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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, Rule XI of the amended Provisional Rules of the House, the Members sang the National Anthem and thereafter observed a minute of silent prayer.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Representative Johnny Ty Pimentel, the Chair suspended the session at 4:02 p.m.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 4:24 p.m.

**DEFERMENT OF THE ROLL CALL  
AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL**

On successive motions of Rep. Pimentel, 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**

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Pimentel, 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, a Communication, and Committee Reports, which were referred to the appropriate Committees as hereunder indicated:

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

House Bill No. 5236, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE RANK  
CLASSIFICATION IN THE PHILIPPINE  
NATIONAL POLICE, AMENDING FOR

THE PURPOSE SECTION 28 OF REPUB-  
LIC ACT NO. 6975, OTHERWISE KNOWN  
AS THE 'DEPARTMENT OF THE INTE-  
RIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT  
OF 1990', AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Acop, Bataoil and Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER  
AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 5237, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUC-  
TION OF A COASTAL ROAD TRAVERS-  
ING THE CITIES OF BACOLOD, SILAY,  
TALISAY AND VICTORIAS, AND THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF ENRIQUE B. MAGA-  
LONA IN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS  
OCCIDENTAL”

By Representatives Benitez and Gasataya

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS  
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 5238, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING FEBRUARY 13 OF  
EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-  
WORKING PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN THE  
CITY OF PARAÑAQUE, METRO MA-  
NILA”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF  
LAWS

House Bill No. 5239, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIP  
GRANTS TO PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACH-  
ERS TO PURSUE GRADUATE STUDIES”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND  
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

## RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 868, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE ALLEGED TAX EVASION OF CERTAIN TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES”

By Representative Batocabe

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 869, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, OF THE FORCED OCCUPATION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE URBAN POOR LED BY THE KALIPUNAN NG DAMAYANG MAHIHIRAP (KADAMAY) OF HOUSING PROJECTS LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PANDI AND THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, PROVINCE OF BULACAN AND DIRECTING THE NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY TO REVIEW ITS POLICIES ON GOVERNMENT RESETTLEMENT PROGRAMS”

By Representative Robes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 870, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING, COMMENDING AND AWARDING OF CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF DISTINCTION TO MR. ROMERO DUNO FOR WINNING THE WORLD BOXING COUNCIL (WBC) YOUTH INTERCONTINENTAL LIGHTWEIGHT TITLE”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 871, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL IN-

TERMEDIARIES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE OWNERSHIP CLAIM OF THE BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS (BSP) OF AN 18-HECTARE PROPERTY IN SITIO TIYAKAD, BARANGAY SAN MATEO, NORZAGARAY, BULACAN WHICH WAS DECLARED AS A SANITARY LANDFILL AND DISPOSAL FACILITY BY PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION 1655 DATED 28 OCTOBER 2008”

By Representative Silverio

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 872, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE TOP 10 GRADUATES AND THE GRADUATING CLASS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE ACADEMY (PNPA) 'MASIDLAK' CLASS OF 2017”

By Representative Loyola

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 873, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MERIAM LIBONGCOGON FOR GRADUATING FROM THE PHILIPPINE MILITARY ACADEMY”

By Representative Garcia (G.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 874, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CRUEL, INHUMAN AND DEGRADING TREATMENT OF PRISONERS AT THE CEBU PROVINCIAL DETENTION AND REHABILITATION CENTER (CPDRC) DURING THE RAID CONDUCTED ON 28 FEBRUARY 2017”

By Representative Garcia (G.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

**ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS**

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

Rep. Jose Antonio "Kuya Jonathan" R. Sy-Alvarado for House Bills No. 1530, 5137, and 5163;

Rep. Salvador B. Belaro Jr. for House Bill No. 4277;

Rep. Ron P. Salo for House Resolution No. 822;

Reps. Reynaldo V. Umali and Joey Sarte Salceda for House Bill No. 4637;

Rep. Mark O. Go for House Bill No. 5120;

Rep. Gus S. Tambunting for House Bills No. 4667 and 4690;

Rep. John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto for House Bill No. 735;

Rep. Ma. Lucille L. Nava, M.D. for House Bills No. 4367, 4368, and 4690;

Rep. Noel L. Villanueva for House Bills No. 4144 and 4373;

Rep. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo for House Bills No. 159 and 167;

