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**CALL TO ORDER**

At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Mercedes K. Alvarez 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  
AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL**

On successive motions of Representative Vincent “Bingbong” P. Crisologo, there being no objection, the Body deferred the calling of the Roll and the approval of the Journal of the previous session.

**REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

On motion of Rep. Crisologo, 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 Committee Reports, which were referred to the appropriate Committees as hereunder indicated:

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

House Bill No. 4777, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE MUÑOZ NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - RIZAL ANNEX IN BARANGAY RIZAL, SCIENCE CITY OF MUÑOZ, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA FROM THE MUÑOZ NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS SCIENCE CITY OF MUÑOZ NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Violago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4778, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A SEPARATE ENGINEERING DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF BATANGAS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Mariño

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4779, entitled:

“AN ACT REMOVING THE RESTRICTIONS UNDER SECTIONS 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, AND 123 OF COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 141, AS AMENDED, ON FREE PATENTS ISSUED UNDER SECTION 44 THEREOF”

By Representative Del Rosario

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 4780, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF THE WORD 'LANAO' TO GENERALIZE THE AREA IN THE PROVINCES OF LANAO DEL NORTE, LANAO DEL SUR AND ILIGAN CITY IN MASS MEDIA AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR”

By Representative Dimaporo (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 4781, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING MADRASAH IN THE BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM AND AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9155 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE GOVERNANCE OF EDUCATION ACT OF 2001”

By Representative Dimaporo (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4783, entitled:

“AN ACT DESIGNATING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL PERFORMING ARTS COMPANIES, DEFINING THEIR ROLES AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Salceda

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4784, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON MUSLIM FILIPINOS AND AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9997 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON MUSLIM FILIPINOS ACT OF 2009”

By Representative Dimaporo (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON MUSLIM AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 4785, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR REGULATION, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE, THE PHILIPPINE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 4786, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER 9160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING ACT OF 2001', AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERS 9194, 10167 AND 10365, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Gonzales (A.D.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 4787, entitled:

“AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 146 OR THE PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, AS AMENDED”

By Representatives Belmonte (F.) and Belmonte (J.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 4788, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE PUBLIC DISPLAY OF PERSONS ARRESTED, ACCUSED OR UNDER CUSTODIAL INVESTIGATION IN A DEGRADING MANNER, AND AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7438, ENTITLED 'AN ACT DEFINING CERTAIN RIGHTS OF PERSONS ARRESTED, DETAINED OR UNDER CUSTODIAL INVESTIGATION AS WELL AS THE DUTIES OF THE ARRESTING, DETAINING, AND INVESTIGATING OFFICERS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF' ”

By Representative Belmonte (J.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

House Bill No. 4789, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10871, ENTITLED 'AN ACT REQUIRING BASIC EDUCATION STUDENTS TO UNDERGO CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR) TRAINING', AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Gomez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4790, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9184, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT REFORM ACT”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 4791, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM COMMISSION CHARGED WITH THE INVESTIGATION AND PREVENTION OF WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS”

By Representative Mariño

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 4792, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS FROM ACCOMMODATING TRUANTS DURING SCHOOL HOURS”

By Representative Ocampo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 4793, entitled:

“AN ACT TO INSTITUTE A MECHANISM FOR THE EFFECTIVE EVALUATION, PROMOTION AND RECOMMENDATION OF FUNDING FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROGRAMS THAT AIM TO REDUCE THE RATE OF TEENAGE PREGNANCY”

By Representative Ocampo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 695, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONVEYING THE CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF FORMER MANILA MAYOR, FORMER MANILA CONGRESSMAN, AND FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION (PSC), HONORABLE GEMILIANO 'MEL' C. LOPEZ, JR.”

