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CALL TO ORDER

At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Frederick “Erick” F. Abueg 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. Jose Enrique “Joet” S. Garcia III, there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abellanos
Abueg
Acharon
Acop
Acosta-Alba
Advincula
Aggabao
Albano
Alejano
Almario
Almonte
Alvarez (F.)
Alvarez (P.)
Amante
Amatong
Andaya
Angara-Castillo
Aquino-Magsaysay
Aragones
Arcillas
Arenas
Atienza
Aumentado
Bagatsing
Banal
Barzaga
Bataoil
Bautista-Bandigan
Belaro
Belmonte (J.C.)
Benitez
Bertiz

Biazon
Billones
Biron
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo (A.)
Bulut-Begtang
Cagas
Calalang
Calderon
Calixto-Rubiano
Caminero
Campos
Cari
Castelo
Castro (F.H.)
Cayetano
Cerilles
Chavez
Co
Collantes
Cortes
Cortuna
Cua
Cuaresma
Cueva
Dalipe
Datol
Daza
De Jesus
de Venecia
De Vera
Defensor
Del Mar
Del Rosario
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (A.)
Erice
Eriguel
Ermita-Buhain
Escudero
Espino
Estrella
Evardone
Fariñas
Ferriol-Pascual
Fortun
Fortuno
Fuentebella
Garbin
Garcia (G.)

Garcia (J.E.)
Garcia-Albano
Garin (S.)
Gasataya
Gatchalian
Geron
Go (M.)
Gomez
Gonzaga
Gonzales (A.P.)
Gonzales (A.D.)
Gonzalez
Hernandez
Herrera-Dy
Hofer
Jalosjos
Kho
Labadlabad
Lacson
Lagman
Lanete
Laogan
Lazatin
Leachon
Limkaichong
Lobregat
Lopez (B.)
Lopez (C.)
Lopez (M.L.)
Loyola
Macapagal-Arroyo
Maceda
Manalo
Mangaoang
Mangudadatu (Z.)
Mariño
Marquez
Martinez
Mendoza
Mercado
Montoro
Nieto
Noel
Nogales (J.J.)
Nolasco
Nuñez-Malanyaon
Oaminal
Ocampo
Olivarez
Ong (H.)
Ortega (P.)
Ortega (V.N.)
Pacquiao
Paduano
Pancho
Papandayan
Pichay
Pimentel
Pineda
Plaza
Primicias-Agabas
Quimbo
Radaza
Ramirez-Sato
Ramos
Relampagos
Revilla
Roa-Puno
Robes
Rocamora
Rodriguez (I.)
Rodriguez (M.)
Romero
Roque
Sacdalan
Salimbangon
Salo
Salon
Sandoval
Sangcopan
Sarmiento (E.M.)
Savellano
Sema
Siao
Silverio
Singson
Suansing (E.)
Suansing (H.)
Suarez
Tan (A.)
Tan (M.)
Tejada
Tiangco
Tolentino
Tugna
Tupas
Ty
Umali
Unabia
Ungab
Unico
Uy (J.)
Uy (R.)
Uybarreta
Vargas-Alfonso
Velasco
Velo
Vergara
Villanueva
Villaraza-Suarez
Villarica
Villarin
Violago
Yap (A.)
Yap (M.)
Yu

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 THE JOURNAL

On motion of Representative Garcia (J.E.), there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 65, dated February 20, 2018.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Garcia (J.E.), 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 Messages from the Senate, Communications, and a Committee Report, which were referred to the appropriate Committees as hereunder indicated:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 7189, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING RICE INCENTIVES TO TOP TEN STUDENTS IN EVERY GRADE OR YEAR LEVEL OF ALL PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tambunting

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7190, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING ALL ELECTRIC, CABLE AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES TO CONDUCT PERIODIC INSPECTIONS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE AERIAL UTILITY LINES AND CABLE

INSTALLATIONS, AND TO FIX OR REMOVE ALL THEIR UNUSED LINES TO ENSURE STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS PROVIDED UNDER THE PHILIPPINE ELECTRICAL CODE”

By Representative Tambunting

TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 7192, entitled:

“AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF BIKING HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BIKING, MUNICIPALITY OF DAUIS, PROVINCE OF BOHOL TO NICASIO M. BOLOS, JR. TECHNICAL-VOCA-TIONAL HIGH SCHOOL”

By Representative Relampagos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7194, entitled:

“AN ACT DESIGNATING AUTHORITY TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO DETERMINE ROAD WORTHINESS OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE VEHICLES”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 7195, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LICENSING OFFICE/BRANCH OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN THE CITY OF PARAÑAQUE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 7196, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE MINIMUM MONTHLY SALARY OF NURSES TO P30,000 AND PROVIDING FOR BENEFITS FOR NURSES”

By Representatives Zarate, Tinio, Castro (F.L.),
De Jesus, Brosas and Elago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND
EMPLOYMENT AND THE COMMITTEE
ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 7197, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE MONTHLY SALARIES OF ALL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, RAISING THE MINIMUM MONTHLY SALARY IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE TO P16,000, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Zarate, Tinio, Castro (F.L.),
De Jesus, Brosas and Elago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 7198, entitled:

“AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN NATION-BUILDING THROUGH THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF STRATEGIC VOLUNTEERISM BASED MULTI-SECTORAL PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FRAMEWORK, IN ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS IN THE COUNTRY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Salon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PEOPLE’S PARTICIPATION

House Bill No. 7200, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE DATA INTERCONNECTIVITY SYSTEM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Salo and Calalang

TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 7201, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BASIC EDUCATION SCHOOL IN EVERY INDIGENOUS PEOPLES COMMUNITY IN THE COUNTRY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Nieto

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7202, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE AUTHORIZED CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES OF CANDIDATES AND POLITICAL PARTIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 13 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7166, ENTITLED 'AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SYNCHRONIZED NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS AND FOR ELECTORAL REFORMS, AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' ”

By Representative Chipeco

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 7203, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE SEAWEED DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND DEFINING ITS OBJECTIVES, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS”

By Representative Dalipe

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 1689, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PERENNIAL ISSUE OF SUPPLY, PROCUREMENT AND IMPORTATION OF RICE, THE DISTORTION OF THE MARKET SITUATION

BY SOME SO-CALLED 'UNSCRUPULOUS PARTIES' AND THE EXISTENCE OF RICE CARTELS, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENSURING FOOD SECURITY AND GOVERNMENT SUPPORT TO FILIPINO RICE FARMERS AS THE MAIN PRODUCERS AND SOURCE OF OUR STAPLE FOOD”

By Representative Chavez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1690, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING BRO. EDUARDO V. MANALO, EXECUTIVE MINISTER OF THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO, FOR HIS DESIGNATION AS SPECIAL ENVOY OF THE PRESIDENT FOR OVERSEAS FILIPINOS CONCERNS”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1691, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO (CHURCH OF CHRIST) FOR MARKING ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY IN THE FAR WEST AS IT CONTINUES TO CARRY OUT ITS SUCCESSFUL FOREIGN MISSION OF EVANGELIZATION AND MEANINGFUL OUTREACH PROGRAMS THAT CUT ACROSS RACES AND BOARDERS”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1692, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION BY THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE POVERTY IMPLICATIONS OF THE ARREST OF THE SUPERMARKET EMPLOYEES WHO ALLEGEDLY COMMITTED QUALIFIED THEFT OUT OF HUNGER”

By Representatives Suarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1693, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE COMMITTEES ON TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, TO EXERCISE ITS OVERSIGHT FUNCTION AND TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE REPORT THAT THE PROPOSED SOUTHEAST METRO MANILA EXPRESSWAY (SEMME) WILL PASS THROUGH AREAS IN BARANGAY BATASAN HILLS DESIGNATED FOR SOCIALIZED HOUSING AWARDED TO QUALIFIED BENEFICIARIES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1694, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE/S TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE CASE OF JOANNA DEMA FELIS, WHO WAS KILLED BY HER SYRIAN AND LEBANESE EMPLOYERS A YEAR AGO AND WHOSE BODY WAS FOUND INSIDE A FREEZER IN AN ABANDONED APARTMENT IN KUWAIT ONLY RECENTLY, AND OTHER ABUSES AGAINST OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (OFWs) IN THE MIDDLE EAST THAT SOMETIMES END IN DEATHS AND TO RECOMMEND APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION”