Reps. Manuel F. Zubiri, Anthony M. Bravo, Ph.D., Rodante D. Marcoleta, Greg G. Gasataya, Mariano Michael M. Velarde Jr., Alberto T. Ungab, Mark Aeron H. Sambar, Lorna P. Bautista-Bandigan, Gwendolyn F. Garcia, Maximo B. Rodriguez Jr., and Ron P. Salo for House Bill No. 167;

Reps. Aileen C. Radaza and Ramon "Red" H. Durano VI for House Bill No. 5140;

Reps. Mercedes "Didi" C. Cagas and Anthony M. Bravo, Ph.D. for House Bill No. 2881;

Rep. Estrellita B. Suansing for House Bills No. 1608 and 3283;

Reps. Arthur C. Yap, Karlo Alexei B. Nograles, Jericho Jonas B. Nograles, and Michelle M. Antonio for House Bill No. 4774;

Rep. Eric L. Olivarez for House Bill No. 875;

Rep. Romeo M. Acop for House Bill No. 180;

Rep. Manuel T. Sagarbarria for House Bill No. 2286;

Rep. Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento for House Bills No. 167, 2192, 4689, and 4774;

Rep. Sol Aragonés for House Bill No. 53;

Rep. Oscar "Richard" S. Garin Jr. for House Bill No. 5072;

Reps. Sitti Djalía A. Turabin-Hataman, Ramon V.A. "Rav" Rocamora, Ron P. Salo, Magnolia C. Antonino, Tom S. Villarin, Manuel F. Zubiri, Aniceto "John" D. Bertiz III, Ann K. Hofer, Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte, Ma. Lourdes Acosta-Alba, Kaka J. Bagao, Bai Sandra Sinsuat A. Sema, Jocelyn Sy Limkaichong, Lorna C. Silverio, Lawrence H. Fortun, Teddy Brawner Baguilat Jr. and Rodel M. Batocabe for House Bill No. 516;

Rep. Manuel Jose "Mannix" M. Dalipe for House Bills No. 440, 748, 848, 953, 982, 1345, 1971, 2550, 3407, 3428, 3530, 3826, 3968, 4552, and 4738;

Rep. Ramon V.A. "Rav" Rocamora for House Bill No. 4982;

Rep. Edward Vera Perez Maceda for House Bills No. 2794, 4989, and 5159;

Rep. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas for House Bills No. 159, 4749, and 5240;

Rep. Ann K. Hofer for House Bill No. 4688;

Rep. Joaquin M. Chipeco Jr. for House Bills No. 1859 and 4174;

Rep. Florencio T. Flores Jr., M.D. for House Resolution No. 769;

Reps. Rodrigo A. Abellanosa, Wilfredo S. Caminero, Ramon "Red" H. Durano VI, Peter John D. Calderon, Jonas C. Cortes, and Raymond Democrito C. Mendoza for House Bill No. 687;

Rep. Micaela S. Violago for House Bill No. 4974;

Rep. Leopoldo N. Bataoil for House Bills No. 1418, 1419, 2043, 3100, 4106, 4462, 4463, 4572, 4671, 4672, and 4700; and

Rep. Raymond Democrito C. Mendoza for House Bills No. 167 and 4174.

## MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Message dated March 13, 2017, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 1277, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FREE INTERNET ACCESS PROGRAM IN PUBLIC SPACES IN THE COUNTRY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives

## TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated March 13, 2017, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 1304, entitled:

“AN ACT ACCELERATING UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO TERTIARY EDUCATION BY PROVIDING FOR A TUITION SUBSIDY AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS ENROLLED IN STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (SUCs), PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (HEIs) AND TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (TVIs) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives

## TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Message dated March 13, 2017, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 4631, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO REPUBLIC BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC., PRESENTLY KNOWN AS GMA NETWORK, INC. AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7252, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE REPUBLIC BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES' ”

## TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated March 13, 2017, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendments House Bill No. 4637, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING FOR TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO SMART COMMUNICATIONS, INC. (FORMERLY SMART INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES, INC.), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7294, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING SMART INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES, INC. (SMART) A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH, INSTALL, MAINTAIN, LEASE AND OPERATE INTEGRATED TELECOMMUNICATIONS/ COMPUTER/ELECTRONIC SERVICES, AND STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES FOR PUBLIC DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' ”

## TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

## COMMUNICATION

Letter dated February 1, 2017 of Jesus I. Yabes, Undersecretary, Office of the Undersecretary for Migrant Workers' Affairs, Department of Foreign Affairs, submitting their Report to Congress on Assistance to Nationals for the period January to June 2016, in CD digital format, pursuant to Section 33 of Republic Act No. 8042.

## TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 168), re H.B. No. 5241, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 8 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY TO COMMEMORATE THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY, THE PRINCIPAL PATRONESS OF THE PHILIPPINES”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4661

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas and Fariñas

## TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 169), re H.B. No. 1928, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 16 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLANUEVA, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS 'ARAW NG VILLANUEVA' ”

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas and Uy (J.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 170), re H.B. No. 2130, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 1 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JASAAN, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS 'ARAW NG JASAAN' ”

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas and Uy (J.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

### THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

With leave of the House, on motion of Rep. Pimentel, there being no objection, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour and thereafter recognized Rep. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr. for his privilege speech.

### PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. BORDADO

Rep. Bordado spoke about a seemingly systematic campaign by anonymous individuals in social media to denigrate and besmirch the outstanding public record and reputation of the late Department of the Interior and Local Government Secretary Jesse M. Robredo with the aim of destroying his wife, Vice President Leni Gerona-Robredo. He informed the Body that a Facebook user also threatened the Secretary's three daughters with rape.

Recalling the tragic death and eventual citation for extraordinary public service of said official, Rep. Bordado then stressed that social media went a bit too far by linking the former to illegal activities and questioning the legitimacy of his 2000 Ramon Magsaysay Award for Government Service. After he clarified that he was never involved in said award, he also emphasized the need for a tough law to address the misuse and abuse of social media.

### REFERRAL OF REP. BORDADO'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH

On motion of Rep. Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body referred Rep. Bordado's privilege speech to the appropriate committee.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Pimentel, the Chair recognized Rep. Jose L. Atienza Jr. for his privilege speech.

### PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. ATIENZA

Speaking in Filipino, Rep. Atienza brought to the attention of the Body a continuous disregard and disrespect for Philippine history and culture. He first cited the dumping of garbage and construction materials in the monument constructed for the well-respected and heroic Lord Ukon Takayama in Plaza Dilao in Paco, Manila, who was banished to the Philippines because of his Christian belief when Christianity was forbidden in his home country of Japan. He next mentioned the vandalized and missing monuments of martial law heroes such as Senator Benigno “Ninoy” Aquino and Antique Governor Evelio Javier; and the use of a torn and dirty Philippine flag in the EDSA Shrine.

Rep. Atienza thereafter called on the National Historical Commission (NHC), National Commission on Culture and the Arts (NCCA), city government of Manila, and national government to address the matter. He said that the country in general and the youth in particular must value history as well as Filipino and foreign heroes who offered their lives for their country and for their faith. He stated that he was willing to donate his salary and allowance for the purchase and proper placement of Philippine flags.

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Christopher “Toff” Vera Perez De Venecia, the Chair recognized Rep. Rodante D. Marcoleta for his interpellation.

### INTERPELLATION OF REP. MARCOLETA

Rep. Marcoleta discussed the importance of safe-keeping, preserving, and promoting historical artifacts and structures; and of educating the citizenry and especially the youth on the same. He and Rep. Atienza agreed that this was the responsibility of certain agencies and not of the entire government. Nevertheless, the latter stressed that the Members should be the leaders and everyone must unite, for this undertaking.

### REFERRAL OF REP. ATIENZA'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH

On motion of Rep. De Venecia, there being no objection, the Body referred Rep. Atienza's speech and interpellation thereon to the Committee on Rules.

### SUSPENSION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

On motion of Rep. De Venecia, there being no objection, the Body suspended the Privilege Hour.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Rep. Pimentel acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Reps. Federico "Ricky" S. Sandoval II and Kaka J. Bag-ao.