By Representative Bataoil

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 697, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF THE VICTIMS IN THE BOMBING ATTACK IN ISTANBUL, TURKEY”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 698, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON THE VICTIMS OF DEADLY FLOOD IN SOUTHERN THAILAND”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 699, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING MR. EROS VINCENT GATCHALIAN BALUYOT OF ATOS JIU JITSU PHILIPPINES FOR WINNING TWO (2) GOLD MEDALS IN THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES JIU JITSU ABU DHABI GRAND SLAM HELD ON JANUARY 13 TO 14, 2017 AT IPIC ARENA, ABU DHABI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES”

By Representative Cortuna

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 700, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MR. EROS BALUYOT FOR WINNING (2) GOLD MEDALS IN THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES JIU JITSU GRAND SLAM COMPETITION”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 701, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO DONATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE VICTIMS OF TYPHOON NINA (NOCK-TEN)”

By Representative Belmonte (J.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 702, entitled:

“RESOLUTION ORGANIZING THE PHILIPPINES-ROMANIA PARLIAMENTARIANS' FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON INTER-PARLIAMENTARY RELATIONS AND DIPLOMACY

House Resolution No. 703, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING EDUARD FOLAYANG FOR WINNING THE ONE CHAMPIONSHIP LIGHTWEIGHT TITLE AT ONE CHAMPIONSHIP: DEFENDING HONOR ON NOVEMBER 11, 2016 IN SINGAPORE”

By Representative Nieto

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

#### ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

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

Rep. Manuel Jose "Mannix" M. Dalipe for House Bills No. 72, 73, 577, 918, 4128, 4521, and 4689;

Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate for House Bill No. 3398;

Rep. Angelina "Helen" D.L. Tan, M.D. for House Bill No. 473;

Reps. Jesulito A. Manalo, Ma. Theresa V. Collantes, Lorna P. Bautista-Bandigan, Mark O. Go, Raneo "Ranie" E. Abu, Rolando "Klarex" A. Uy, Carmelo

"Jon" B. Lazatin II, and Jericho Jonas B. Nograles for House Bill No. 4105;

Reps. Wilter "Sharky" Wee Palma II, Arnel M. Cerafica, Mario Vittorio "Marvey" A. Mariño, Rodante D. Marcoleta, Jose "Pingping" I. Tejada, and Abraham "Bambol" N. Tolentino for House Bill No. 4689;

Rep. Victoria Isabel G. Noel for House Bills No. 1469, 2816, and 3254;

Rep. Tom S. Villarín for House Bill No. 449;

Rep. Rodel M. Batocabe for House Bills No. 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, and 4521;

Rep. Abdullah D. Dimaporo for House Bill No. 4784;

Rep. Harlin Neil J. Abayon III for House Resolution No. 693;

Rep. Leopoldo N. Bataoil for House Bills No. 4136, 4302, 4342, and 4343;

Rep. Cecilia Leonila V. Chavez for House Bill No. 555;

Rep. Dale "Along" R. Malapitan for House Bills No. 559 and 1041;

Rep. Scott Davies S. Lanete, M.D. for House Bill No. 3967;

Rep. Celso L. Lobregat for House Bill No. 3752;

Rep. Lawrence H. Fortun for House Bill No. 3924;

Rep. Jose Antonio "Kuya Jonathan" R. Sy-Alvarado for House Bills No. 42, 4211, 4212, 4397, 4508, 4530, 4597, 4629, 4684, 4685, 4695, and 4697;

Rep. John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto for House Bills No. 4211 and 4212;

Rep. Christopher "Toff" Vera Perez De Venecia for House Bill No. 4212;

Rep. Gus S. Tambunting for House Bills No. 662, 914, 915, 1577, 1767, 1813, 1823, 1824, 1827, 1829, 2005, 2635, 2637, 2641, 2643, 2649, and 2937;

Rep. Luis Raymund F. Villafuerte Jr. for House Bills No. 287 and 4174;

Rep. Carmelo "Jon" B. Lazatin II for House Bill No. 4697;

Rep. Cristina "Chiqui" Roa-Puno for House Bills No. 262 and 264;

Rep. Carlos Roman L. Uybarreta for House Bill No. 642;

