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CALL TO ORDER

At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Ferdinand L. Hernandez called the session to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PRAYER

Pursuant to Section 73, Article XI of the amended Provisional Rules of the House, the Members sang the National Anthem and thereafter, Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo delivered the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Jericho Jonas B. Nograles, there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abayon
Abellanosa
Abu
Acharon
Acop
Acosta
Acosta-Alba
Agarao
Aggabao
Aglipay-Villar
Albano
Alejano
Almario
Almonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (M.)
Alvarez (P.)
Amante
Amatong
Antonio
Aragones
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Bag-ao
Bagatsing
Banal
Barbers
Barzaga
Batocabe
Bautista-Bandigan
Belaro
Belmonte (F.)
Belmonte (J.C.)

Belmonte (R.)
Bernos
Bertiz
Biazon
Biron
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Bravo (M.V.)
Calalang
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Campos
Cari
Casilao
Castelo
Castro (F.H.)
Cerafica
Cerilles
Chavez
Chipeco
Cortes
Cortuna
Cosalan
Cua
Cuaresma
Cueva
Dalipe
Datol
De Jesus
De Vera
Del Mar
Del Rosario
Dimaporo (M.K.)
Durano
Dy
Elago
Enverga
Erice
Eriguel
Ermita-Buhain
Espina
Eusebio
Evardone
Fariñas
Fernando
Ferriol-Pascual
Flores
Fortun
Fortuno
Garbin

Garcia (G.)	Pichay
Garcia (J.E.)	Pimentel
Garcia-Albano	Pineda
Garin (R.)	Primicias-Agabas
Garin (S.)	Quimbo
Gasataya	Ramirez-Sato
Gatchalian	Ramos
Go (A.C.)	Relampagos
Go (M.)	Revilla
Gomez	Roa-Puno
Gonzaga	Robes
Gonzales (A.P.)	Rocamora
Gonzales (A.D.)	Rodriguez (I.)
Gonzalez	Rodriguez (M.)
Hernandez	Roman
Herrera-Dy	Romero
Hofer	Romualdo
Jalosjos	Sacdalan
Kho	Sagarbarria
Khonghun	Sahali
Lacson	Salceda
Lagman	Salimbangon
Lanete	Salo
Laogan	Salon
Lazatin	Sambar
Leachon	Sandoval
Limkaichong	Sangcopan
Lobregat	Santos-Recto
Lopez (B.)	Sarmiento (C.)
Lopez (M.L.)	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Loyola	Savellano
Macapagal-Arroyo	Sema
Malapitan	Siao
Manalo	Silverio
Marcoleta	Singson
Marquez	Suansing (E.)
Martinez	Suansing (H.)
Matugas	Tambunting
Mercado	Tan (A.)
Mirasol	Tejada
Montoro	Teves
Nieto	Tiangco
Noel	Ting
Nogralas (J.J.)	Tinio
Nogralas (K.A.)	Tolentino
Nolasco	Tugna
Nuñez-Malanyaon	Tupas
Ocampo	Ty
Ong (E.)	Umali
Ong (H.)	Unabia
Ortega (P.)	Ungab
Ortega (V.N.)	Unico
Paduano	Uy (R.)
Palma	Vargas-Alfonso
Pancho	Velasco
Panganiban	Veloso
Panotes	Vergara
Papandayan	Villafuerte

Villanueva
Villaraza-Suarez
Villarica
Violago
Yap (A.)
Yap (M.)
Yap (V.)
Yu
Zamora (M.C.)
Zamora (R.)
Zubiri

With 213 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix)

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Considering that copies of the previous Journal had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Representative Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of Journal No. 60, dated February 7, 2018, and subsequently approved the same.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 1649, entitled:

“RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE MANILA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO PRESENT A RATIONALIZATION PROGRAM OF THE NINOY AQUINO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TERMINALS TO ENSURE A SAFE, EFFICIENT, AND COMFORTABLE PASSENGER EXPERIENCE”

