CALL TO ORDER

At 3:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Deogracias Victor “DV” B. Savellano called the session to order.

INVOCATION AND NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Members observed a minute of silent prayer and thereafter sang the National Anthem.

DEFERMENT OF ROLL CALL

On motion of Rep. Juan Miguel Macapagal Arroyo, there being no objection, the Body deferred the calling of the Roll.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, 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. 4697, entitled:
“AN ACT CREATING A COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL NUTRITION PROGRAM, TO PROMOTE PHYSICAL, MORAL, SPIRITUAL, INTELLECTUAL, AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING OF THE NATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”
By Representative Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4698, entitled:
“AN ACT MANDATING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A RAINWATER HARVESTING FACILITY IN ALL NEW INSTITUTIONAL, COMMERCIAL, AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN METRO MANILA”
By Representative Nieto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON METRO MANILA DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 4699, entitled:
“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL IN CIUDAD DE STRIKE IN BARANGAY MOLINO I, CITY OF BACOOR, PROVINCE OF CAVITE TO BE KNOWN AS CIUDAD DE STRIKE INTEGRATED SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”
By Representative Revilla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4700, entitled:
“AN ACT CREATING A SATELLITE OFFICE OF THE MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY IN VIGAN CITY, ILOCOS SUR INTO AN EXTENSION OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
By Representative Savellano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 4701, entitled:
“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE ILOCOS SUR SPORTS TRAINING CENTER TO BE LOCATED IN VIGAN CITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
By Representative Savellano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 4702, entitled:
By Representative Matugas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4703, entitled:
“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF MATERIEL, SYSTEMS, FACILITIES, INTEGRATED MILITARY SYSTEMS AND SERVICES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND ITS BUREAUS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”
By Representative Tupas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 4704, entitled:
“AN ACT CONVERTING THE PRIMARY CARE FACILITY IN SAWATA, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ISIDRO, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE, INTO A TEN (10)-BED CAPACITY WARD EXTENSION (INFIRMARY) OF THE DAVAO REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, TAGUM CITY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE DAVAO REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER INFIRMARY”
By Representative Alvarez (Pantaleon)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4705, entitled:
“AN ACT TO ENSURE EASIER COMMUTING BY ESTABLISHING A NETWORK OF SUSTAINABLE ELEVATED WALKWAYS ALONG ALL MAJOR PUBLIC THOROUGHFARES IN HIGH DENSITY URBAN AREAS, ESTABLISHING APPROPRIATE INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”
By Representative Reyes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4706, entitled:
“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SUSTAINABLE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM BY AMENDING PERTINENT LAWS ON THE RETIREMENT BENEFITS AND PENSION OF THE UNIFORMED PERSONNEL OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”
By Representative Tambunting
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 4707, entitled:
“AN ACT ORDAINING THE MODERNIZATION OF THE BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION (BFP)”
By Representative Tambunting
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 4708, entitled:
“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”
By Representative Tambunting
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 4709, entitled:
“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF DISASTER RESILIENCE, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
By Representative Tambunting
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 354, entitled:
“RESOLUSYONG NANANAWAGAN PARA SA AGARANG PAG-IMBISTIGA SA PAGPATAY KAY LEONIDES BACONG, LOKAL NA LIDER NG KILUSANG MAGBUBUKID NG PILIPINAS SA BUKIDNON”
By Representatives Cullamat, Zarate, Gaite, Brosas, Castro (France) and Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 355, entitled:
“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THROUGH THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE KILLING
OF FARMER ANGELITO MARIVAO
IN SITIO LAGDIK, BRGY. MABUHAY,
BUKIDNON"
By Representatives Cullamat, Zarate, Gaite,
Brosas, Castro (France) and Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 356, entitled:
“RESOLUTION HONORING OUR FILIPINO
TEACHERS ON THE OCCASION OF THE
2019 NATIONAL TEACHERS’ MONTH”
By Representative Go (Mark)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND
CULTURE

House Resolution No. 357, entitled:
“A RESOLUTION HONORING FILIPINO
TEACHERS ON THE OCCASION OF THE
2019 NATIONAL TEACHERS’ MONTH
(NTM)”
By Representative Siao
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND
CULTURE

House Resolution No. 358, entitled:
“A RESOLUTION HONORING FILIPINO
TEACHERS ON THE OCCASION OF THE
2019 NATIONAL TEACHERS’ MONTH
(NTM)”
By Representative Romulo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND
CULTURE

