CALL TO ORDER

At 5:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Neptali M. Gonzales II called the session to order.

INVOCATION AND NATIONAL ANTHEM

Rep. Julienne “Jam” Baronda delivered the invocation and thereafter, the Members sang the National Anthem.

DEFERMENT OF ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

On successive motions of Rep. Ria Christina G. Fariñas, 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

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Fariñas, 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 Communications and Committee Reports, which were referred to the appropriate committees indicated hereunder:

BILL ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 4281, entitled:


By Representative Nograles (Juan)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 4282, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AT BARANGAY SAN CARLOS, CITY OF VALENCIA, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON TO BE KNOWN AS SAN CARLOS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Roque
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4283, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AT BARANGAY KAHAPONAN, CITY OF VALENCIA, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON TO BE KNOWN AS KAHAPONAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Roque
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4284, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AT BARANGAY BAGONTAAS, CITY OF VALENCIA, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON TO BE KNOWN AS BAGONTAAS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Roque
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4285, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE IN THE CITY OF BISLIG, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE BISLIG ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF, AND OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Pimentel
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY
House Bill No. 4286, entitled:
“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM AND REORGANIZATION OF THE PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED NINETY-NINE HUNDRED AND NINETY-THREE ENTITLED, 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD AS AN ARMED AND UNIFORMED SERVICE ATTACHED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND communications, THEREBY REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5173, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”
By Representative Pimentel
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 4287, entitled:
“AN ACT STRENGTHENING FURTHER THE PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD (PCG) AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9993 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD LAW OF 2009'”
By Representative Deloso-Montalla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 4288, entitled:
“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NEW PASSPORT LAW, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8239, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996'”
By Representative Hofer
TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 4289, entitled:
“AN ACT DECLARING MARCH 2 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF LA UNION IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDATION ANNIVERSARY TO BE KNOWN AS 'LA UNION DAY’”
By Representative Ortega
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 4290, entitled:
“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF ILOCOS TRAINING AND REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER FROM THREE HUNDRED (300) TO EIGHT HUNDRED (800) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
By Representative Ortega
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4291, entitled:
“AN ACT CLASSIFYING THE SAN FERNANDO BYPASS ROAD AND SAN FERNANDO BYPASS EXTENSION ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF LA UNION, INTO NATIONAL ROADS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
By Representative Ortega
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4292, entitled:
“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE SOUTHERN ISABELA MEDICAL CENTER IN SANTIAGO CITY, PROVINCE OF ISABELA, FROM THREE HUNDRED FIFTY (350) TO SEVEN HUNDRED (700) BEDS, AND INCREASING ITS MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES”
By Representative Tan (Alyssa)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4293, entitled:
“AN ACT FAST TRACKING COUNTRYSIDE DEVELOPMENT BY STRENGTHENING THE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE IN JH CERILLES STATE COLLEGE IN THE CAMPUSES OF MATI, SAN MIGUEL AND DUMINGAG, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”
By Representatives Yu and Babasa
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4294, entitled:
“AN ACT FAST TRACKING COUNTRYSIDE DEVELOPMENT BY UPGRADING THE 15 NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT II OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR INTO NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL AND ESTABLISHING SCIENCE LABORATORY THEREOF, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”
By Representative Babasa
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4295, entitled:
“AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 17 OF EVERY YEAR AS SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS ARAW NG ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR”
By Representative Babasa
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 4296, entitled:
“AN ACT CONVERTING THE LOCALLY-FUNDED NAGPAYONG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PINAGBUHATAN, PASIG CITY, METRO MANILA INTO A NATIONALLY-FUNDED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, RETAINING ITS NAME NAGPAYONG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
By Representative Romulo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4297, entitled:
“AN ACT CONVERTING THE NAGPAYONG HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PINAGBUHATAN, PASIG CITY, METRO MANILA INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS NAGPAYONG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
By Representative Romulo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4298, entitled:
“AN ACT CONVERTING THE PASIG CITY SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MAYBUNGA, PASIG CITY, METRO MANILA INTO A NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS PASIG CITY NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
By Representative Romulo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4299, entitled:
“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL EDUCATION CENTER IN PASIG CITY BEING ATTACHED TO THE PASIG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SAN NICOLAS, PASIG CITY, METRO MANILA TO BE KNOWN AS PASIG CITY SPECIAL EDUCATION (SPED) CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
By Representative Romulo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4300, entitled:
“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) MUNICIPAL TRAINING CENTER IN SAN ANTONIO, QUEZON, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
By Representatives Suarez (David) and Villaraza-Suarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4301, entitled:
“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF DISASTER RESILIENCE DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
By Representatives Suarez (David) and Villaraza-Suarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT

House Bill No. 4302, entitled:
“AN ACT FURTHER EXPANDING THE BENEFITS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, AS AMENDED, LIKewise KNOWN AS THE MAGNA CARTA FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY”
By Representative Crisologo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 4303, entitled:
“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY H-2 IN THE CITY OF DASMARIÑAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE”
By Representative Barzaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT
House Bill No. 4304, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE TO DECLARE CERTAIN AREAS OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN AS STRATEGIC FOR THE SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRY”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 4305, entitled:


By Representative Santos-Recto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 4306, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9502, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE CHEAPER AND QUALITY MEDICINES ACT OF 2008’”

By Representative Tan (Angelina)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 4307, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 2 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7183, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘AN ACT REGULATING THE SALE, MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF FIRECRACKERS AND OTHER PYROTECHNIC DEVICES’”

By Representative Tan (Angelina)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 4308, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALAUAG, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(E) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980’, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Tan (Angelina)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 4309, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7796, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE TESDA ACT OF 1994 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4310, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE STRUCTURES AND OTHER MECHANISMS FOR THE ALLOWANCE OF VOTING IN ALL NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS WITHIN THE PREMISES OF SHOPPING MALLS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 4311, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING EVERY SHOPPING MALL SITUATED AT URBANIZED CITIES IN THE COUNTRY TO PROVIDE FOR A DOG STATION”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 4312, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO ANY OFFICER OR ENLISTED PERSONNEL OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE ON ANY CHARGE BEFORE THE PROSECUTOR’S OFFICE, COURT OR ANY COMPETENT BODY ARISING FROM AN INCIDENT OR INCIDENTS
RELATED TO THE PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL DUTY"
By Representative Hernandez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 4313, entitled:
“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF DISASTER RESILIENCE, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
By Representative Hernandez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE
REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT

House Bill No. 4314, entitled:
“AN ACT INCREASING THE GRANT GIVEN TO SENIOR CITIZENS FROM TWENTY PERCENT (20%) TO TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%) DISCOUNT, FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'AN ACT TO MAXIMIZE THE CONTRIBUTION OF SENIOR CITIZENS TO NATION BUILDING, GRANT BENEFITS AND SPECIAL PRIVILEGES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES'”
By Representative Abueg-Zaldivar
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 4315, entitled:
“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP AND RETURN SERVICE PROGRAM FOR DESERVING STUDENTS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
By Representative Herrera-Dy
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4316, entitled:
“AN ACT REGULATING THE APPLICATION OF LOCAL CHARGES (AT ORIGIN AND DESTINATION) IMPOSED BY INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING LINES TO COMPLY WITH EXISTING LAWS ON OBLIGATIONS AND CONTRACTS AND INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL TERMINOLOGY (INCOTERMS) ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES THEREFOR”
By Representative Herrera-Dy
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 4317, entitled:
“AN ACT SEPARATING THE REGULATORY AND COMMERCIAL FUNCTIONS OF THE PHILIPPINE PORTS AUTHORITY (PPA) BY CONVERTING IT INTO PHILIPPINE PORTS CORPORATION FOR DEVELOPMENT, MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF PUBLIC PORTS WITHIN ITS SYSTEM AND TRANSFERRING THE REGULATORY FUNCTIONS TO THE MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY (MARINA)”
By Representative Herrera-Dy
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 4318, entitled:
“THE REVISED ANIMAL WELFARE ACT OF THE PHILIPPINES, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE ANIMAL WELFARE BUREAU UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO INSTITUTIONALIZE AND STRENGTHEN THE IMPLEMENTATION, GOVERN ITS OPERATION AND ITS ENFORCEMENT”
By Representative Herrera-Dy
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 4319, entitled:
“AN ACT AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 146, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'PUBLIC SERVICE ACT' TOWARDS PUBLIC INTEREST AND OTHER PURPOSES”
By Representative Herrera-Dy
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 4320, entitled:
“AN ACT GRANTING CIVIL SERVICE ELIGIBILITY TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, GRANTING CONDITIONS, WHOSE STATUS OF APPOINTMENT IS EITHER CASUAL OR CONTRACTUAL AND WHO HAVE RENDERED A TOTAL OF FIVE (5) YEARS OF EFFICIENT SERVICE”
By Representative Herrera-Dy
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 4321, entitled:
“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF
DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE AMONG HIGH RISK YOUTH”
By Representative Herrera-Dy
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 4322, entitled:
“AN ACT CREATING THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SYSTEM FOR PERSONS WITH HEARING DISABILITIES AND PERSONS WITH SPEECH DISABILITIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”
By Representative Herrera-Dy
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 4323, entitled:
“AN ACT CREATING ADDITIONAL DIVISIONS IN THE COURT OF APPEALS, INCREASING THE NUMBER OF COURT OF APPEALS JUSTICES FROM SIXTY-NINE (69) TO SEVENTY-EIGHT (78), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”
By Representative Tolentino
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 302, entitled:
“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ANOMALIES AND VIOLATIONS SURROUNDING THE RENEWAL PROCESS FOR THE FINANCIAL OR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT (FTAA) OF OCEANAGOLD PHILIPPINES INC. (OGPI)”
By Representatives Cullamat, Zarate, Gaite, Castro (France), Brosas and Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 303, entitled:
“RESOLUTION HONORING THE LATE BUSINESSMAN AND PHILANTHROPIST DOMINIC LIM SYTIN AND COMMENDING THE EXEMPLARY EFFORT OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE TO SUPPORT THE IMMEDIATE PURSUIT OF JUSTICE FOR THE BEREAVED FAMILY”
By Representatives Ong (Ronnie), Delos Santos, Santos-Recto, Gonzales (Aurelio), Robes, Torres-Gomez, Romulo, Cua and Pimentel
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 304, entitled:
“A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE PROPRIETY AND LEGALITY OF MANDATING PASSENGERS AT THE PUBLIC PORT OF DANAO CITY TO PASS THROUGH THE PRIVATE WAITING LOUNGE OF SANDS GATEWAY MALL, DANAO CITY, CEBU, AND TO PAY LOUNGE FEES IN ADDITION TO TERMINAL FEES, UNJUSTLY ADDING FINANCIAL BURDEN AND UNDULY HAMPERING PASSENGERS’ CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO TRAVEL”
By Representative Frasco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 305, entitled:
“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE AUGUST 3, 2019 SEA TRAGEDY AT THE GUIMARAS-ILIOILO STRAIT, WHICH RESULTED IN THE LOSS OF THIRTY-ONE (31) LIVES AND A MARITIME TRANSPORT CRISIS IN THE ENTIRE PROVINCE OF GUIMARAS, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF LEGISLATING MEASURES TO PREVENT THE RECURRENCE OF FUTURE MARITIME TRAGEDIES AND ITS OTHER EFFECTS”
By Representative Nava
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 306, entitled:
“RESOLUTION URGING THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT TO STUDY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN AMBUCYCLE SYSTEM AS A NATIONWIDE FIRST RESPONDER”
By Representative Defensor (Michael)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT
House Resolution No. 307, entitled:


By Representatives Suarez (David), Villaraza-Suarez and Suarez (Aleta)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 308, entitled:

“RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING THE METROBANK FOUNDATION OUTSTANDING FILIPINOS OF 2019”