### ROLL CALL

On motion of Rep. Pimentel, there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abaya  
Abayon  
Abellanosa  
Abu  
Abueg  
Acharon  
Acop  
Acosta  
Acosta-Alba  
Adiong  
Advincula  
Agarao  
Aggabao  
Aglipay-Villar  
Alejano  
Almonte  
Alonte  
Alvarez (F.)  
Alvarez (P.)  
Amatong  
Angara-Castillo

Antonio  
Aragones  
Arbison  
Arenas  
Atienza  
Bag-ao  
Bagatsing  
Banal  
Barzaga  
Bataoil  
Batocabe  
Bautista-Bandigan  
Belaro  
Belmonte (J.C.)  
Benitez  
Bernos  
Bertiz  
Biazon  
Billones  
Bondoc  
Bordado  
Bravo (A.)  
Bravo (M.V.)  
Brosas  
Bulut-Begtang  
Cagas  
Calderon  
Calixto-Rubiano  
Caminero  
Campos  
Canama  
Cari  
Casilao  
Castelo  
Castro (F.L.)  
Castro (F.H.)  
Cerilles  
Chavez  
Chipeco  
Cojuangco  
Collantes  
Cortes  
Cortuna  
Cosalan  
Crisologo  
Cuaresma  
Cueva  
Dalipe  
Dalog  
Daza  
De Jesus  
De Venecia  
De Vera  
Defensor  
Del Mar  
Del Rosario

Deloso-Montalla	Mendoza
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Mercado
Durano	Mirasol
Elago	Montoro
Erice	Nava
Eriguel	Nieto
Ermita-Buhain	Noel
Escudero	Nogralas (K.A.)
Estrella	Nolasco
Evardone	Nuñez-Malanyaon
Fariñas	Oaminal
Ferrer (J.)	Olivarez
Ferriol-Pascual	Ong (E.)
Flores	Ong (H.)
Fortun	Ortega (P.)
Fortuno	Ortega (V.N.)
Garcia (G.)	Paduano
Garcia (J.E.)	Palma
Garcia-Albano	Pancho
Gasataya	Panganiban
Go (A.C.)	Panotes
Go (M.)	Papandayan
Gomez	Pichay
Gonzaga	Pimentel
Gonzales (A.P.)	Pineda
Gonzales (A.D.)	Primicias-Agabas
Gonzalez	Quimbo
Gorriceta	Radaza
Gullas	Ramos
Hernandez	Relampagos
Herrera-Dy	Roa-Puno
Hofer	Rodriguez (I.)
Javier	Rodriguez (M.)
Khonghun	Roman
Labadlabad	Romualdo
Lacson	Roque (H.)
Lagman	Sacdalan
Lanete	Sagarbarria
Laogan	Sahali
Lazatin	Salceda
Lee	Salo
Limkaichong	Salon
Lopez (B.)	Sambar
Lopez (M.L.)	Sandoval
Macapagal-Arroyo	Sarmiento (C.)
Madrona	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Malapitan	Savellano
Mangaoang	Sema
Mangudadatu (Z.)	Siao
Marcoleta	Silverio
Marcos	Singson
Mariño	Suansing (E.)
Marquez	Suansing (H.)
Martinez	Suarez
Matugas	Sy-Alvarado
Mellana	Tambunting



Tan (A.)  
 Tan (S.)  
 Tejada  
 Teves  
 Tiangco  
 Ting  
 Tugna  
 Tupas  
 Ungab  
 Unico  
 Uybarreta  
 Vargas  
 Vargas-Alfonso  
 Velarde  
 Veloso  
 Vergara  
 Villanueva  
 Villaraza-Suarez  
 Villarica  
 Villarín  
 Yu  
 Zamora (M.C.)  
 Zarate  
 Zubiri

With 213 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See also Appendix 1)

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

Rep. Arthur R. Defensor Jr. thereafter acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Virgilio S. Lacson.

#### **APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5240**

On successive motions of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 5240, as contained in Committee Report No. 167 and submitted by the Special Committee on Land Use, instituting a national land use and management policy and providing the implementing mechanisms therefor; dispensed with the reading of the text of the measure without prejudice to its insertion into the Record of the House; adopted the Explanatory Note as the sponsorship remarks on the measure; 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.

#### **BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 101 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 4982**

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body subsequently considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 4982, as contained in Committee Report No. 101 and submitted 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 PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY OR EXPRESSION (SOGIE) AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR.”

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Rep. Defensor, 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. Defensor, the Chair recognized Rep. Emmeline Aglipay-Villar, Chairperson of the sponsoring Committee, for her sponsorship speech.

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

Rep. Aglipay-Villar initially said that historically, the Filipino nation had long been the target of discriminatory practices and blind prejudice displayed with violence in word and deed. She emphasized that when Filipinos are given a fair chance, such factors as race, nationality, and appearance do not affect their individual capacities, talents, and ability; and asked her colleagues to apply the same logic and principles on the Bill at hand.