By Representative Sarmiento (C.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1650, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING CONGRESSMAN MICHAEL 'MIKEE' E. ROMERO, PH.D., FOR EARNING THE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER (MVP) AWARD IN THE RECENTLY-HELD ALL ASIA CUP 2018 AND THE ENTIRE PHILIPPINE POLO TEAM FOR BEING AWARDED THE SILVER MEDAL IN THE SAME COMPETITION IN BANGKOK, THAILAND LAST JANUARY 27, 2018”

By Representative Belaro

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1651, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE PROPER COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY AND/OR INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INITIAL COIN OFFERINGS (ICO), FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING PROPER REGULATORY PROCEDURES, AND PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF THE INVESTORS”

By Representative Romero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1652, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION FOR CONGRESS, THROUGH THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS, TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE CONTINUED PRACTICE BY FOREIGN PRINCIPALS OF WITHHOLDING THE PASSPORTS OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS”

By Representative Manalo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1653, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED ANOMALOUS AND INAPPROPRIATE

USE OF SENIOR CITIZENS' PHILHEALTH INSURANCE FUNDS ON CRUDE EYE OPERATIONS PERFORMED ON GROUPS OF SENIOR CITIZENS THAT RESULTED IN THE BLINDNESS AND/OR DETERIORATING EYESIGHTS OF THESE SENIOR CITIZENS, AND TO DETERMINE THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF ERRING PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING THE ERRING PHILHEALTH OFFICIALS OF THE PREVIOUS AND PRESENT ADMINISTRATION”

By Representative Datol

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1654, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND OTHER CONCERNED AGENCIES TO STUDY THE REVIVAL OF THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM-PANTAWID PASADA”

By Representatives Sarmiento (C.) and Del Mar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Message dated February 5, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 1279, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL FEEDING PROGRAM TO COMBAT HUNGER AND UNDERNUTRITION AMONG FILIPINO CHILDREN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated February 5, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 192, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE PHILIPPINE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT ADMINISTRATION (POEA) TO DEVELOP, PUBLISH, DISSEMINATE AND UPDATE A HANDBOOK ON THE RIGHTS

AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MIGRANT WORKERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8042, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'MIGRANT WORKERS AND OVERSEAS FILIPINOS ACT OF 1995,' AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10022”

in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

Message dated February 5, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 1270, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE LAST MONDAY OF JANUARY EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY IN OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL BIBLE DAY”

in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

Message dated February 5, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 1531, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION, ENHANCING THE EFFICIENT USE OF ENERGY, GRANTING INCENTIVES TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION PROJECTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

Message dated February 5, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 1623, entitled:

“AN ACT REDUCING THE CAP OF RECOVERABLE SYSTEM LOSS RATE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

Message dated February 7, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on February 6, 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 conflicting provisions of Senate Bill No. 1103, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (PUP)-SABLAYAN CAMPUS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SABLAYAN, OCCIDENTAL MINDORO TO BE KNOWN AS 'PUP - SABLAYAN CAMPUS' APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

and House Bill No. 6915, entitled:

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMUNICATIONS

Report 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. House Bill No. 400, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PASONG TAMO, QUEZON CITY, METRO MANILA TO BE KNOWN AS EMILIO JACINTO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

2. House Bill No. 2506, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PASO DE BLAS, VALENZUELA CITY TO BE

KNOWN AS PASO DE BLAS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

3. House Bill No. 4524, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE SAN RAFAEL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF NAVOTAS INTO A NATIONAL TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS SAN RAFAEL TECHNOLOGICAL AND VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

4. House Bill No. 5176, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO SARRAGA INTEGRATED AND MANAGEMENT CORPORATION UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7478, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE SARRAGA INTEGRATED AND MANAGEMENT CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES'”;

5. House Bill No. 5755, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE PARAÑAQUE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – DON BOSCO EXTENSION IN BARANGAY DON BOSCO, PARAÑAQUE CITY, FROM THE PARAÑAQUE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS DON BOSCO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