By Representatives Cayetano (Alan Peter), Romualdez (Ferdinand), Romulo, Go (Mark), Tupas and Bravo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated June 28, 2019 of Nuni A. Cantillo, State Auditor IV, Audit Team Leader, Audit Team R5-04, Stand Alone Agencies, Commission on Audit, transmitting to the House of Representatives copy of CY 2018 Annual Audit Reports on the following Colleges:
1. Camarines Sur Polytechnic Colleges, Nabua, Camarines Sur; and
2. Bicol State College of Applied Sciences and Technology, Naga City, Camarines Sur.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated July 15, 2019 of Evelyn S. Maraño, State Auditor V, Supervising Auditor, Regional Satellite Audit Office – Negros Island and Siquijor, Corporate Government Sector III, Commission on Audit, furnishing the House of Representatives with two copies of the 2017-2018 Biennial Audit Reports on the following Water Districts (WDs):
1. Binalbagan Water District, Binalbagan, Negros Occidental;
2. Escalante Water District, Escalante City, Negros Occidental;
3. Manapla Water District, Manapla, Negros Occidental; and
4. Sagay Water District, Sagay City, Negros Occidental.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated July 29, 2019 of Michael G. Aguinaldo, Chairperson, Commission on Audit, furnishing the House of Representatives with copies of the CY 2018 Annual Audit Reports on the following government agencies:
1. Department of Agriculture;
2. Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources;
3. Agricultural Credit Policy Council;
4. Philippine Fiber Industry Development Authority;
5. Philippine Council for Agriculture and Fisheries;
7. Department of Environment and Natural Resources;
8. Environmental Management Bureau;
9. Mines and Geosciences Bureau;
10. National Mapping and Resource Information Authority;
11. National Water Resources Board;
12. Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission;
13. Department of Agrarian Reform;
14. Department of Trade and Industry;
15. Board of Investments;
16. Philippine Trade Training Center;
17. Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines;
18. Design Center of the Philippines; and

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated August 2, 2019 of Michael G. Aguinaldo, Chairperson, Commission on Audit, furnishing the House of Representatives with copies of the
CY 2018 Consolidated/Annual Audit Reports (AARs) on the following government agencies:

A. Consolidated Annual Audit Report
   1. Road Board (MVUC Funds).

B. Annual Audit Reports
   1. Department of Energy;
   2. Energy Regulatory Commission;
   3. Intramuros Administration;
   4. National Parks Development Committee;
   5. Toll Regulatory Board;
   6. Civil Aeronautics Board;
   7. Office of Transportation Cooperatives;
   8. Office for Transportation Security;
   9. Maritime Industry Authority;
   10. Philippine Coast Guard; and
   11. Metropolitan Manila Development Authority.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated August 2, 2019 of Maria Gleda E. Lim, State Auditor V, Supervising Auditor, Audit Groups CGS I and II-Water Districts and Other CGS Stand Alone Agencies, Regional Office No. VI, Commission on Audit, furnishing the House of Representatives a copy of the Annual Audit Report on the Banate Water District, Banate, Iloilo, for the years ended December 31, 2015 to 2018.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated August 5, 2019 of Susan C. Ramirez, Director III, OIC-Regional Director, Regional Office No. II, Commission on Audit, furnishing the House of Representatives with copies of the CY 2018 Annual Audit Reports, Management Letters and CY 2017-2018 Biennial Audit Reports on the following Water Districts:

A. Annual Audit Reports
   1. Abulug Water District, Abulug, Cagayan;
   2. Amulung Water District, Amulung, Cagayan;
   3. Aparri Water District, Aparri, Cagayan;
   4. Gattaran Water District, Gattaran, Cagayan;
   5. Lal-lo Water District, Lal-lo, Cagayan;
   6. Metropolitan Tuguegarao Water District, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan;
   7. Peñablanca Water District, Peñablanca, Cagayan;
   8. Angadanan Water District, Angadanan, Isabela;
   9. Aurora Water District, Aurora, Isabela;
   10. Benito Soliven Water District, Benito Soliven, Isabela;
   11. Cabagan Water District, Cabagan, Isabela;
   12. City of Ilagan Water District, Ilagan City, Isabela;
   13. Cordon Water District, Cordon, Isabela;
   14. Reina Mercedes Water District, Reina Mercedes, Isabela;
   15. Roxas Water District, Roxas, Isabela;
   16. Santiago Water District, Santiago City, Isabela;
   17. Diffun Water District, Diffun, Quirino;
   18. Maddela Water District, Maddela, Quirino; and

B. Management Letters
   1. Calayan Water District, Calayan, Cagayan (CY 2017-2018);
   2. Lasam Water District, Lasam, Cagayan (CY 2017-2018); and
   3. Luna Water District, Luna, Isabela (CY 2018).