House Resolution No. 359, entitled:
“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE
COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND
AMUSEMENT TO ENSURE THAT
THE BIDDING FOR THE PHILIPPINE
LOTTERY SYSTEM (PLS) OF THE
PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSKATES
OFFICE (PCSO) SHALL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAWS AND BEST
PRACTICES IN ORDER TO PROMOTE
THE PRUDENT USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS
AND THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE
FILIPINO POOR”
By Representative Ong (Ronnie)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND
AMUSEMENTS

House Joint Resolution No. 18, entitled:
“A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A
SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET OF FIFTEEN
BILLION PESOS (P15,000,000,000) TO
BE IMMEDIATELY RELEASED TO THE
NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY (NFA)
AND DIRECTING THE LATTER TO
EXCLUSIVELY USE THE AMOUNT TO
URGENTLY PROCUREMENT AT LEAST 750,000
METRIC TONS OF PALAY FROM LOCAL
FARMERS AT THE FARM GATE PRICE OF
TWENTY PESOS (P20) PER KILOGRAM,
AND SELL THE NFA RICE AT TWENTY-
SEVEN PESOS (P27) PER KILOGRAM IN
ORDER TO EASE THE DIRE IMPACTS
OF THE RICE LIBERALIZATION AND
TARIFFICATION LAW”
By Representatives Brosas, Zarate, Gaite,
Cullamat, Castro (France), Elago, Enverga,
Ramirez-Sato, Deloso-Montalla, Cabatbat,
Singson, Belmonte, Umalis (Ma. Victoria),
Paduano, Caminero, Sagarbarria, Chatto,
Ty, Sadalan, Amatong, Legarda, Mariano-
Hernandez, Acop, Loyola, Tambunting,
Tallado, Nolasco, Suarez (David), Dagoc,
Guya, Saulog, Sangcopan, Balindong,
Matba, Ecleo, Arenas, Villanueva (Noel),
Co (Elizaldy), Cabochan, Chungalaao, Barba,
Valmayor, Ferrer (Juliet), Cueva, Abante,
Bagatsing, Zubiri, De Venecia, Garin
(Janette), Nuñez-Malanyaon, Romualdo,
Cua and Dy (Faustino Michael)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated September 5, 2019 of Rey Leonardo
B. Guerrero, Commissioner, Department of
Finance, Bureau of Customs, submitting their
Report on the Accomplishments and Reforms in
the Bureau of Customs for the first half of 2019.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Letter dated 6 September 2019 of Sec. Adelino
B. Sitoy, LLB, LLM, Presidential Adviser on
Legislative Affairs and Head, PLLO, submitting their Quarterly Physical Report of Operations (BAR No. 1) as of June 30, 2019.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES


TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FY 2016 Financial Reports, List of articles published and posted by the Philippine News Agency from October 2018 to July 2019, Social Media Accounts and Expenses and Number of Contract of Service, Contractual and Casual Employees of Presidential Communications Operations Office.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated 12 September 2019 of Benjamin E. Diokno, Governor, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), submitting their Report on Economic and Financial Developments in the Philippines, Second Quarter 2019, pursuant to Section 21 (a) of Republic Act No. 11211.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letter dated 12 September 2019 of Benjamin E. Diokno, Governor, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), submitting their Report on Philippine External Debt as of 30 June 2019, which were noted by the Monetary Board on 12 September 2019.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letter dated 13 September 2019 of Donald B. Robles, Acting Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), furnishing the House of Representatives with duly certified and authenticated BSP issuances, to wit:

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY SOUTH SIGNAL VILLAGE IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 456
Sponsors: Representatives Villanueva (Noel) and Cayetano (Maria Laarni)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 24), re H.B. No. 4751, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY LA MEDALLA IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PIODURAN, PROVINCE OF ALBAY”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3145
Sponsors: Representatives Villanueva (Noel) and Cabredo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 25), re H.B. No. 4752, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY CENTRAL BICUTAN IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 358
Sponsors: Representatives Villanueva (Noel) and Cayetano (Maria Laarni)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 26), re H.B. No. 4753, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY NORTH SIGNAL VILLAGE IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 355
Sponsors: Representatives Villanueva (Noel) and Cayetano (Maria Laarni)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 27), re H.B. No. 4754, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY TANYAG IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG”

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 23), re H.B. No. 4750, entitled:
recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 350
Sponsors: Representatives Villanueva (Noel) and Cayetano (Maria Laarni)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

PRIVILEGE HOUR

The day being a Monday, on successive motions of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, there being no objection, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour and thereafter recognized Rep. Manuel F. Zubiri for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH
OF REPRESENTATIVE ZUBIRI

In his speech, Representative Zubiri emphasized the importance of safe and clean drinking water in the country especially in far-flung areas. Despite existing programs, he called on the government and the private sector to provide more funds for programs on water supply and sanitation such as building of water filtration systems and desalination plants, to prevent the spread of diseases like diarrhea and dysentery.