6. House Bill No. 5803, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MANLILISID, MUNICIPALITY OF JAVIER, PROVINCE OF LEYTE TO BE KNOWN AS MANLILISID NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

7. House Bill No. 6081, entitled:

“AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF MANLABANG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MANLABANG, MUNICIPALITY OF CAIBIRAN, PROVINCE OF BILIRAN, TO CAIBIRAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL”; and

8. House Bill No. 6099, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE MAYOR BARTOLOME SERUT NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL AND TRADE HIGH SCHOOL – MUSIMUT ANNEX IN BARANGAY MUSIMUT, MUNICIPALITY OF KABUGAO, PROVINCE OF APAYAO FROM THE MAYOR BARTOLOME SERUT NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL AND TRADE HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS MUSIMUT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”.

TO THE ARCHIVES

Letter dated February 2, 2018 of Salvador C. Medialdea., Executive Secretary, Office of the President, Malacañang, transmitting two (2) original copies of Republic Act No. 10969 which was signed on even date by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FREE IRRIGATION SERVICE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3601, AS AMENDED, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

TO THE ARCHIVES

Letter dated February 7, 2018 of Salvador C. Medialdea., Executive Secretary, Office of the President, Malacañang, transmitting two (2) original copies of Republic Act No. 10970 which was signed on even date by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF AUGUST OF EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL TECH-VOC DAY”

TO THE ARCHIVES

Letter dated February 7, 2018 of Salvador C. Medialdea., Executive Secretary, Office of the President, Malacañang, transmitting two (2) original copies of Republic Act No. 10971 which was signed on even date by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY POBLACION 3 IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILANUEVA, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL”

TO THE ARCHIVES

Letter dated January 15, 2018 of Noel C. Galvez, President and CEO, Vanguard Radio Network Co., Inc., submitting to the House of Representatives their Report to Congress on their compliance, pursuant to the provisions of Republic Act No. 7529, as amended by Republic Act No. 8069.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

COMMITTEE REPORT

Report by the Committee on Cooperatives Development (Committee Report No. 600), re H.R. No. 1673, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LAMAC MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE FOR ITS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS AND LEADERSHIP IN THE UPLIFTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATIVES IN THE COUNTRY”

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolution No. 1367

Sponsors: Representatives Geron, Bravo (A.) and Canama

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

The day being a Monday, on motion of Representative Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour and thereafter recognized Rep. Emmi A. De Jesus for her privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE DE JESUS

Speaking in Filipino, Representative De Jesus invited her colleagues and countrymen to join the country's fifth-year commemoration of the One Billion Rising global campaign which uses dance to highlight the plight of women and to protest violence against women. As she cited the current year's theme of "Rise, Resist, and Unite," she condemned the remarks that President Rodrigo Roa Duterte had uttered against women in a recent ceremony in Malacañang. She said that they promote State violence against women; contribute to the climate of impunity of women's rights abuses; and embolden State forces to commit more violations of international humanitarian law.

Thereafter, she reminded her colleagues of the historical role of the women sector in fighting abuse, violence, and despotism; and urged them to help fight for the cause of the women sector. She added that in the forthcoming celebration of International Women's Day, various activities will be held to protest against the Duterte Administration's human rights violations and dictatorial tendencies.

REFERRAL OF REPRESENTATIVE DE JESUS' PRIVILEGE SPEECH

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

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Nograles, the Chair recognized Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate to deliver his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ZARATE

Speaking in Filipino, Representative Zarate rued the fact that the termination of the peace talks between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GRP) and the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP) has prevented final negotiations on the Comprehensive Agreement on Social and Economic Reforms (CASER). He explained that the CASER is the most important and critical part of the peace talks because it will provide a framework that will address poverty, which is the root cause of armed conflict. He added that it contains a socio-economic alternative to neoliberal policies.