Rep. Rico B. Geron for House Bills No. 3113, 3234, 3543, 3708, 3709, 4153, 4154, and 4155;

Rep. Jose T. Panganiban Jr., CPA, LLB. for House Bills No. 1858, 4174, and 4689;

Rep. Gavini "Apol" C. Pancho for House Bill No. 4056;

Rep. Aurelio "Dong" D. Gonzales Jr. for House Bill No. 2247;

Rep. Sherwin N. Tugna for House Bill No. 813;

Rep. Alfredo A. Garbin Jr. for House Bill No. 440;

Rep. Pantaleon D. Alvarez for House Resolution No. 708;

Rep. Antonio L. Tinio for House Resolution No. 470; and

Rep. Raul V. Del Mar for House Bill No. 4113.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Ways and Means (Committee Report No. 56), re H.B. No. 4814, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING AMNESTY IN THE PAYMENT OF ESTATE TAX”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 1889 and 3010

Sponsors: Representatives Cua, Defensor and Quimbo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Ways and Means (Committee Report No. 57), re H.B. No. 4815, entitled:

“AN ACT SIMPLIFYING THE ESTATE TAX RATE AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE

SECTION 84 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 458, 511, 3311, 3528, 3794 and 4394

Sponsors: Representatives Cua, Manalo, Barbers, Uy, Tan (A.), Ocampo and Escudero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Rep. Jericho Jonas B. Nograles acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Rep. Eugene Michael B. De Vera.

#### PRIVILEGE HOUR

With leave of the House, on motion of Rep. Nograles (J. J.), there being no objection, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour and recognized Rep. Ariel “Ka Ayik” B. Casilao for his privilege speech.

#### PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. CASILAO

In commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the so-called Mendiola Massacre and in support of the third round of peace talks between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GRP) and the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP) in Italy, Rep. Casilao rose to echo the cries of marginalized Mindanao farmers and indigenous peoples for land, justice, and food. Citing facts and statistics, he rued their situation because they comprised the majority and enabled the region to become the food basket of the country. He informed his colleagues that these sectors will continue to conduct protests and rallies for land reform and mentioned the names of some of their leaders who had been recently killed.

On their behalf, Rep. Casilao then asked for the passage of the Genuine Agrarian Reform Bill (House Bill No. 555); an end to feudalistic, usurious, and exploitative practices; support for local food production technology as well as agricultural inputs, tools, and facilities; food and rice supplies for victims of massive drought and rain; justice for the victims of human rights violations and militarization; support for the ongoing peace talks amidst the military’s violation of unilateral ceasefire agreements; implementation of the 1998 Comprehensive Agreement on Respect for Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law

(CARHRIHL) and the Comprehensive Agreement on Socio Economic Reforms (CASER); and free land distribution to the farmer.

#### **REFERRAL OF REP. CASILAO'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH**

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

On subsequent motion of Rep. Nograles, the Chair recognized Rep. Arnolfo "Arnie" A. Teves Jr. for his privilege speech.

#### **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. TEVES**

Speaking as a former barangay captain and president of the *Liga ng mga Barangay sa Pilipinas*, Rep. Teves expressed concern about the non-implementation of the law giving free education to dependents of barangay officials. He suggested that the House summon the officials of the agencies concerned and ask them about the matter. He stated that state universities and colleges (SUCs) claimed that they could not give the aforementioned free educational services because they did not know where funds would come from. He appealed to the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) to use the ₱8 billion allotted for this purpose to help the dependents of barangay officials.

#### **REFERRAL OF REP. TEVES' PRIVILEGE SPEECH**

On motion of Rep. Benhur B. Lopez Jr., there being no objection, the Body referred Rep. Teves' privilege speech to the Committee on Rules.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Lopez (B.), the Chair recognized Rep. Anthony M. Bravo, Ph.D. for his privilege speech.

