANZA HIGHWAY”;

(Now Republic Act No. 11051)

13. Consolidated House Bill No. 6714 and Senate Bill No. 1269, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF FOOD TECHNOLOGY IN THE PHILIPPINES, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE BOARD OF FOOD TECHNOLOGY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

(Now Republic Act No. 11052)

14. Consolidated Senate Bill No. 108 and House Bill No. 6782, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING APRIL 27 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL WORKING PUBLIC HOLIDAY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF LAPU-LAPU, PROVINCE OF CEBU, TO COMMEMORATE THE VICTORY OF LAPU-LAPU AND HIS MEN OVER THE SPANIARDS LED BY FERDINAND MAGELLAN IN THE HISTORIC BATTLE OF MACTAN ON APRIL 27, 1521, TO BE KNOWN AS LAPU-LAPU DAY OR ADLAW NI LAPU-LAPU”;

(Now Republic Act No. 11040)

15. Consolidated Senate Bill No. 1461 and House Bill No. 7054, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES EMERGENCY AND RESILIENCY FUND AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

(Now Republic Act No. 11039)

16. Consolidated Senate Bill No. 1662 and House Bill No. 6573, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING HAZING AND REGULATING OTHER FORMS OF INITIATION RITES OF FRATERNITIES, SORORITIES, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8049, ENTITLED 'AN ACT REGULATING HAZING AND OTHER FORMS OF INITIATION RITES IN FRATERNITIES, SORORITIES, AND ORGANIZATIONS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR' ”.

(Now Republic Act No. 11053)

TO THE ARCHIVES

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

1. Consolidated Senate Bill No. 1103 and House Bill No. 6915, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (PUP) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SABLAYAN, PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO TO BE KNOWN AS THE PUP-SABLAYAN CAMPUS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

2. House Bill No. 1875, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) EXTENSION OFFICE LOCATED IN MUNTINLUPA CITY INTO A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

3. House Bill No. 2708, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE GURELBOKOD-KABAYAN-ABATAN ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF BENGUET TO CONG. ANDRES ACOP COSALAN ROAD”;

4. House Bill No. 3188, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE CALOOCAN CITY EXTENSION OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) LOCATED IN MALABON CITY, METRO MANILA INTO A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

5. House Bill No. 6603, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE KALBAY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX IN BARANGAY SUGAL, MUNICIPALITY OF JOSE ABAD SANTOS, PROVINCE OF DAVAO OCCIDENTAL FROM THE KALBAY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS EMELIANO S. FONTANARES SR. NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

6. Consolidated House Bill No. 64 and Senate Bill No. 1317, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING COMPLIANCE WITH OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF”;

7. Consolidated House Bill No. 6221 and Senate Bill No. 1738, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM”;

8. Consolidated House Bill No. 6578 and Senate Bill No. 1762, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RETIREMENT BENEFIT SYSTEM IN THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN, AUGMENTING ITS EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

9. Consolidated House Bill No. 6907 and Senate Bill No. 1459, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE SECURED TRANSACTIONS LEGAL FRAMEWORK IN THE PHILIPPINES, WHICH SHALL PROVIDE

FOR THE CREATION, PERFECTION, DETERMINATION OF PRIORITY, ESTABLISHMENT OF A CENTRALIZED NOTICE REGISTRY, AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTERESTS IN PERSONAL PROPERTY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Labor and Employment (Committee Report No. 802), re H.B. No. 7973, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REMEDY OF FILING A PETITION FOR CERTIORARI TO THE SUPREME COURT TO REVIEW THE DECISIONS OF THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS COMMISSION AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 229 AND 230 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES' ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1358

Sponsors: Representatives Ting, Nograles (K.A.) and Nograles (J.J.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 803), re H.B. No. 7978, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ACCREDITATION CENTER IN BARANGAY CAMAMAN-AN, CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY TESDA TRAINING AND ACCREDITATION CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2574