Subsequently, Representative Zarate discussed the negative effects of neoliberalism worldwide. In the Philippines, he explained how neoliberalism has

caused the privatization of basic services and utilities which has resulted in higher fees and rates as well as inefficiency; poverty and hunger; unemployment, contractualization, insufficient pension funds and daily wages; a widening gap between the rich and poor; low productivity in the agriculture and manufacturing sector; exploitation of natural resources; hollow implementation of land reform; illegal drug trade; a lagging economy; and higher taxes.

After assailing the current government's policies that benefit the rich sector and big businesses rather than the ordinary people, he said that the CASER aims to attain genuine agrarian reform and countryside development; national industrialization; protection of natural resources, socio-economic rights, and rights of cultural communities; a nationalistic, scientific, and pro-poor kind of culture; and an anti-imperialist framework for reform.

REFERRAL OF REPRESENTATIVE ZARATE'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH

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

On further motion of Representative Nograles, there being no objection, the Chair recognized Rep. Ariel "Ka Ayik" B. Casilao to deliver his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE CASILAO

Representative Casilao expressed apprehension over recent news reports that the National Food Authority (NFA) had only two days' worth of rice stock and that most of its outlets no longer had rice; a denial from the Department of Agriculture (DA) and NFA Council that there was a rice shortage despite an NFA official's confirmation of rice importation; and the announcement by the Grains Retailers Confederation of the Philippines of a P5/kilo increase in the price of rice.

He then pointed out that there was a seeming synchronization in the aforesaid pronouncements of the NFA, on one hand; and of the rice cartels' plan to raise the price of commercial rice and the rice smugglers' plan to import rice, on the other hand. He concluded that there was a scheme to revive an artificial rice shortage as what had occurred in past administrations, in order to make money at the expense of the majority of the population that patronizes the cheaper NFA rice compared to commercial rice.

He subsequently cited the following recommendations to offset the artificial rice shortage, which, he said, he had articulated time and again: ensure the adequacy of farmlands which have been giving way to big plantations; increase subsidies and facilities for rice production; increase the NFA purchasing rate; dismantle rice cartels; and promote genuine agrarian reform which is the basis of food productivity and food security. He also said that he would file a resolution for an investigation on the matter.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Nograles (J.J.), the Chair recognized Rep. Jose L. Atienza Jr. for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA

Representative Atienza initially stressed that the rice problem will not be solved unless manipulation and corruption in the rice industry is addressed.

Subsequently, he exchanged views with Representative Casilao about the primary mandate of the NFA in ensuring an adequate rice supply; the corruption in said agency; the recurring issues of shortage, control, smuggling and manipulation of rice supply; and self-sufficiency in rice production.

Emphasizing his intent to support a resolution that would investigate the alleged rice shortage and the performance of the NFA, Representative Atienza urged his colleagues to do the same.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Representative Nograles (J.J.) acknowledged the presence in the Session hall of guests of Rep. Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco.

EXTENSION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

On motion of Representative Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body extended the Privilege Hour for another 30 minutes.

On further motion of Representative Nograles, there being no objection, the Chair recognized Rep. Michael L. Romero, Ph. D. for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO

To Representative Romero's initial queries, Representative Casilao explained how the artificial rice crisis benefits the rice cartels and smugglers but compromises importation policies and rice production.

Representative Romero then said that he was concerned about the negotiated process in the NFA and on the creation of an artificial rice shortage. He said that he will support his colleague's resolution as he expressed hope that the bidding process in said agency will also be scrutinized.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE VIOLAGO

Recognized by the Chair, Rep. Micaela S. Violago said that the Second District of Nueva Ecija is the number one producer of palay and rice in the country. She agreed with Representative Casilao that there is a huge increase in the buying price of commercial rice because demand was higher than supply; assured the latter that there is enough supply of rice especially in her province and in other provinces like Isabela; agreed with the latter on the need to regulate the importation of rice to help the farmers; and asked the help of the government to help the farmers regarding free irrigation and the regulation of fertilizer prices.