Rep. Aglipay-Villar then said that House Bill No. 4982 sought to protect some of the most vulnerable citizens of the society and to codify such protection. She stressed that the right against discrimination on the basis of sex, orientation, gender identity, or gender expression (SOGIE) constituted human rights. She discussed the following salient features of the Bill: definition of SOGIE and related terms; list and explanation of discriminatory practices; protection from parental physical and emotional abuse; the right to privacy; sanctions and penalties for committing discriminatory acts or for not acting on the same; special ag-

gravating circumstances; creation of Women, Children, and Gender Rights Protection Desks; launching of awareness programs; and monitoring by a Congressional Oversight Committee.

In conclusion, Rep. Aglipay-Villar stressed that Congress could make the world a better one by passing the instant measure because the nation must stand against prejudice in every form.

#### **SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF REP. BAG-AO**

On motion of Rep. Defensor, the Chair recognized Rep. Kaka J. Bag-ao who recalled the history of the instant Bill since the 11th Congress and her as well as other Members' advocacy for its passage; and then stressed the need to give hope to the members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community who had long been suffering discrimination and unequal treatment. Speaking in Filipino, she clarified that the Bill was not asking for new or special rights but for strengthening and implementing existing human rights.

Addressing the opposition to the measure, she explained that the rights provided for by existing laws and the Constitution should be enjoyed by all; the Bill did not provide for same-sex marriage; and while religious freedom should be exercised, it was not okay for one to harm another person whom one considered to be sinful. She stressed that the instant measure was necessary as long as LGBTs were harmed, fired from their jobs, and deprived of access to public facilities on the basis of SOGIE and thereafter showed a video of interviews about instances of discrimination.

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Rep. Defensor, the Chair suspended the session at 5:47 p.m.

#### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 5:48 p.m.

At this juncture, on motion of Rep. Defensor, the Chair recognized Rep. Geraldine B. Roman to deliver her sponsorship speech.

#### **SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REP. ROMAN**

Rep. Roman said that she was speaking not as the Representative of the First District of Bataan, a colleague or a friend, or as the first transgender woman to be elected into the House of Representatives but as a human being who was appealing on behalf of the

LGBT community for equal rights, equal protection, and equal opportunities under the law. She stressed that despite laws which supposedly guaranteed said rights to all citizens, LGBTs had been denied the same and humiliated, abused, marginalized, and deprived of dignity because of their sexual orientation and gender identity expression.

Rep. Roman then pointed out that House Bill No. 4982 was co-authored by more than half of the Members who had decided to give their support thereto despite different political affiliations and ideologies. As she encouraged the Body to pass the measure, she cited its objectives and explained that she wanted the country to become an inclusive society where freedom and equality reigned. As she expressed gratitude for the love, support, opportunities, and acceptance given her, she asked for the same on behalf of the LGBT community.

#### **SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4982**

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 4982.

#### **BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 102 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 5000**

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 5000 as contained in Committee Report No. 102 and reported out by the Committee on Banks and Financial Intermediaries.

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

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION AND SUPERVISION OF PAYMENT SYSTEMS.”

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Rep. Defensor, 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. Defensor, the Chair recognized Rep. Ben P. Evardone, Chairperson of the Committee on Banks and Financial Intermediaries, for his sponsorship speech.

**SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REP. EVARDONE**

Rep. Evardone said that the instant Bill, principally authored by former President and Deputy Speaker Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, provided for the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas' regulation and supervision of payment systems in the country. He said that such systems enabled financial transactions to be cleared and settled and played a key role in building public confidence and maintaining financial stability. He explained and cited examples of the financial risks involved in such a system that included the banking system as well as the non-banking sector that had developed various payment innovations; and stressed that these had to be addressed because not doing so would adversely affect the economic stability of the country. He pointed out that the Bill will support financial stability, economic development, and consumer protection; and stressed the need to provide for a clear and appropriate legal and regulatory framework that would promote transparency as well as ensure the safety, efficiency, and reliability of payment system, taking into account all the market players and participants in payment systems.

Thereupon, Rep. Evardone showed a video presentation to further demonstrate the merits of the Bill.

**TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE**

There being no Member who wished to interpellate the Sponsor, on motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate.

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body then proceeded to the period of amendments.

There being no Committee amendments, on successive motions of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of Committee amendments and then proceeded with the period of individual amendments and the Chair recognized Rep. Jose "Pingping" I. Tejada.