Sponsors: Representatives Hofer, Nograles (K.A.) and Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 804), re H.B. No. 7979, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ACCREDITATION CENTER IN THE CITY OF ANTIPOLO, PROVINCE OF RIZAL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE ANTIPOLO CITY TESDA TRAINING AND ACCREDITATION CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2036

Sponsors: Representatives Hofer, Nograles (K.A.) and Roa-Puno

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 805), re H.B. No. 7987, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE SITIO OF ASCOMO FROM BARANGAY PULUNGMASLE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUAGUA, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA AND CONSTITUTING IT INTO A DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY ASCOMO”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4260

Sponsors: Representatives Acharon and Macapagal-Arroyo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 806), re H.B. No. 6319, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EXTENSION OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUBIGON, PROVINCE OF BOHOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento (C.), Nograles (K.A.) and Relampagos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**RESOLUTION**

House Concurrent Resolution No. 19, entitled:

“CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR FOR THE THIRD REGULAR SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Andaya

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Representative Noel acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Rep. Jorge “Bolet” Banal and Deputy Speaker Raneo “Ranie” E. Abu.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 739
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 7735**

On motion of Representative Noel, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 7735 contained in Committee Report No. 739 as reported out by the Committees on Agriculture and Food, Ways and Means, and Appropriations.

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

“AN ACT REPLACING THE QUANTITATIVE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON RICE WITH TARIFFS AND CREATING THE RICE COMPETITIVENESS ENHANCEMENT FUND.”

Representative Noel stated that the parliamentary status was that the Body was in the period of sponsorship and debate; and on her motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Jose T. Panganiban Jr. CPA, LLB, Chairperson of the Committee on Agriculture and Food, to sponsor the measure and Rep. Ariel “Ka Ayik” B. Casilao to interpellate thereon.

**INTERPELLATION OF
REPRESENTATIVE CASILAO**

At the onset, Representative Casilao stated that his name was included in the Committee Report of House Bill No. 7735 as one of the coauthors. He manifested to put on record that he already withdrew his coauthorship of the measure on May 29,

2018 which was officially received by the Office of the Secretary General. He stated his opposition to the Bill at hand because he believed that this will take a greater toll and eventually eliminate or even kill the livelihood of 2.4 million rice farmers.

Representatives Casilao and Panganiban then discussed the country’s rice importation volume prior to and after the entry of the Philippine government to the World Trade Organization (WTO) and General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) as a signatory in 1995.

In response to the queries and concerns raised by Representative Casilao, Representative Panganiban committed to give his colleague a copy of the country’s total rice production from 2008 to 2017; said the NFA still has control over the price of rice bought from the farmers even with the passage of Republic Act No. 8179; and noted that rice importation will result in lower price because it is more costly to produce local commercial rice.

At this point, Deputy Speaker Castro (F.H.) relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Abu.

After the Members exchanged views on the specific guarantees provided for under the Bill to avert any increase in the price of rice and ensure its affordability to the consuming public, Representatives Casilao and Panganiban then discussed the inclusion of an anti-dumping provision in House Bill No. 7735 as the former maintained that rice importation should be regulated considering the expected influx of imported rice in the country as a result of replacing the quantitative import restrictions on rice with tariffs. Representative Panganiban said that at the proper time, Representative Casilao may propose his amendments to the measure.

Both Members next delved into 1) the effect of tariffication on the percentage of local palay to be bought by the National Food Authority (NFA); and 2) the percentage of the bound rates for rice imported into the country in relation to Section 5 of the measure providing for the minimum access volume (MAV) on rice.

Representative Casilao discussed the possible effects of the instant Bill to the country’s rice supply when it granted the President, and not the NFA, the regulatory power to restrict the volume of imported rice. He surmised that such flaw in the proposed measure may affect the pricing of basic goods and commodities especially with the current implementation of the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) Law, and could worsen the situation not only of the consuming public but of the rice farmers as well.

Representative Casilao further criticized the government for not zeroing in on programs and projects that would develop and improve the agriculture sector. This, as he expressed doubt in the ability of the government to provide the proper mechanisms that will dismantle rice cartels and set the prices of rice which are more affordable to the general public.