Representative Zubiri asked his colleagues for support as he emphasized that water is life and a human right.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS


Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo, the Chair recognized Senior Deputy Majority Leader Jesus Crispin C. Remulla for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF SENIOR DEPUTY MAJORITY LEADER REMULLA

Representatives Zubiri and Remulla both recognized the pressing need for clean water and hence agreed on the creation of a Department of Water to take the lead in addressing the said concern and other issues related to water supply and sanitation in the Philippines.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Romualdo, the Chair recognized Rep. Jose L. Atienza Jr. for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA

Representative Atienza initially commended his colleague for speaking about the growing problem of water shortage in the country, not only for irrigation but also of potable water which remains to be one of the highest priced in Asia. He then expressed his disappointment on the government’s inaction regarding his continuing call for it to address the failure of the two water concessionaires operating in Metro Manila to provide water treatment facilities. He said that at the proper time, he would urge his colleagues to cancel the contracts of the said concessionaires for not delivering their part of the agreement.

Representative Atienza stressed that the problem was not lack of funding but corruption. Moreover, he suggested looking into the statement of Sen. Emmanuel D. Pacquiao that drinking water should be made free for all. He also proposed that instead of a private corporation, the government should be the one to handle the country’s water system.

SUSPENSION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

Representative Romualdo then moved that the Body suspend the Privilege Hour which would resume after the Roll Call. There being no objection, the Body approved the same.

ROLL CALL

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Romualdo, there being no objection, the Body directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abante
Abaya
Abueg-Zaldivar
Abunda
Acop
Acosta
Acosta-Alba
Adiong
Advincula
Agabas
Agarao
Aglipay
Aguinaldo
Albano (A.)