**AMENDMENTS OF REP. TEJADA**

As proposed by Rep. Tejada and accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body approved the following amendments:

1. On page 2, line 7, Section 3(f), to replace the number "18" with the number 17;

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Rep. Defensor, the Chair suspended the session at 6:18 p.m.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 6:19 p.m.

**AMENDMENTS OF REP. TEJADA**

(Continuation)

2. On page 2, line 25, Section 3(n), after the word "such", to add a comma (,) and the words **OR WHEN THERE IS NECESSITY TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC INTEREST**;
3. On page 3, lines 14-18, to amend Section 5, paragraphs (a) and (b) to read as follows:

A. **DETERMINE A PAYMENT SYSTEM TO BE A DESIGNATED PAYMENT SYSTEM IF IT FINDS THAT THE PAYMENT SYSTEM POSES OR HAS THE POTENTIAL TO POSE A SYSTEMIC RISK OR WHEN THERE IS NECESSITY TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC INTEREST. ANY SUCH DETERMINATION BY THE BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS SHALL BE CONCLUSIVE. THE DESIGNATION OF A PAYMENT SYSTEM BY THE BANGKO SENTRAL SHALL BE EFFECTIVE UNTIL REVOKED. THE BANGKO SENTRAL MAY REVOKE SUCH DESIGNATION IF IT FINDS THAT THE DESIGNATED PAYMENT SYSTEM NO LONGER POSES ANY SYSTEMIC RISK OR IT IS NO LONGER IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST THAT THE SYSTEM BE DESIGNATED.**

B. **REQUIRE THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE DESIGNATED PAYMENT SYSTEM TO COMPLY, WITHIN A REASONABLE PERIOD, WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT AND ITS IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS, GIVING DUE CONSIDERATION TO THE ORDERLY TRANSITION OF THE OPERATIONS OF THE NEWLY DESIGNATED PAYMENT SYSTEM TO ENSURE THAT IT OPERATES IN A SAFE, EFFICIENT AND RELIABLE MANNER(.);**

4. On page 4, line 5, Section 5(d)(4), after the word "laws", to add the words **IS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL**;

5. On page 5, line 17, Section 10, to replace the number “4” with number 3;
6. On page 9, line 3, Section 17, to replace the word “operations” with the word ACTIVITIES;
7. On page 9, line 19, Section 18, to replace the number “17” with number 16;
8. On page 11, line 8, Section 20(d)(1), to delete the word “of” between the words “violated” and “or”;
9. To insert a new section after Section 21 to read as follows: SECTION 22. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. – THE BSP SHALL PROMULGATE THE NECESSARY RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT(.); and
10. To renumber the succeeding Sections accordingly.

#### **TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS**

There being no other individual amendments, on motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of amendments.

#### **APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5000, AS AMENDED**

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 5000, as amended.

#### **APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5225**

On successive motions of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 5225 calendared under the Business for the Day, as contained in Committee Report No. 164 and submitted by the Committee on Information and Communications Technology, mandating the provision of free wi-fi internet access in public areas; dispensed with the reading of the text of the measure without prejudice to its insertion into the Record of the House; adopted the Explanatory Note as the sponsorship remarks on the measure; 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:

#### **ADDITIONAL COAUTHOR**

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, Rep. Edward Vera Perez Maceda was made coauthor of House Bill No. 5225.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL**

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 81, dated March 13, 2017.

#### **ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Additional Reference of Business.

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

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

House Resolution No. 875, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE TAKEOVER OF THE GOVERNMENT HOUSING UNITS IN PANDI AND SAN JOSE DEL MONTE CITY, BULACAN BY THE MEMBERS OF THE KALIPUNAN NG DAMAYANG MAHIHIRAP (KADAMAY)”

By Representative Benitez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 876, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE LATEST STUDY ON THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF WATCHING TELEVISION ON SCHOOL READINESS FOR CHILDREN”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 877, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE PROPOSED RE-NATIONALIZATION OF THE THREE HOSPITALS IN THE PROVINCE OF MARINDUQUE”

By Representatives Velasco and Velasco-Catera

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 880, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING CONGRESS, THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PROPRIETY OF THE ZAMBOANGA’S PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE 2016-68 REGARDING THE PROVINCIAL MARITIME ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING AND PROTECTION SYSTEM (MEMPS) IN THE PROVINCE INCLUDING THE IMPOSITION OF CERTAIN FEES PURSUANT THERETO, WHICH VIOLATES CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA (UNCLOS), OTHER INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS, AND EXISTING NATIONAL LAWS”