REMINDER FROM THE CHAIR

The Chair reminded Representative Casilao to wind up his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE CASILAO

(Continuation)

In closing, Representative Casilao stated that the proposed measure does not offer specific provisions which guarantee the protection of the welfare of farmers and the consuming populace and urged the government to prioritize programs that would support the rice farmers.

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Abu relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Castro (F.H.).

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At 5:33 p.m., the session was suspended.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:34 p.m.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE VILLARIN

Previously recognized by the Chair on Representative Noel's motion, Rep. Tom S. Villarín at first sought affirmation as to the objective of the proposed measure in protecting local producers of rice. He and Representative Panganiban then exchanged views on how the latest series of events related to inflation had delayed rice importation which in effect caused the increase in the prices of rice and other commodities.

The two Members then examined the reasons for the spike in the inflation rate, one of which is the delay in rice importation; the implementation of a policy of tariffication rather than one of quantitative restrictions in order to address the high price of rice which is especially experienced by poor households; and the effect of tariffication on curbing cartelization and smuggling in the rice industry.

They also discussed the use of the proposed Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund as provided for in the Bill, the tariff collections projected by the Department of Finance (DOF), and the drop in local palay production due to tariffication.

In addition, they discussed the target beneficiaries of the Fund and the study on the possible displacement of rice farmers in case of the flooding of imported rice to the local market. Representative Panganiban assured Representative Villarín that the flooding of cheap imported rice would not be imminent considering that China would start importing rice beginning next year.

The Members also talked about the outcome of the two-year extension of the quantitative restrictions on rice; the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund which would be used to subsidize the farmers and effectively lower the cost of production; the Commission on Audit (COA) report regarding the underspending by the National Irrigation Administration (NIA) on irrigation funds and other infrastructure for the benefit of the rice farmers; the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) reports regarding the decrease in agricultural labor due to factors like mechanization and the provision of 4Ps in rural areas; the projection or forecast with regard to production by rice farmers with the advent of rice tariffication; the status of the Department of Agriculture (DA) budget for rice farmers with the approval of the Rice Tariffication Act; and the DA budget for the rice sector for 2015 up to the present.

In ending his interpellation, Representative Villarín said that Representative Panganiban has been very helpful in elucidating the concerns of the common people and expressed hope for the strengthening of the NFA Council with the participation of rice farmers. He also hoped that the terms of implementation of the proposed rice fund and its disbursement will not be left out in the passage of the Bill.

On motion of Representative Noel, the Chair recognized Rep. Cecilia Leonila V. Chavez for her manifestation.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE CHAVEZ

Representative Chavez said that the immediate lifting of quantitative restrictions (QRs) on rice imports would bring economic woes to rice farmers because they are not prepared to compete locally and globally or at least to maintain their present capacity given the high cost of production and the lack of government support to guarantee the rice farmers' welfare.

While aware of the country's commitment to the WTO, she maintained that Congress should put in place first the safety nets that would protect the farmers with the imposition of tariff in lieu of QRs on rice importations and the strengthening of its rice self-sufficiency program considering that rice is the staple food and produced extensively in many parts of the country.

Citing the total palay rice output in 2017, she expressed belief that the country should first achieve rice self-sufficiency before they embark on rice importations.

Thereafter, the Chair recognized Rep. Edcel C. Lagman for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN

Representative Lagman's interpellation of Representative Panganiban focused on the principal objective of the policy of setting QRs on rice importation; tariffication of rice importation once the government abandons its QR policy; and the effect of rice tariffication on the government's rice self-sufficiency program.

With regard to Representative Lagman's query on an empirical study conducted about rice tariffication, Representative Panganiban promised to give Representative Lagman a copy of such study conducted by the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS). He also committed to consult with the PIDS on how it arrived at the expected tariff revenues of the government for the period 2017-2022.

Representative Lagman thereupon asked whether rice tariffication would be beneficial for the plans and programs of the DA on rice sufficiency. He then debated with the Sponsor on the factors that derailed the rice sufficiency program pursued by past Administrations.