By Representative Violago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1695, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES ON THE DEMISE OF NATIONAL ARTIST OF THE PHILIPPINES, ESABELIO NAPOLEON 'BILLY' VELOSO ABUEVA”

By Representative Relampagos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1696, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO URGE THE GOVERNMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELIEF FOR AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY THE ERUPTION OF MT. MAYON AND THE REHABILITATION OF ALBAY AND NEARBY COMMUNITIES' AGRICULTURAL SECTORS”

By Representative Salon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Resolution No. 1697, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO REPORT TO AND INFORM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE STATUS OF THE HEALTH FACILITIES ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM, PARTICULARLY FOR MINDANAO”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1698, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO FIGHTER JERWIN JUNTILLA ANCAJAS FOR SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDING HIS INTERNATIONAL BOXING FEDERATION (IBF) JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHT WORLD TITLE VIA A TECHNICAL KNOCKOUT OF MEXICAN CHALLENGER ISRAEL GONZALES IN CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON FEBRUARY 3, 2018”

By Representatives Pineda, Romero, Belmonte (R.), Canama, Salo, Lopez (B.), Villarin, Bertiz, Montoro, Belaro, Lacson, Uybarreta and Salon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS

House Resolution No. 1699, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING HILLARY ANDALES OF THE PHILIPPINE SCIENCE

HIGH SCHOOL-EASTERN VISAYAS CAMPUS FOR HONORING THE COUNTRY BY WINNING IN THE BREAKTHROUGH JUNIOR CHALLENGE”

By Representative Nieto

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1701, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS THE NAMING OF FIVE UNDERSEA FEATURES IN THE PHILIPPINE RISE BY THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Resolution No. 1702, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE DISPOSITION UNDERTAKEN BY THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS (BOC) OF THE REPORTED SMUGGLED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AMOUNTING TO P30.2 BILLION PESOS IN CY 2017”

By Representative Panganiban

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1704, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CALLING ON A CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY ON THE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND PRIVATE ESTABLISHMENTS CONCERNED WITH HOUSING, TO BARE THEIR RESPECTIVE MANDATES, RULES AND PROCEDURES, ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES RELATIVE TO THE REALIZATION OF THE HOUSING DREAMS OF OUR OVERSEAS FILIPINOS, IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A SIMPLIFIED

BUT COHERENT GUIDE WHICH THEY MAY REFER TO AND RELY ON, IN AID OF LEGISLATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Bertiz

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1705, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING JERWIN ANCAJAS FOR BRINGING PRIDE TO THE ENTIRE FILIPINO NATION BY SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDING, FOR THE 4TH TIME, HIS IBF JUNIOR BANTAM-WEIGHT WORLD TITLE LAST FEBRUARY 3 AT THE BANK OF AMERICA CENTER IN CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS”

By Representatives Rodriguez (M.), Uy (R.) and Unabia

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS

House Resolution No. 1706, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE REPORTED ESTABLISHMENT OF STRUCTURES IN FOREST AREAS, INCLUDING SHORELINES IN BORACAY”

By Representative Ty

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Message dated February 14, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on February 13, 2018, the Senate designated Senators Francis “Chiz” G. Escudero, Paolo Benigno “Bam” Aquino IV, Grace Poe and Ralph G. Recto as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the conflicting provisions of Senate Bill No. 1279, entitled:

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

and House Bill No. 5269, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE NATIONAL SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC KINDERGARTEN AND ELEMENTARY PUPILS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated February 14, 2018, informing the House of Representatives that on February 13, 2018, the Senate designated Senators Panfilo M. Lacson, Win Gatchalian, Juan Miguel F. Zubiri, Joel Villanueva, Gregorio B. Honasan II, and Antonio “Sonny” F. Trillanes IV as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the conflicting provisions of Senate Bill No. 1662, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8049 TO STRENGTHEN THE LAW ON HAZING AND REGULATE OTHER FORMS OF INITIATION RITES OF FRATERNITIES, SORORITIES, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated January 23, 2018 of Martin Gerard T. Villamor, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Carmen, Province of Cebu, transmitting their Report on Local Government Support Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation for the Quarter Ended December 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated January 29, 2018 of Beatriz Y. Caburnay, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Alcantara, Province of Cebu, submitting their Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation for the 4th Quarter ended December 2017 of the Local Government Support Fund-Assistance to Disadvantaged Municipalities.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated February 5, 2018 of Roderick A. Ongcarranceja, President, Calapan Waterworks Corporation, submitting their Operational Report for Year 2017, in compliance with Section 10 of Republic Act No. 9185.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

Letters dated 14 February 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. 996 dated 8 February 2018;
2. Circular Letter No. CL-2018-010 dated 8 February 2018;
3. Memorandum No. M-2018-003 dated 7 February 2018;
4. Memorandum No. M-2018-004 dated 29 January 2018;
5. Memorandum No. M-2018-005 dated 7 February 2018; and
6. Memorandum No. M-2018-006 dated 7 February 2018.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

COMMITTEE REPORT

Report by the Committee on Cooperatives Development (Committee Report No. 618), re H.R. No. 1703, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE SAN DIONISIO CREDIT COOPERATIVE (SDCC) FOR ITS PIONEERING COOPERATIVISM IN THE COUNTRY AND FOR ITS OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP

AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE ECONOMIC UPLIFTMENT OF ITS MEMBERS AND ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT”

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolution No. 1368

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Representative Garcia (J.E.) acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Reps. Alex “AA” L. Advincula and Strike B. Revilla.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 598
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 7120**

On motion of Representative Garcia (J.E.), there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 7120 as contained in Committee Report No. 598, and reported out by the Committee on Justice.

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

“AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO MR. PHILLIP LEACH.”

Representative Garcia stated that the parliamentary status was that the measure was in the period of sponsorship and debate; and on his motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Reynaldo V. Umali, Chairperson of the Committee on Justice, to sponsor the measure, and Rep. Edcel C. Lagman to interpellate thereon.

**INTERPELLATION OF
REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN**

Stating that he was not opposed to the Bill, Representative Lagman asked about the constitutional basis of granting citizenship to a foreigner; the House leadership’s policies thereon; and the 10-year residency requirement for citizenship applicants as he held that Mr. Leach had not yet satisfied the same.

Representative Umali referred him to subparagraph 4 of Section 1, Article IV of the Constitution, Commonwealth Act (C.A.) No. 473, and Republic Act (R.A.) No. 9139 and explained the legislative process of granting citizenship as provided for in the amended Provisional Rules of the House. He

also stressed that the policy of the House is to grant citizenship to a foreigner, subject to the individual and collective wisdom of its Members.

After Representative Umali enumerated Mr. Leach's contributions to agriculture, tourism, and philanthropy in the country that will enable him to be covered by the five-year minimum residency requirement under C.A. No. 473, Representative Lagman explained that his questions were anchored on his desire for the House to establish policies for granting citizenship not on a case-to-case basis but based on (1) the minimum requirements of C.A. No. 473 or (2) the specific attributes of the citizenship applicant. He however stated that when he was the Chairperson of the Committee on Justice, he did not recommend the approval of citizenship bills as the policy then was to let the foreigner undergo the regular judicial or administrative process of naturalization.

Representative Umali said that the Subcommittee on Naturalization will discuss Representative Lagman's inputs. To his final remark, however, that Mr. Leach's application was one of a kind, Representative Lagman pointed out that several American basketball players had already been granted Filipino citizenship.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Garcia (J.E.), the Chair recognized Rep. Raul A. Daza for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE DAZA

To the queries of Representative Daza, Representative Umali affirmed that House Bill No. 7120, if it becomes a law, was a direct exercise of the legislative power of Congress and not of any existing law or statute. He also said that the Subcommittee on Naturalization had verified the information given by Mr. Leach about establishing a new revolutionary technology in the coconut industry which is now being used by the Department of Agriculture.