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Nograles (J.J.), the Chair recognized Rep. Elisa "Olga" T. Kho for her manifestation.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE KHO

Representative Kho cited her recent consultation with farmers in Cagayan de Oro and Bukidnon about the planting of Bt corn. She discussed how rice importation could be lessened by the propagation of corn along with rice as the staple food of the country.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE CASILAO

Despite expressing apprehension on the consumption of Bt corn and stressing that the main agenda of the government should be ensuring food security, Representative Casilao stressed that rice importation should be avoided because it kills local rice production.

REFERRAL OF REPRESENTATIVE CASILAO'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH

On motion of Representative Nograles (J. J.), there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege speech of Representative Casilao including the interpellations and manifestations thereon to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ELAGO

Upon recognition by the Chair, Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago first said that the planned tuition increase of several schools denies equal access to higher education and jeopardize the successful completion of tertiary studies.

She then cited the Rise for Education Alliance which monitors public and private schools' consultations regarding tuition increases, as provided for in Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Memorandum Order No. 3, series of 2012. She enumerated certain schools which did not conduct such consultations, conducted bogus consultations, or conducted consultations without taking into consideration the inputs by stakeholders therein. She however said that instead of addressing the matter, the CHED issued supplementary guidelines to the aforesaid CHED issuance which resulted in exorbitant and unreasonable miscellaneous and other school fees.

Subsequently, Representative Elago urged the Commission to immediately stop all tuition and other fee increases; tuition deregulation; and the commercialization and privatization of education. She also called on her colleagues to pass the necessary legislation thereon.

REFERRAL OF REPRESENTATIVE ELAGO'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH

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

TERMINATION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

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

RATIFICATION OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON HOUSE BILL NO. 6452 AND SENATE BILL NO. 1354

On motion of Representative Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body considered and subsequently ratified through *viva voce* voting, the Conference Committee Report on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 6452 and Senate Bill No. 1354, both establishing a national mental health policy.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 7135, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING CORPORATE CYBERSECURITY STANDARDS FOR BANKS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND SECURITIES”

By Representative Gatchalian

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 7136, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING EVERY 30TH DAY OF NOVEMBER EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY IN RECOGNITION OF JESUS REIGNS NATIONAL WORSHIP DAY”

By Representative Gatchalian

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 7137, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE COMPULSORY COVERAGE OF ALL ACCREDITED BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS IN THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7883, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS' BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ACT OF 1995' ”

By Representative Malapitan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7138, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING FEBRUARY 20 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS’ DAY”

By Representative Malapitan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

SECOND DISTRICT OF LANA DEL SUR, FROM A 25-BED CAPACITY INTO A 75-BED CAPACITY, UPGRADING OF ITS PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Papandayan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7139, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE REGIONAL INVESTMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE CORPORATION OF CENTRAL LUZON TO ADMINISTER THE CENTRAL LUZON INVESTMENT CORRIDOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Silverio

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 7143, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AMENDING FOR SUCH PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 3720, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT 9711”

By Representative Atienza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7140, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES TO PERSONS WITH DOWN SYNDROME BY CREATING AN OFFICE UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Cuaresma

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7144, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 1 AND 4 OF R.A. 10355”

By Representative Gonzales (A.D.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7141, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9372 ENTITLED 'AN ACT TO SECURE THE STATE AND PROTECT OUR PEOPLE FROM TERRORISM', OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'HUMAN SECURITY ACT OF 2007' ”

By Representative Espino

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 7145, entitled:

“AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE OBSERVANCE OF AUGUST 12 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL YOUTH DAY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Elago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 7142, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE DR. SERAPIO B. MONTANER JR. MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MALABANG,

House Bill No. 7146, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES TO EXECUTE A WRITTEN PERMISSION TO EXAMINE, INQUIRE OR LOOK INTO THEIR BANK DEPOSIT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6713

(RA 6713) OR THE ACT ESTABLISHING A CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICAL STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Zarate