C. Biennial Audit Reports (CY 2017-2018)
   1. Claveria Water District, Claveria, Cagayan;
   2. Gonzaga Water District, Gonzaga, Cagayan;
   3. Sanchez Mira Water District, Sanchez Mira, Cagayan;
   4. Santa Ana Water District, Santa Ana, Cagayan;
   5. Sta. Praxedes Water District, Sta. Praxedes, Cagayan;
   6. Alicia Water District, Alicia, Isabela;
   7. Gamu Water District, Gamu, Isabela;
   8. Naguilian Water District, Naguilian, Isabela;
   9. San Manuel Water District, San Manuel, Isabela;
   10. Tumauini Water District, Tumauini, Isabela;
   11. Cauayan City Water District, Cauayan City, Isabela;
   12. Ramon Water District, Ramon, Isabela;
   13. San Guillermo Water District, San Guillermo, Isabela;
   14. Aglipay Water District, Aglipay, Quirino; and
   15. Diadi Water District, Diadi, Nueva Vizcaya.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated August 13, 2019 of Maria Gleda E. Lim, State Auditor V, Supervising Auditor, Audit Groups CGS I and II-Water Districts and Other CGS Stand Alone Agencies, Regional Office No. VI, Commission on Audit, furnishing the House of Representatives a copy of the Annual Audit Report on the Metro Kalibo Water District, Andagao, Kalibo, Aklan, for the years ended December 31, 2016 to 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORT

Report of the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 8), re H.B. No. 4228, entitled:

“AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FROM JANUARY ONE TO DECEMBER THIRTY-ONE, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Ungab, Cayetano (Alan Peter), Romualdez (Ferdinand), Ermita-Buhain, Saavedra, Cua, Cojuangco, Tejado, Violago, Vargas, Gasataya, Sy-Alvarado, Jalojrojos, Saunsing (Horacio), Matugas, Garcia (Jose Enrique), Gonzaga, Biazon, Nuñez-Malanyaon, Haresco, Cuasesma, Uy (Juliette), Macapagal Arroyo, Daza, Limkaichong, Zubiri, Sagasarbarria, Bautista-Bandigan, Calderon, Duavit, Dalipe, Campos, Suarez (David), Go (Ed), Gonzalez, Farinas (Rudys Caesar), Momo, Frasco and Zamora (Way Kurat)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ROLL CALL

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

Abante
Abaya
Abellanosa
Abu
Abueg-Zaldivar
Acop
Acosta
Advincula
Agarao
Aglipay
Albano (A.)
Almario
Balindong
Barba
Baronda
Barzaga
Bascug
Bautista
Bautista-Bandigan
Belmonte
Benitez
Bernal
Biazon
Billones
Biron
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo
Brosas
Bult
Bustos
Cabatbat
Cabohan
Cabeza
Cagas
Calderon
Calixto
Caminero
Campos
Canama
Caoagdan
Cari
Castelo
Castro (F.L.)
Castro (F.H.)
Cayetano (A.P.)
Cayetano (M.L.)
Celeste
Chatto
Chipeco
Chungalao
Co (A.N.)
Co (E.)
Collantes
Cua
Cuatesma
Cullamat
Dagooc
Dalipe
Dalip
De Jesus
De Venecia
Defensor (L.)
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With 239 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix)

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL NO. 15

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Wilter “Sharky” Wee Palma II, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 15 dated September 3, 2019.

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING

OF HOUSE BILL NO. 300

With leave of the House, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the approval on Third Reading of House Bill No. 300, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on September 5, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the Provisional Rules of the House.

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

“AN ACT FURTHER PROMOTING THE ENTRY OF FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENTS IN THE COUNTRY BY AMENDING SECTIONS 4 AND 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7042, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'FOREIGN INVESTMENTS ACT OF 1991'.”

The Chair then directed the Secretary General to call the Roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Provisional Rules of the House, a second Roll Call was made.

MANIFESTATION OF

REPRESENTATIVE CASTRO (F.L.)

During the nominal voting, Rep. France L. Castro manifested her intent to explain her negative vote.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

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**Negative:**

**Abstention:**
With 201 affirmative votes, six negative votes, and seven abstentions, the Body approved House Bill No. 300 on Third Reading.

**QUERY OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA**

Rep. Jose L. Atienza Jr. asked the Secretariat to repeat the voting as he noted the difference between the roll call result of 239 Members and the total of 214 Members who participated in the voting. He then asked if the remaining 22 Members boycotted the voting process.