Thereupon, Representative Daza expressed support for House Bill No. 7120.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

There being no other Member who wished to interpellate the Sponsor, on motion of Representative Garcia (J.E.), there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate, and thereafter proceeded to the period of amendments.

PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no Committee and individual amendments, on motion of Representative Garcia (J.E.), there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of amendments,

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 7120

On motion of Representative Garcia (J.E.), there being no objection, the Body approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 7120 through *viva voce* voting.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Representative Garcia (J.E.) acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Rep. Ramon "Rav" V.A. Rocamora.

OMNIBUS APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF CERTAIN HOUSE BILLS UNDER THE BUSINESS FOR THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

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

1. House Bill No. 7016, as contained in Committee Report No. 579 and submitted by the Committee on Local Government, creating the position of Assistant City Administrator, emphasizing the prohibition on illegal gambling, and establishing the City Registry of Deeds Office, amending for the purpose Sections 7, 10, 36, 51 and 52 of R.A. No. 8983 otherwise known as the Charter of the City of Bayawan;
2. House Bill No. 7166, as contained in Committee Report No. 602 and submitted by the Committees on Higher and Technical Education, and Appropriations, converting the Kabasalan Institute of Technology in

Kabasalan, Zamboanga Sibugay, into the Zamboanga Sibugay Polytechnic Institute (ZSPI);

3. House Bill No. 7175, as contained in Committee Report No. 603 and submitted by the Committees on Basic Education and Culture, and Appropriations, separating the Igaras National High School - Alameda Extension in Alameda, Igaras, Iloilo from the Igaras National High School, converting it into an independent national high school to be known as Alameda National High School; and
4. House Bill No. 7177, as contained in Committee Report No. 605 and submitted by the Committees on Basic Education and Culture, and Appropriations, separating the Polo National High School - Malanday Annex in Malanday, Valenzuela City from the Polo National High School, converting it into an independent national high school to be known as Malanday National High School.

REFERRAL OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS ON INQUIRIES IN AID OF LEGISLATION

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure Governing Inquiries in Aid of Legislation, on motion of Representative Garcia (J.E.), there being no objection, the Body approved to refer the following House Resolutions to the appropriate Committees hereunder indicated:

1. House Resolution No. 1649, on the rationalization program of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport terminals to ensure a safe, efficient, and comfortable passenger experience – to the Committee on Transportation;
2. House Resolution No. 1651, on the implementation of the initial coin offering (ICO) program for the purpose of providing proper regulatory procedures and protecting the rights of the investors – to the Committee on Banks and Financial Intermediaries;
3. House Resolution No. 1652, on the continued practice by foreign principals of withholding the passports of overseas Filipino workers – to the Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs;
4. House Resolution No. 1653, on the alleged anomalous and inappropriate use of senior citizens' PhilHealth insurance funds for

crude eye operations performed on groups of senior citizens that resulted in their blindness and/or deteriorating eyesight and on determining the accountability of erring public officials and private individuals – to the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability;

5. House Resolution No. 1654, on the revival of the Public Transport Assistance Program - *Pantawid Pasada* – to the Committee on Energy;
6. House Resolution No. 1656, on the human rights violations committed against the indigenous peoples in Lianga, Surigao del Sur – to the Committee on Indigenous Cultural Communities and Indigenous Peoples;
7. House Resolution No. 1658, on the reported shortage of rice available in the market and in the buffer stock of the National Food Authority (NFA) – to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;
8. House Resolution No. 1659, on the real state of the country's rice supply in view of proposing appropriate measures to address possible shortages as well as to institute policies to improve domestic rice production and ensure food security – to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;
9. House Resolution No. 1660, on the non-implementation by the Board of Regents of the Pangasinan State University and/or by the Commission on Higher Education of the decision of the Ombudsman in OMB-L-A-16-0318 – to the Committee on Higher and Technical Education;
10. House Resolution No. 1665, on the use of blockchain technology such as Bitcoins in online commerce – to the Committee on Information and Communications Technology;
11. House Resolution No. 1666, on the build-operate-transfer agreement entered into by and between the Bureau of Immigration and Datatrail Corporation – to the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability;
12. House Resolution No. 1667, on reviewing the provisions of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act on the disposition of property in the custody of the Bureau of Customs – to the Committee on Ways and Means;