#### **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. BRAVO (A.)**

Rep. Bravo criticized the plan of the Department of Health (DOH) to distribute condoms in schools. Mentioning relevant statistics, he expressed concern about the rising cases of teenage pregnancies and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection and agreed that condoms help in curbing the same. Nevertheless, he underscored that condom distribution must be accompanied by proper education and must be made in barangay health centers and government hospitals where health professionals can give better and deeper information about reproductive health. He

stressed that schools are sacred institutions where students go to study and that education is the key to addressing the causes of the aforementioned health problems.

#### **REFERRAL OF REP. BRAVO'S (A.) PRIVILEGE SPEECH**

On motion of Rep. Lopez (B.), there being no objection, the Body referred Rep. Bravo's privilege speech to the Committee on Rules.

#### **TERMINATION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR**

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

#### **BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 13 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 4113**

On motion of Rep. Lopez (B.), there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 4113 as embodied in Committee Report No. 13, and reported out by the Committee on Women and Gender Equality.

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

“AN ACT INCREASING THE MATERNITY LEAVE PERIOD TO ONE HUNDRED (100) DAYS FOR FEMALE WORKERS IN THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE AND IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, AND GRANTING AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR AN ADDITIONAL THIRTY (30) DAYS WITHOUT PAY.”

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Rep. Lopez, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the text of the measure without prejudice to its insertion into the Record of the House.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Lopez, the Chair recognized Rep. Emmeline Aglipay-Villar, chairperson of the sponsoring Committee, for her sponsorship speech.

#### **SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REP. AGLIPAY-VILLAR**

Rep. Aglipay-Villar initially said that the Philippines was one of a shrinking minority of nations

providing for less than a minimum of 14 weeks of statutory maternity leave. Then presenting statistics, she discussed the early return to work by Filipino mothers because of economic reasons. She also explained the positive impact of expanded maternity leaves, thus: health, access to breast milk, and over-all development for infants; physical, emotional, and economic well-being for mothers; and the retention of talented manpower, less worker turnover, and increased employee morale and productivity in the work place.

After mentioning the Bill's safeguards for establishments which cannot afford the cost of an expanded maternity leave and for women who will be discriminated in the workplace, Rep. Aglipay-Villar sought support for House Bill No. 4113 and stressed the need to acknowledge and repay mothers for their heroism.

#### **SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4113**

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Lopez (B.), there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 4113.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Thereafter, on further motion of Rep. Lopez (B.), there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abad  
Abaya  
Abayon  
Abellanosa  
Abu  
Abueg  
Acharon  
Acop  
Acosta  
Advincula  
Aggabao  
Aglipay-Villar  
Albano  
Almario  
Almonte  
Alonte-Naguiat  
Alvarez (M.)  
Alvarez (P.)  
Amatong  
Angara-Castillo  
Antonio

Arbison  
Arcillas  
Arenas  
Atienza  
Aumentado  
Bagatsing  
Baguilat  
Banal  
Barbers  
Batocabe  
Bautista-Bandigan  
Belaro  
Belmonte (F.)  
Belmonte (R.)  
Bernos  
Biazon  
Billones  
Bolilia  
Bondoc  
Bordado  
Bravo (A.)  
Bravo (M.V.)  
Brosas  
Bulut-Begtang  
Cagas  
Calderon  
Calixto-Rubiano  
Campos  
Canama  
Casilao  
Castelo  
Castro (F.L.)  
Castro (F.H.)  
Cayetano  
Celeste  
Cerilles  
Chavez  
Chipeco  
Co  
Cojuangco  
Collantes  
Cortes  
Cortuna  
Crisologo  
Cua  
Cuaresma  
Cueva  
Dalipe  
Daza  
De Jesus  
De Venecia  
De Vera  
Defensor  
Del Mar  
Deloso-Montalla  
Dimaporo (A.)