By Representative Manalo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 881, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF FORMER DEPUTY SPEAKER SIM-EON A. DATUMANONG, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECOND DISTRICT OF MAGUINDANAO DURING THE NINTH, TENTH, ELEVENTH, THIRTEENTH, FOURTEENTH AND FIFTEENTH CONGRESSES”

By Representatives Alvarez (P.), Fariñas and Suarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 882, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, IN REGARD TO THE USE BY THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF ILOCOS NORTE OF ITS SHARES FROM THE EXCISE TAXES ON LOCALLY MANUFACTURED VIRGINIA-TYPE CIGARETTES OR THE SPECIAL SUPPORT FUND UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7171 FOR A PURPOSE OTHER THAN THOSE PROVIDED FOR BY THE SAID LAW, IN ITS HIGHLY IRREGULAR PURCHASE OF MOTOR VEHICLES MADE THROUGH CASH ADVANCES WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF PUBLIC BIDDINGS FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF SIXTY-SIX MILLION FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (PHP66,450,000.00)”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 883, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING ROMERO DUNO FOR SUCCESSFULLY DEFEATING CHRISTIAN GONZALES FOR THE WBC YOUTH INTERCONTINENTAL LIGHTWEIGHT TITLE IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA ON MARCH 10, 2017”

By Representative Acharon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 171), re H.B. No. 5258, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JULY 4 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS 'ARAW NG LANA DEL NORTE' ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1186

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas and Dimaporo (M.K.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 172), re H.B. No. 5259, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 18 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF IFUGAO, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE 'IFUGAO FOUNDATION DAY' ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1603

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas and Baguilat

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Revision of Laws (Committee Report No. 173), re H.B. No. 5260, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING FEBRUARY 3 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF BIÑAN, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA, TO BE KNOWN AS 'BIÑAN LIBERATION DAY' ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2747

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas and Alonte-Naguiat

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Youth and Sports Development (Committee Report No. 174), re H.R. No. 878, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PERLAS PILIPINAS WOMEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE GOLD MEDAL IN THE 2016 SOUTHEAST ASIAN BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

FOR WOMEN HELD FROM SEPTEMBER 24 TO 26, 2016 IN MALACCA CITY, MALAYSIA”

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolutions Numbered 388, 395 and 397

Sponsors: Representatives Estrella, Sy-Alvarado, Sambar and Roa-Puno

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Youth and Sports Development (Committee Report No. 175), re H.R. No. 879, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING TEAM PHILIPPINES FOR WINNING THREE (3) GOLD AND FIVE (5) BRONZE MEDALS IN THE 10<sup>TH</sup> WORLD TAEKWONDO POOMSAE CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD FROM SEPTEMBER 29 TO OCTOBER 2, 2016 IN LIMA, PERU”

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolution No. 477

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture, the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Ways and Means (Committee Report No. 176), re H.B. No. 5269, entitled:

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

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 34, 246, 448, 1428, 1438, 1558, 1764, 1970, 2616, 2990, 3070, 3276 and 3371

Sponsors: Representatives Escudero, Nograles (K.A.), Cua and Del Mar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

### **APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF CERTAIN HOUSE BILLS UNDER THE BUSINESS FOR THE DAY**

On successive motions of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading the following House Bills calendared under the Business for the Day, as contained in various Committee Reports and submitted by the Committees concerned; dispensed with the reading of the texts of the measures 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. 5241, as contained in Committee Report No. 168 and submitted by the Committee on Revision of Laws, declaring December 8 of every year a special non-working holiday in the entire country to commemorate the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, the principal patroness of the Philippines; and
2. House Bill No. 5269, as contained in Committee Report No. 176 and submitted by the Committees on Basic Education and Culture, Appropriations, and Ways and Means, institutionalizing the National School Feeding Program for public kindergarten and elementary pupils.