Considering that the House of Representatives has started with the deliberations on the proposed 2019 national budget at the Committee level, Representative Lagman then proposed to review the budget allocation of the DA.

The two Members subsequently delved into (1) the kinds of incentives that should be given to rice farmers so they can contribute to the government's attainment of its rice sufficiency objective, (2) the power and authority of the President under a regime of rice tariffication under Sections 9 to 11 of the Bill

especially whenever there is an expected or imminent rice shortage; (3) the proposal of Representative Lagman to insert in the Bill that it is the NFA Council which has the authority to say that there is imminent rice shortage, which proposal the Sponsor accepted; and (4) the need to delimit the period on the effectivity of the President's power to allow the importation of rice at a lower tariff rate while Congress is in session.

To Representative Lagman's subsequent concerns, Representative Panganiban clarified that even under a regime of rice tariffication, there would still be an imminent danger of rice shortage because external factors like climate change and legislations by exporting countries, might prohibit rice importation. He further explained that without subsidy, the country would have to import about two million metric tons of rice; and that rice tariffication would have no effect on rice smuggling. Representative Lagman however countered that a liberalized importation policy would encourage rice smugglers to take advantage of the influx of imported rice.

With respect to the number of safeguards provided in the measure to protect the rice farmers, Representative Panganiban agreed to consider any proposed amendments that Representative Lagman may introduce at the appropriate time. He also agreed to the proposal to delete Section 6 of the measure, because as pointed out by Rep. Lagman, a separate bill should be crafted to amend the charter of the NFA Council.

On motion of Rep. Cristina "Chiqui" Roa-Puno, the Chair recognized Rep. Victor A. Yap for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE YAP (V.)

Representative Yap raised his concern on whether tariffication would help the government in protecting the interest of rice farmers and rice consumers. He then suggested that the Bill should provide for a reference point in the price of palay when tariff rates are being considered.

Thereupon, Representatives Yap and Panganiban discussed the reasons why the price of palay in the Philippines is not as competitive as compared to other ASEAN countries in which the latter cited several factors such as the high cost of palay production, geographical location, and mechanization, among others. Representative Panganiban stated

that part of the proposed Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund would be allocated to augment rice farm modernization and mechanization. He then stated that at the proper time, he would consider the proposed amendments of Representative Yap.

Representative Yap enjoined the government to address the lack of equipment and mechanization of rice farmers and to consider the importance of technology transfer from other countries.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

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

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 7735

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Roa-Puno, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 7735.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At 7:40 p.m., the Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 7:40 p.m.

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Noel, there being no objection, the Body approved to include as additional coauthors of the House bills and resolutions pending in various committees the names of Members contained in the list/s to be submitted by the Committee on Rules.

COMMENCEMENT OF DAILY SESSIONS OF THE HOUSE

With leave of the House, on motion of Majority Leader Rolando G. Andaya Jr., there being no objection, the Body approved to set the commencement of the daily sessions of the House at three o'clock in the afternoon starting Monday, August 6, 2018.

ADOPTION OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

With leave of the House, on successive motions of Majority Leader Andaya, there being no objec-

tion, the Body considered House Concurrent Resolution No. 19 submitted by the Committee on Rules, entitled: "CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR FOR THE THIRD REGULAR SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES"; dispensed with the reading of the text thereof without prejudice to its insertion into the Record of the House; and unanimously adopted the same.

ELECTION OF MAJORITY MEMBERS TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES

On an omnibus motion of Majority Leader Andaya, there being no objection, the Body elected the following members of the Majority to the Committees specified hereunder:

Committee on Natural Resources

Rep. Rodrigo A. Abellanos vice Rep. Arnel U. Ty as Chairperson

Committee on Constitutional Amendments

Rep. Vicente "Ching" S.E. Veloso vice Rep. Roger G. Mercado as Chairperson

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Subsequently, on motion of Majority Leader Andaya, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, August 6, 2018.

It was 7:43 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

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

Approved on August 7, 2018.

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** On official mission

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

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

***** Absent without notice

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