Dimaporo (M.K)  
Durano  
Dy  
Elago  
Eriguell  
Ermita-Buhain  
Escudero  
Espina  
Estrella  
Evardone  
Fariñas  
Ferrer (L.)  
Ferriol-Pascual  
Floirendo  
Flores  
Fortun  
Fortuno  
Fuentebella  
Garbin  
Garcia (G.)  
Garcia (J.E.)  
Garcia-Albano  
Garin (R.)  
Garin (S.)  
Gasataya  
Go (M.)  
Gomez  
Gonzaga  
Gonzales (A.P.)  
Gonzales (A.D.)  
Gonzalez  
Gorriceta  
Gullas  
Hernandez  
Herrera-Dy  
Hofer  
Kho  
Labadlabad  
Lacson  
Lagman  
Lanete  
Laogan  
Lazatin  
Leachon  
Lee  
Limkaichong  
Lobregat  
Lopez (B.)  
Lopez (C.)  
Lopez (M.L.)  
Macapagal-Arroyo  
Malapitan  
Manalo  
Mangaoang  
Mangudatu (S.)  
Mangudatu (Z.)  
Marcoleta  
Marcos  
Mariño  
Marquez  
Martinez  
Matugas  
Mellana  
Mercado  
Mirasol  
Montoro  
Nava  
Noel  
Nogralas (J.J.)  
Nogralas (K.A.)  
Nolasco  
Nuñez-Malanyaon  
Oaminal  
Ocampo  
Olivarez  
Ortega (P.)  
Ortega (V.N.)  
Pacquiao  
Paduano  
Palma  
Pancho  
Panganiban  
Panotes  
Papandayan  
Pichay  
Pimentel  
Pineda  
Plaza  
Primicias-Agabas  
Quimbo  
Radaza  
Ramirez-Sato  
Ramos  
Revilla  
Roa-Puno  
Rodriguez (I.)  
Rodriguez (M.)  
Roman  
Romualdez  
Romualdo  
Roque (H.)  
Salimbangon  
Salo  
Salon  
Sambar  
Santos-Recto  
Sarmiento (C.)  
Sarmiento (E.M.)  
Savellano  
Siao  
Silverio  
Singson

Suansing (E.)  
 Suansing (H.)  
 Suarez  
 Sy-Alvarado  
 Tambunting  
 Tan (A.)  
 Tan (M.)  
 Tejada  
 Teves  
 Tiangco  
 Ting  
 Tinio  
 Tolentino  
 Treñas  
 Tugna  
 Turabin-Hataman  
 Ty  
 Ungab  
 Unico  
 Uy (J.)  
 Uy (R.)  
 Uybarreta  
 Vargas  
 Vargas-Alfonso  
 Velasco  
 Velasco-Catera  
 Veloso  
 Vergara  
 Villanueva  
 Villaraza-Suarez  
 Villarica  
 Villarin  
 Violago  
 Yu  
 Zamora (R.)  
 Zubiri

With 225 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. 60 dated January 23, 2017 had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Rep. Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading thereof and subsequently approved the same.

### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

At this point, Rep. Lopez (B.) acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Rodante D. Marcoleta.

### **CONTINUATION OF CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4113**

On motion of Rep. Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 4113 as contained in Committee Report No. 13, and reported out by the Committee on Women and Gender Equality.

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

”AN ACT INCREASING THE MATERNITY PERIOD TO ONE HUNDRED (100) DAYS FOR FEMALE WORKERS IN THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE AND IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, AND GRANTING AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR AN ADDITIONAL THIRTY (30) DAYS WITHOUT PAY.”

On motion of Rep. Nograles, the Chair recognized Deputy Speaker Pia S. Cayetano for her sponsorship speech.

### **SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF DEPUTY SPEAKER CAYETANO**

Rep. Cayetano first emphasized that Article XIII, Section 14 of the Constitution mandated the State to protect the rights of working women -- taking into account their maternal function -- and provide them with facilities and opportunities. She added that she had sponsored the 100-Day Maternity Leave Law in the Senate, taking into consideration the International Labor Organization (ILO) recommendation of 98 days maternity leave.