The Chair explained that several Members were on official business in Malacañang as part of the delegation welcoming the President of Singapore; hence the said Members were considered present although they would not be able to vote.

Moreover, he said that Representative Atienza would be provided with the needed information later after the voting process which he stressed should not be interrupted unless he was explaining his vote. The Chair said that he would respond to the matter but he would have to recognize Rep. France L. Castro who earlier reserved her right to explain her vote.

**EXPLANATION OF VOTES**

The following Members explained their votes:

1. Representative Castro (F.L.) voted “No” to House Bill No. 300 as she opined that it did not undergo thorough consultation with the affected sectors such as the consumer groups, the MSMEs and government agencies; it would bring in foreign investors which are more experienced and technologically advanced to compete with small local businesses; it would not address the real problem of providing proper support to small Filipino entrepreneurs; and it would violate the mandate of the Constitution for the State to uphold the development of Filipino professionals, scientists, and intellectuals.

2. Rep. Manuel F. Zubiri explained his vote of abstention by saying that he had no arguments with regard to the contents of the Bill except that the threshold of US $200,000 paid-in equity capital reserved for small and medium local enterprises and at the same time allowing foreign investments with US $100,000 paid-in capital with a requirement of at least 15 employees only, would attract more of foreign investors and could adversely affect the local small to medium size businesses.

**QUERY OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA**

(Continuation)

On motion of Representative Palma, the Chair recognized Representative Atienza who reiterated his previous request for the Secretariat to announce the Members who were considered officially absent and did not vote, for an accurate documentation of the plenary proceedings.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

To give time for the Secretariat to comply with the request of Representative Atienza, the Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 6:17 p.m.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 6:17 p.m.

**MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA**

Recognized by the Chair upon Representative Palma’s motion, Representative Atienza requested the Secretariat to announce again the number of Members who responded to the Roll Call, to which the Chair stated that he announced earlier that 239 Members were present. Representative Atienza then said he had a copy of the official list of the 22 Members who might not have answered the roll call but were still considered present.

After stressing the need for an honest roll call count so as to maintain the integrity of the procedures of the House, Representative Atienza pointed out for the record that only a total of 236 Members participated in the voting as opposed to the attendance count of 239 Members reported by the Secretariat, which he said could be questioned in another forum.

**REMARKS OF THE CHAIR**

Deputy Speaker Gonzales (N.) explained that Members who are on official business are considered present in the roll call count. He added that it could be possible that some of the Members who responded to the roll call did not participate in the voting.
On a subsequent motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the approval on Third Reading of House Bill No. 304, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on September 5, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the Provisional Rules of the House.

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


The Chair then directed the Secretary General to call the Roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Provisional Rules of the House, a second Roll Call was made.

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Gonzales (N.) relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Roberto V. Puno.

MANIFESTATIONS OF CERTAIN MEMBERS

During the voting, Representative Castro (F. L.) reserved her right to explain her negative vote while Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago said she would submit a written explanation of her vote.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

**Affirmative:**

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- Abueg-Zaldivar
- Acop
- Acosta
- Aglipay
- Angara
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- Marcoleta

- Amante-Matba
- Amatong
With 186 affirmative votes, six negative votes, and two abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 304 or the Passive Income and Financial Intermediary Taxation Act (PIFITA) because they believed that the reduction in the final tax rate on passive income would only favor big investors and stock market players, while for ordinary Filipinos, the said tax reduction would be offset by the taxes collected from them under the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion or TRAIN Law.

2. Representative Castro (F.L.) expressed her disapproval of House Bill No. 304 because it removes the exemptions of mutual savings banks and other small, nonprofit financial institutions; worsens the existing regressive tax system as the reduction in various taxes benefits the rich who have access to financial intermediaries; and grants huge tax breaks to giant corporations, the effects of which are much like that of the proposed Corporate Income Tax and Incentives Rationalization Act or CITIRA.

3. Rep. Eufemia “Ka Femia” C. Cullamat condemned PIFITA as wrong, immoral and a shameless legislation as it is favorable only to big depositors and any loss as a result of the reduction in their taxes will be countered by imposing indirect taxes on ordinary people and taxes on consumer goods.