13. House Resolution No. 1668, on the lack of supply of NFA rice in public markets supposedly because of limited NFA buffer stocks – to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;
14. House Resolution No. 1669, on the implementation of the ₱8 billion-free tuition policy for the first semester of AY 2017-2018 – to the Committee on Higher and Technical Education;
15. House Resolution No. 1671, on the skyrocketing ₱6.432 trillion-foreign debt of the government – to the Committee on Ways and Means;
16. House Resolution No. 1675, on the blatant disregard for people’s health and safety in the dengue vaccine scandal and the need to immediately address the people’s call for justice and accountability with regard thereto – to the Committees on Good Government and Public Accountability, and Health;
17. House Resolution No. 1676, on the alleged shortage of the rice buffer stock of the NFA and the proposal to increase the procurement of local palay instead of importing rice – to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;
18. House Resolution No. 1677, on the feasibility of merging the Department of Education, Commission on Higher Education, and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority into one office and/or the amendment of R.A.s No. 7722 and 7796 – to the Committees on Government Reorganization, Basic Education and Culture, and Higher and Technical Education;
19. House Resolution No. 1678, on the failure of some sellers, manufacturers, and producers to provide sale warranty terms or other rights, remedies, and obligations, for the interest of consumers – to the Committee on Trade and Industry; and
20. House Resolution No.1680, on the purported improper and irregular awarding of renewable energy service contracts involving hydroelectric power projects by

the Department of Energy to renewable energy applicants – to the Committees on Good Government and Public Accountability, and Energy.

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

On motion of Representative Garcia (J.E.), there being no objection, the Body approved to include as additional coauthors of House Bills No. 3988 and 7166, the names of Members contained in the list to be submitted by the Committee on Rules.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Garcia (J.E.), there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until four o’clock in the afternoon of Monday, February 26, 2018.

It was 5:09 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

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

Approved on February 26, 2018

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Printed copies of the following measure were distributed to the Members during the session:

House Bill No. 7134, entitled: “AN ACT PROVIDING POLICIES AND PRESCRIBING PROCEDURES ON SURVEILLANCE AND RESPONSE TO NOTIFIABLE DISEASES, EPIDEMICS, AND HEALTH EVENTS OF PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE ACT NO. 3573, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'LAW ON REPORTING OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES.'”

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***** 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
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***** AGARAO	***** BRAVO (M.V.)	***** ENVERGA
AGGABAO	**** BROSAS	ERICE
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*** ALBANO	CAGAS	ERMITA-BUHAIN
***** ALCALA	CALALANG	ESCUADERO
ALEJANO	CALDERON	**** ESPINA
*** ALMARIO	CALIXTO-RUBIANO	ESPINO
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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.)
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AUMENTADO	COLLANTES	* GARIN (R.)
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	LACSON		PANCHO	*	TAN (S.)
	LAGMAN	*****	PANGANIBAN		TEJADA
	LANETE	****	PANOTES	*****	TEVES
	LAOGAN		PAPANDAYAN		TIANGCO
	LAZATIN		PICHAY	****	TING
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*****	LEE		PINEDA	***	TOLENTINO
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	MACEDA		REVILLA		UNICO
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*****	MARCOS	****	ROMUALDEZ	*****	VELASCO-CATERA
	MARIÑO	*	ROMUALDO		VELOSO
	MARQUEZ		ROQUE		VERGARA
	MARTINEZ		SACDALAN	*****	VILLAFUERTE
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*****	MIRASOL		SALON		YAP (A.)
	MONTORO	*****	SAMBAR		YAP (M.)
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	NOEL	****	SANTOS-RECTO		ZAMORA (M.C.)
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	NOLASCO		SAVELLANO		ZUBIRI
	NUÑEZ-MALANYAON		SEMA		
	OAMINAL		SIAO		

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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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