Rep. Cayetano then stressed that the proposal to increase the maternity leave to 100 days meant additional 40 days that will enable mothers to recuperate and rest and take care of and breastfeed their babies. She added that strong maternity leave policies were also beneficial to employers as studies showed that they created a more stable and loyal workforce. She pointed out that the Philippines lagged behind its Asian neighbors in terms of maternal leave duration. She concluded that the measure would institutionalize standards that promote the rights of working women; and protect them from discrimination based on maternity, thus giving them the chance to realize their full potential in the service of the nation.

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Nograles (J.J.), the Chair recognized Rep. Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica for her sponsorship speech.

### **SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REP. VILLARICA**

Rep. Villarica said that the instant Bill was a consolidated measure; and that she had authored a similar version, House Bill No. 1644, which was analogous to the draft resolution that she presented in the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly in Myanmar the previous year and that was eventually adopted and approved.

Rep. Villarica then lamented the fact that none of the 10 Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) member-states had ratified ILO Conventions on maternity protection; and that the Philippines' current maternity leave period was way below the ILO's minimum prescription. She explained that investing in an adequate and effective maternity leave benefit scheme was a good investment and was essential for the achievement of gender equality, beneficial to both the mother and child, and advantageous to the employer. She also said that it will signify that the country follows through with its commitments for solid regional cooperation.

Saying that she recognized Filipino women as an important asset in the empowerment of the ASEAN workforce, Rep. Villarica asked the Members to vote for House Bill No. 4113.

On motion of Rep. Nograles (J.J.), the Chair recognized Rep. Emmi A. De Jesus to deliver her sponsorship speech.

### **SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REP. DE JESUS**

Rep. De Jesus said that she wanted to recognize and promote the social role of women in the nation's economy and the passage of a measure to promote maternal health was in line with the same. She said that studies showed that a longer maternity leave improved both the infant and mother's health, relationship, and welfare and development. She opined that the State should provide decent work for exploited women workers and should not allow pregnancy as a basis for job denial, as she pointed out that male workers were given more employment opportunities while female counterparts were concentrated in low-paying contractual jobs.

Rep. De Jesus observed thereafter that the current maternity leave of 60 to 78 days was way below the period provided for in the ILO Convention on Maternity Protection and ASEAN standards. She asked for support for the measure which provided for a longer leave scheme and guaranteed maternal protection for contractual women workers, women in the informal

economy, female national athletes, and for women who were not members of the Social Security System (SSS). As regards the latter, though, she emphasized that the SSS should not hike members' contributions to expand the proposed scheme.

On motion of Rep. Nograles (J.J.), the Chair recognized Representative France L. Castro for her sponsorship speech.

### **SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REP. CASTRO (F.L.)**

At the outset, Rep. Castro said that she and Rep. Antonio L. Tinio of ACT Teachers Party-List were principal authors of House Bill No. 472 which was consolidated into House Bill No. 4113.

She subsequently pointed out that as a public school teacher, she could attest to the teachers' clamor for longer paid maternity leaves. She explained that the leave extension will enable teachers to breastfeed and nurture their newborns and attend to all their needs. She stressed that the concerns of the teaching sector were addressed by the Bill's coverage of all female employees without any discrimination including any instance of pregnancy, miscarriage or abortion and regardless of its frequency; civil status; and cases of termination or pending administrative cases in the work place.

Rep. Castro then appealed to the Body to hasten the approval of House Bill No. 4113, saying it was an essential piece of social legislation for women and children.

On motion of Rep. Nograles (J.J.), the Chair recognized Rep. Jose L. Atienza, Jr. for his interpellation and Rep. Aglipay-Villar to answer the same.

### **INTERPELLATION OF REP. ATIENZA**

Saying he helped organize one of the biggest women's organizations in Manila, Rep. Atienza asked whether the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) and SSS were consulted on the instant measure and could guarantee the cost of the expanded maternity leave scheme. Rep. Aglipay-Villar clarified that the agencies concerned were consulted and did not object to the measure; and that the employer-government agencies and local government units (LGUs) would pay for the leaves. She added that the SSS' fund life would be shortened by one year if the maternity leave was extended to 100 days; only a small number of its female members availed of maternity leave benefits; and Congress could augment its funds. She promised

to give her colleague a copy of the SSS' position paper that it can and will answer for the extended maternity leave benefits.