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 7147, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BARANGAY DRUGSTORES, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'BOTIKA SA BARANGAY' ”

By Representative Vargas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7148, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENTITIES TO PROVIDE NATIONWIDE MOBILE NUMBER PORTABILITY TO SUBSCRIBERS”

By Representative Vargas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 7149, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF REGULATION AND REDUCE REGULATORY BURDEN THROUGH THE CREATION OF A GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY OFFICE”

By Representative Vargas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 7150, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CINEMATHEQUE IN EVERY REGION OF THE PHILIPPINES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Vargas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 7151, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 8203, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'SPECIAL LAW ON COUNTERFEIT DRUGS' TO FOSTER THE IMPOSITION OF ALL EXISTING POLICIES AND GUIDELINES, PROVIDING STIFFER PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7152, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 6675, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'GENERIC ACT OF 1988', TO PROMOTE THE EXTENSIVE USE OF GENERIC DRUGS THROUGH A RATIONAL SYSTEM OF PROCUREMENT AND DISTRIBUTION, PROVIDING STIFFER PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7153, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE eHEALTH SYSTEM AND SERVICES IN THE DELIVERY OF HEALTH SERVICES WITH THE USE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Yap (V.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7154, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR AN ON-SITE HOUSING PROGRAM FOR TEACHERS”

By Representative Belaro

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 7155, entitled:

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

By Representative Enverga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 7156, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING POLILLO GROUP OF ISLANDS AND CAGBALETE ISLAND IN THE PROVINCE OF QUEZON A TOURISM ZONE”

By Representative Enverga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 7157, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 98, 99 AND 100 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Enverga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 7158, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING REFORMS IN LAND ADMINISTRATION, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE, THE LAND ADMINISTRATION AUTHORITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 7159, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COCONUT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

CENTER IN THE PROVINCE OF QUEZON, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Villaraza-Suarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 7160, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SANTOS ENCARNACION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AS A SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Gatchalian

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7161, entitled:

“AN ACT REDUCING THE CAP OF RECOVERABLE SYSTEM LOSS CHARGES PASSED ON TO THE CONSUMERS BY PRIVATE DISTRIBUTION UTILITIES AND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES AND EXEMPTING THE SYSTEM LOSS CHARGE COMPONENT FROM THE COVERAGE OF VALUE ADDED TAX”

By Representative Gatchalian

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 7163, entitled:

“AN ACT PENALIZING THE ACT OF THROWING HARD OBJECTS AT MOTOR VEHICLES”

By Representative Fariñas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 1674, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED SMUGGLING OF ILLEGAL DRUGS

OFF THE COASTAL WATERS OF ISABELA AS WELL AS SIMILAR INCIDENTS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY”

By Representatives Alvarez (P.) and Fariñas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1679, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF CARMEN 'CARMELING' PICHAY CRISOLOGO, FORMER GOVERNOR OF ILOCOS SUR AND MOTHER OF REPRESENTATIVE VINCENT 'BINGBONG' P. CRISOLOGO OF THE FIRST DISTRICT OF QUEZON CITY”

By Representatives Alvarez (P.), Fariñas and Suarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

**ADOPTION OF HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1679**

On successive motions of Representative Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Body considered House Resolution No. 1679, entitled: “RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF CARMEN 'CARMELING' PICHAY CRISOLOGO, FORMER GOVERNOR OF ILOCOS SUR AND MOTHER OF REPRESENTATIVE VINCENT 'BINGBONG' P. CRISOLOGO OF THE FIRST DISTRICT OF QUEZON CITY”; dispensed with the reading of the text thereof without prejudice to its insertion into the Record of the House; and unanimously adopted the same.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Nograles (J.J.), there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until four o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, February 13, 2018.

It was 6:12 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

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

Approved on February 13, 2018

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MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE*Journal No. 61***Monday, February 12, 2018**

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

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

* Appeared after the Roll Call

** On official mission

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

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

***** Absent without notice

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