### **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. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body approved to refer the following House Resolutions on inquiries in aid of legislation to the appropriate Committees hereunder indicated:

1. House Resolution No. 821, on the impact of the increasing importation of High Fructose Corn Syrup (HFCS) to the domestic sugar industry and the need to review government policies on the importation of HFCS to protect the interests of small farmers, agrarian reform beneficiaries, and the domestic sugar industry – to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;

2. House Resolution No. 823, on the production, quality, roadworthiness, safety, and reliability standards of all public utility vehicles in light of the increasing number and frequency of fatal road accidents – to the Committee on Trade and Industry;
3. House Resolution No. 824, on the progress in the collection of Social Security System (SSS) contributions to address delinquency in remittances and penalties for late remittances; and/or the non-compliance by employers, including cooperatives, with Sections 18, 19 and 22 of the SSS Law – to the Committee on Labor and Employment;
4. House Resolution No. 828, on the nature of employable circumstances of the reported 11.2 million unemployed Filipinos for the last quarter of 2016 – to the Committee on Labor and Employment;
5. House Resolution No. 830, on the Commission on Higher Education Scholarship Program's allowance for identified beneficiaries – to the Committee on Higher and Technical Education;
6. House Resolution No. 833, on the Public Utility Jeepney Modernization Program which contains the questionable jeepney phase-out program of the Department of Transportation and Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board – to the Committee on Transportation;
7. House Resolution No. 837, on the February 24, 2017 extrajudicial killings (EJKs) of farmers Llorendo and Ian Borres by elements of the 61st Infantry Battalion of the Philippine Army in Barangay Jebaca, Maayon, Capiz – to the Committee on Human Rights;
8. House Resolution No. 838, on the February 25, 2017 EJKs of Mr. Gilbert Bancat, peasant leader of Pinagkaisang Lakas ng mga Magbubukid sa Quezon in Hacienda Uy, and farmer Angel Carabot in Barangay San Lorenzo, both in San Andres, Quezon – to the Committee on Public Order and Safety;

9. House Resolution No. 839, on the accident in Tanay, Rizal involving a Panda Coach bus, leading to the death of students of the Bestlink College and improvement of policies and regulations in the conduct of out-of-school activities – to the Committee on Higher and Technical Education;
10. House Resolution No. 840, on the implementation of Republic Act (RA) No. 9163 otherwise known as the National Service Training Program Act of 2002, in light of the pronouncement of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte to restore the mandatory Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) Program for all Filipino males in all colleges and universities in the Philippines – to the Committee on National Defense and Security; and
11. House Resolution No. 882, on the use by the provincial government of Ilocos Norte of its shares from the excise taxes on locally-manufactured Virginia-type cigarettes or the Special Support Fund under RA No. 7171 for a purpose other than those provided for by said law; and the highly irregular purchase of motor vehicles without the benefit of public bidding in the total amount of ₱66,450,000.00 – to the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability.

#### **CONCURRENCE WITH SENATE AMENDMENTS TO CERTAIN HOUSE BILLS**

With the concurrence of the Committee on Legislative Franchises, on successive motions of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body concurred with the Senate amendments to the following House Bills:

1. House Bill No. 4631, entitled: “AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO REPUBLIC BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC., PRESENTLY KNOWN AS GMA NETWORK, INC., UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7252, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE REPUBLIC BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RA-

DIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES”;

and

#### **MANIFESTATION OF REP. TAMBUNTING**

Upon recognition by the Chair, Rep. Gus S. Tambunting expressed his gratitude to the Body for the approval on Second Reading of House Bill No. 5225 or the Free Public Wi-Fi Bill.

#### **CONCURRENCE WITH SENATE AMENDMENTS TO CERTAIN HOUSE BILLS (Continuation)**

2. House Bill No. 4637, entitled: “AN ACT EXTENDING FOR TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO SMART COMMUNICATIONS, INC. (FORMERLY SMART INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES, INC.) AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7294 ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING SMART INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES, INC. (SMART) A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH, INSTALL, MAINTAIN, LEASE AND OPERATE INTEGRATED TELECOMMUNICATIONS/ COMPUTER/ ELECTRONIC SERVICES AND STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES FOR PUBLIC DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.’”

#### **ADOPTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 881**

On successive motions of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body considered House Resolution No. 881, entitled: “RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF FORMER DEPUTY SPEAKER SIM-EON A. DATUMANONG, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECOND DISTRICT OF MAGUINDANAO DURING THE NINTH, TENTH, ELEVENTH, THIRTEENTH, FOURTEENTH AND FIFTEENTH CONGRESSES”; 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**

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until four o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, March 15, 2017.

It was 6:41 p.m.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

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

Approved on March 15, 2017

Congress of the Philippines  
House of Representatives  
Quezon City, Philippines

**MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE****Date: March 14, 2017**

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

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

\* Appeared before/after Roll Call

\*\* On official mission

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

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

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

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