On whether LGUs had also been consulted, Rep. Aglipay-Villar said that they did not respond to the Committee's communications nor submit position papers despite diligent follow-up. When Rep. Atienza said he was disappointed thereon and opined that silence meant non-support, she stressed that the Committee had properly sent and monitored letters up to the barangay level and that any objection to the Bill had to be categorically made.

The two Members then discussed the position of the private sector particularly the Employers Confederation of the Philippines (ECOP) on the matter; and the number of women availing of maternity leaves in the private as well as public sectors and the seeming decline in the population growth rate. Rep. Aglipay-Villar cited the ECOP's position paper stating support for the Bill but not for paying salary differentials; and qualified that small businesses were exempted from paying the same. She also cited the statistics of the SSS and several government agencies that showed low availment; and agreed with Rep. Atienza's statement that the expansion of the maternity leave was an incentive for women to have more children.

At this point, Rep. Atienza reiterated his concern about the full implementation of the Bill if enacted; but Rep. Aglipay-Villar reiterated that small companies will be exempted from payment of salary differentials and that the SSS had stated that its funds will not radically decrease. She opined that women would still be discriminated in the workforce with or without the implementation of the expanded maternity leave. She stressed that the Constitution should be respected with regard to women's rights and expressed hope that the Body will pass the measure in order to give mothers their due.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Nograles (J.J.), the Chair recognized Rep. Sitti Djalila A. Turabin-Hataman for her manifestation.

#### **MANIFESTATION OF REP. TURABIN-HATAMAN**

On behalf Party-List Anak Mindanao, Rep. Turabin-Hataman manifested her support for the measure because it will not only increase the mother's time for her baby but will help ensure healthy and productive citizens in the coming generations. She stressed that it is the society as a whole and not the mother or the family that will either suffer or benefit from what children will become.

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

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REP. LAGMAN**

Stating that he would vote in favor of House Bill No. 4113, Rep. Lagman asked on the need to include an appropriation provision in the Bill, the ability of the SSS and LGUs to pay for maternity leave benefits, and the employment of substitutes for those who avail of the maternity leave. Rep. Aglipay-Villar clarified that the Bill did not require additional cost to the government or LGUs; and although substitutes are needed to be hired for certain positions, funds for the same were already available in both private companies and public agencies. She welcomed her colleague's suggestion to get funds from the Gender and Development Fund, saying the Committee could prepare the pertinent amendment.

Finally, the Members discussed the availment of post-natal or pre-natal maternity leaves and implementation of the proposed law with respect to female workers in the sector who have to pay their voluntary contributions to the SSS and will be covered by the Social Health Insurance Coverage and Benefits.

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

The session was suspended at 6:45 p.m., on motion of Rep. Crisologo

#### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 6:48 p.m.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REP. LAGMAN (Continuation)**

Rep. Lagman, after raising concern on the lack of voluntary contributions by the informal sector that would mean denial of their maternity leave benefits, and stressing the need for the provision of fund to cover such contingencies, also discussed the need for appropriation to allow employees to get the full benefit of the law from employers who were exempt from paying salary differentials, and the inclusion of maternity benefits for women who gave birth even after 15 days of illegal or forced termination.

Rep. Aglipay-Villar took note of the suggestions of Rep. Lagman.

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

#### **MANIFESTATION OF REP. TUGNA**

Rep. Tugna manifested his desire to be listed as one of the interpellators when the measure would again be taken up on the floor.

The Chair took note of Rep. Tugna's manifestation.

#### **SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4113**

On motion of Rep. Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body suspended consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 4113.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

At this point, Rep. Nograles (J.J.) acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Bravo (A.).