TRANSMITTAL TO THE SENATE OF HOUSE BILLS NO. 300 AND 304

On a subsequent motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body directed the Secretary General to immediately transmit to the Senate copies of House Bills No. 300 and 304 that had just been approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL NO. 16

On motion of Representative Collantes, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 16 dated September 4, 2019.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Representative Collantes acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Leonardo L. Babasa Jr. and the Representatives of Quezon City.
ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

On motion of Rep. Camille A. Villar, 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 Resolutions, including the Committee Reports, which were referred to the committee indicated hereunder:

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 309, entitled:
“A RESOLUTION URGING THE PROPER COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE NEW CENTENNIAL WATER SOURCE-KALIWA DAM PROJECT (NCWS-KDP) AND ITS ALLEGED ANOMALOUS AWARD TO CHINA ENERGY ENGINEERING CO. LIMITED”
By Representative Nograles (Juan)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 310, entitled:
“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO FOR INAUGURATING IN QUEZON CITY ITS WORLD-CLASS MUSEUM THAT SHOWCASES ITS HISTORY AND RELIGIOUS HERITAGE”
By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 311, entitled:
“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO FOR SETTING A NEW WORLD RECORD FOR THE MOST NUMBER OF PEOPLE BAPTIZED AT 18,272 FOR ITS GRAND BAPTISM HELD AT THE CIUDAD DE VICTORIA IN BOCAUE, BULACAN ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2019”
By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 312, entitled:
“A RESOLUTION HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF DR. GEORGE SIAO KIAN TY, AN OUTSTANDING FILIPINO, PHILANTHROPIST, AND BUSINESS LEADER”
By Representatives Cayetano (Alan Peter) and Romualdez (Ferdinand)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Legislative Franchises (Committee Report No. 6), re H.B. No. 4436, entitled:
“AN ACT GRANTING THE LANAO DEL NORTE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF ELECTRIC POWER TO THE END-USERS IN ALL THE MUNICIPALITIES OF THE PROVINCE OF LANAO DEL NORTE”
recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2283
Sponsors: Representatives Alvarez (Franz), Dimaporo (Khalid) and Dimaporo (Abdullah)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Legislative Franchises (Committee Report No. 7), re H.B. No. 4437, entitled:
“AN ACT GRANTING THE BICOL LIGHT AND POWER CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE, OWN, MANAGE, AND MAINTAIN A POWER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF ELECTRIC POWER TO THE END USERS IN THE TOWNS OF BAAO, BALATAN, BATO, BUHI, BULA, NABUA, AND THE CITY OF IRIGA, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”
recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 407
Sponsors: Representatives Alvarez (Franz) and Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Legislative Franchises (Committee Report No. 9), re H.B. No. 4463, entitled:
“AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO FIRST UNITED BROADCASTING CORPORATION (FUBC), PRESENTLY
KNOWN AS GLOBAL SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES INC., AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8079, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING THE FIRST UNITED BROADCASTING CORPORATION (FUBC) A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS ANYWHERE IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’”

representing its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3400

Sponsors: Representatives Alvarez (Franz) and Gonzales (Aurelio)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 4157

On motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body resumed the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 4157 contained in Committee Report No. 2 submitted by the Committees on Committee on Ways and Means, and Appropriations.

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


Representative Palma stated that the Bill was in the period of individual amendments. The Chair then recognized the chairperson of the Committee on Ways and Means, Rep. Joey Sarte Salceda, to sponsor the Bill, and Rep. Estrellita B. Suansing to introduce her individual amendments.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
OF REPRESENTATIVE SUANSGING (E.)

Representative Suansing proposed an amendment on page 2 of the Bill, which the sponsor accepted.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

However, upon request of Representative Salceda, the Chair suspended the session at 7:12 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session was resumed at 7:14 p.m.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE PALMA

Given that Rep. Stella Luz A. Quimbo had already started to present her individual amendments on the measure, Representative Palma moved that the latter be recognized first before Representative Suansing (E).

Thereupon, the Chair recognized Representative Quimbo for her proposed amendments.

AMENDMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVE QUIMBO

As proposed by Representative Quimbo and accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body approved the amendments on pages 47 and 50 of House Bill No. 4157.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Representative Palma, the Chair suspended the session at 7:16 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session was resumed at 7:17 p.m.

AMENDMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE QUIMBO

As further proposed by Representative Quimbo and accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body approved the amendment on page 51.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE QUIMBO

At this point, Representative Quimbo noted that on page 55, there could be two different interpretations of the phrase “after income tax holiday period has lapsed,” depending on whether a registered activity is already under the gross income earnings or GIE regime.
SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Representative Palma, the Chair suspended the session at 7:19 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 7:20 p.m.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE SALCEDA

Representative Salceda said that there are provisions of the Bill which clarify the ambiguity mentioned by Representative Quimbo.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Palma, the Chair recognized Representative Suansing (E.) for her proposed amendments.

AMENDMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVE SUANSING (E.)

As accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body approved the individual amendments proposed by Representative Suansing on pages 18, 19, 20, 40, 60, 61, and 67 of House Bill No. 4157.

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no other individual amendments, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of amendment.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4157, AS AMENDED

On motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body approved, through viva voce voting, House Bill No. 4157 on Second Reading, as amended.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS

Representative Brosas spoke about the adverse effect of Republic Act No. 11203 or the Rice Tariffication and Liberalization Law that resulted to significant drop in the price of local rice in the country. She said that the competition with, and monitoring on the volume of, imported rice even worsened the already poor conditions of Filipino farmers. She also highlighted the difficulty of farming women and mothers who had relied on NFA rice, which was also badly affected by imported rice.

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Puno relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Deogracias Victor “DV” B. Savellano.

Thereafter, Representative Brosas urged the government to focus on rice production support, development of irrigation, food security for the country through stable supply of rice, and an end to rice importation. She also recommended for the government’s withdrawal of membership from the World Trade Organization and setting of price control on rice in the country. Lastly, she called upon the Body’s support for House Bills No. 476, 477, and 239.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS

On motion of Representative Villar, there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Brosas’ privilege speech to the Committee on Rules.

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PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ELAGO

Representative Elago spoke about the worsening state of public transportation in the country, citing the recent suspension of the Metro Rail Transit Line 3 (MRT 3) operations due to lack of power supply, thus affecting thousands of commuters and resulting to traffic congestion along EDSA. She then recommended for an investigation on the said incident; and stressed that the lack of a safe and systematic mass transportation was somehow...
a disregard of the conditions of the people. She stressed that the government should immediately address this problem because of its health, social and economic implications.

Stating that there are studies from different institutions that can be used in solving the problems on mass transportation and mobility, she enjoined her colleagues to craft laws that would promote a humane transportation system which could improve the conditions of the commuters in particular and the entire nation in general.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ELAGO

On motion of Representative Villar, there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Elago’s privilege speech to the Committee on Rules.

TERMINATION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Villar, there being no objection, the Body terminated the Privilege Hour.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Thereafter, the session was suspended at 7:53 p.m. upon motion of Representative Palma.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 7:54 p.m.

ADOPTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

On successive motions of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body considered the following House Resolutions; dispensed with the reading of the texts of the measures without prejudice to their insertion into the records of the House; and unanimously adopted the same:

1. House Resolution No. 308, entitled: “RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING THE METROBANK FOUNDATION OUTSTANDING FILIPINOS OF 2019,” in consolidation with House Resolutions No. 264 and 281; and

2. House Resolution No. 312, entitled: “A RESOLUTION HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF DR. GEORGE SIAO KIAN TY, AN OUTSTANDING FILIPINO, PHILANTHROPIST, AND BUSINESS LEADER.”

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE PALMA

Thereupon, Representative Palma informed the Body that there would be a Majority caucus at one o’clock in the afternoon the next day to be held at Nograles Hall, South Wing Annex building.

The Chair noted the manifestation of Representative Palma.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until two o’clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, September 10, 2019.

It was 7:56 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

JOSE LUIS G. MONTALES
Secretary General

Approved on September 11, 2019.
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ONG (R.)                SUANSING (E.)                ZARATE
ORTEGA                SUANSING (H.)                ZUBIRI
***        OUANO-DIZON                SUAREZ (A.)

*        Appeared after the Roll Call
**        Section 71, Rule XI of the Rules of the House
        (Attended committee meetings as authorized by the Committee on Rules/Attended meetings of the CA, HRET, or bicameral conference committees/
        On official mission as approved by the Speaker)
***        Officially notified the House, through the Secretariat, of their absence
****        Absent without notice

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