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

In accordance with the Rules governing inquiries in aid of legislation, on motion of Rep. Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body approved to refer the following House Resolutions on inquiries in aid of legislation to the appropriate Committees/Special Committees hereunder indicated:

1. House Resolution No. 660, on the implementation of Section 20 of Republic Act (RA) No. 8042 otherwise known as the Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipinos Act of 1995 as amended by RA No. 10022 mandating the establishment of a Shared Government Information System on Migration (SGISM) – to the Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs;
2. House Resolution No. 661, on the warning made by the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) on fake jobs offered through e-mail and social media – to the Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs;
3. House Resolution No. 662, on the warning made by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on lead-laced candles being sold in the market – to the Committee on Health;
4. House Resolution No. 666, on the findings of the UN Environment Program (UNEP) on annual severe bleaching (ASB) due to climate change that threatens the world's coral reefs, including those in the Philippines – to the Special Committee on Climate Change;
5. House Resolution No. 667, on the alleged claim of SMMT-TIM 2016, Inc., (SMARTMATIC) that it has the right to enforce the "considered sold" provision of its two lease contracts with option to purchase (OTP), entered into with the Commission on Elections (Comelec) for the conduct of the May 9, 2016 national and local elections – to the Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms;
6. House Resolution No. 668, on the revelation of the Philippine National Police (PNP) that up to 10 foreigners are training with local terrorist groups before joining the Islamic State (IS) extremists in Syria – to the Committee on Public Order and Safety;
7. House Resolution No. 669, on the exorbitant bonuses of SSS board members and executives – to the Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization;
8. House Resolution No. 672, on the possibility of transforming Camp Aguinaldo and Camp Crame into a mixed-use urban housing and economic zone – to the Special Committee on Bases Conversion;
9. House Resolution No. 675, on animal cruelty during the production and filming of the Metro Manila Film Festival official entry movie "Oro" – to the Committee on Public Information;
10. House Resolution No. 677, on the recent jailbreak incident in North Cotabato Dis-

trict Jail – to the Committee on Public Order and Safety;

- 11. House Resolution No. 678, on the case of the 52 Mindanao “sacadas” as victims of human trafficking, unfair labor practices, and slave-like treatment of the Greenhand Labor Service Cooperative, Agrikulto, Inc. and Central Azucarera de Tarlac in Tarlac Province – to the Committee on Human Rights;
- 12. House Resolution No. 679, on the December 24, 2016 extra-judicial killing of Jimmy Sotto, Secretary General of the Aguman Dareng Maglalautang Capampangan (AMC) in San Jose, Florida-blanca, Pampanga – to the Committee on Human Rights;
- 13. House Resolution No. 680, on the plight of farmers, human rights abuses, and militarization in Hacienda Matias in the Municipality of San Francisco, Quezon Province – to the Committee on Human Rights;
- 14. House Resolution No. 681, on the abuses against farmers in Hacienda Uy, Municipality of San Andres, Quezon Province – to the Committee on Human Rights; and

- 15. House Resolution No. 687, on the violent shooting of farmers, resulting to nine injured farmers belonging to the Madaum Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Association, Inc. (MARBAI) by the security guards and personnel of Lapanday Foods Corporation (LFC) in Madaum, Tagum City, Davao del Norte – to the Committee on Human Rights.

**ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION**

On motion of Rep. Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until four o’clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, January 25, 2017.

It was 6:57 p.m.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

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

Approved on January 25, 2017

Congress of the Philippines  
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**MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE****Date: January 24, 2017**

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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
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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

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HOFER	**** ONG (H.)	SUANSING (H.)
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***** 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
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* LOYOLA	RAMOS	** UMALI
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***** MACEDA	REVILLA	UNGAB
* MADRONA	ROA-PUNO	UNICO
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NAVA	SAMBAR	**** YAP (M.)
* NIETO	* SANDOVAL	** YAP (V.)
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\*\* On official mission

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

\*\*\*\*\* Absent without notice

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