Almario
Alonte
Alvarez (G.)
Amatong
Angara
Aragon
Arenas
Arroyo
Atienza
Babasa
Balindong
Barba
Barbers
Baronda
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bascug</th>
<th>Ebcas</th>
<th>Marcoleta</th>
<th>Saulog</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Bautista</td>
<td>Elago</td>
<td>Mariano-Hernandez</td>
<td>Savellano</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bautista-Bandigan</td>
<td>Enverga</td>
<td>Mariño</td>
<td>Siao</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Belmonte</td>
<td>Erice</td>
<td>Marquez</td>
<td>Silverio</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Benitez</td>
<td>Eriguel</td>
<td>Martinez</td>
<td>Singson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bernos</td>
<td>Ermita-Buhain</td>
<td>Matugas</td>
<td>Singson-Meehan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Biazon</td>
<td>Escudero</td>
<td>Momo</td>
<td>Sinsuat</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Billones</td>
<td>Espina</td>
<td>Natividad-Nagaño</td>
<td>Suansing (E.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bolilia</td>
<td>Espino</td>
<td>Nieto</td>
<td>Suansing (H.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bondoc</td>
<td>Estrella</td>
<td>Noel</td>
<td>Suarez (A.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bordado</td>
<td>Fernandez</td>
<td>Nograles (J.J.)</td>
<td>Suarez (D.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bravo</td>
<td>Fernando</td>
<td>Nolasco</td>
<td>Suntay</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brosas</td>
<td>Ferrer (J.M.)</td>
<td>Nuñez-Malanyaon</td>
<td>Sy-Alvarado</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cabatbat</td>
<td>Ferrer (L.)</td>
<td>Oaminal</td>
<td>Taduran</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cabochan</td>
<td>Flores</td>
<td>Ong (J.)</td>
<td>Tallado</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cabredo</td>
<td>Fongwan</td>
<td>Ong (R.)</td>
<td>Tambunting</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cagas</td>
<td>Fortuno</td>
<td>Ortega</td>
<td>Tan (A.S.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Calderon</td>
<td>Frasco</td>
<td>Ouano-Dizon</td>
<td>Tan (S.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Calixto</td>
<td>Fuentebella</td>
<td>Pacquia (A.)</td>
<td>Tan-Tambut</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Caminero</td>
<td>Gaite</td>
<td>Pacquia (R.)</td>
<td>Teves (J.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Campos</td>
<td>Garbin</td>
<td>Padiernos</td>
<td>Tiango</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cari</td>
<td>Garcia (J.E.)</td>
<td>Palma</td>
<td>Tolentino</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Castelo</td>
<td>Garcia (P.J.)</td>
<td>Pancho</td>
<td>Torres-Gomez</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Castro (F.L.)</td>
<td>Garin (J.)</td>
<td>Panotes</td>
<td>Tulfo</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Castro (F.H.)</td>
<td>Garin (S.)</td>
<td>Peña</td>
<td>Tutor</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cayetano (A.P.)</td>
<td>Gasataya</td>
<td>Pimentel</td>
<td>Ty</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cayetano (M.L.)</td>
<td>Gato</td>
<td>Pineda</td>
<td>Umali (A.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Celeste</td>
<td>Geron</td>
<td>Plaza</td>
<td>Umali (M.V.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chatto</td>
<td>Go (M.)</td>
<td>Puno</td>
<td>Unabia</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chipeco</td>
<td>Gonzaga</td>
<td>Quimbo</td>
<td>Ungab</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chungalao</td>
<td>Gonzales (A.)</td>
<td>Radaza</td>
<td>Uy (R.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Co (A.N.)</td>
<td>Gonzales (N.)</td>
<td>Ramirez-Sato</td>
<td>Vargas</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Co (E.)</td>
<td>Guico</td>
<td>Ramos</td>
<td>Vargas Alfonso</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Collantes</td>
<td>Guya</td>
<td>Remulla</td>
<td>Velasco</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cua</td>
<td>Haresco</td>
<td>Revilla</td>
<td>Veloso</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cuaresma</td>
<td>Hernandez</td>
<td>Reyes</td>
<td>Vergara</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cueva</td>
<td>Hofer</td>
<td>Rivera</td>
<td>Villafuerte</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cullamat</td>
<td>Jalosjos</td>
<td>Rodriguez</td>
<td>Villanueva (N.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dagoooc</td>
<td>Javier</td>
<td>Romero</td>
<td>Villar</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dalipe</td>
<td>Jimenez</td>
<td>Romualdez (F.M.)</td>
<td>Villarica</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dialog</td>
<td>Labadlabad</td>
<td>Romualdo</td>
<td>Yap (E.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Daza</td>
<td>Lacson</td>
<td>Romulo</td>
<td>Yu</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>De Jesus</td>
<td>Lacson-Noel</td>
<td>Roque</td>
<td>Zambarria</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>de Venecia</td>
<td>Lagman</td>
<td>Sacdalan</td>
<td>Salceda</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Defensor (L.)</td>
<td>Lagon</td>
<td>Sagarbarria</td>
<td>Salo</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Del Mar</td>
<td>Lara</td>
<td>Salceda</td>
<td>Sanchez</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Delos Santos</td>
<td>Legarda</td>
<td>Sangcopan</td>
<td>Sarmiento</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dimaporo (M.K.)</td>
<td>Lim</td>
<td>With 234 Members responding to the Call,</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Duavit</td>
<td>Limkaichong</td>
<td>the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dujali</td>
<td>Lopez</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Duterte</td>
<td>Loyola</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dy (F.)</td>
<td>Macapagal Arroyo</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dy (F.M.C.)</td>
<td>Malapititan</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dy (I.P.)</td>
<td>Mangaong</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

With 234 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix)
RESUMPTION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

On successive motions of Representative Romualdo, there being no objection, the Body resumed the Privilege Hour; and the Chair recognized Representative Zubiri to continue answering interpellations and Rep. Alfredo A. Garbin Jr. for his questions.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE GARBIN

Representative Garbin asked whether Representative Zubiri subscribed to the UN’s declaration of water as a human right and agreed about the insufficiency of national funds for water distribution and sanitation especially in far-flung areas and island-provinces. Stressing that his constituency’s number one concern was access to clean and potable water, he said that development aid agencies and public-private partnerships can supplement said funds.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE GAITE

On motion of Rep. Claudine Diana D. Bautista, the Chair next recognized Rep. Ferdinand R. Gaite who first observed the contradiction between the principle that water is life and the reality that water is only available to those who can afford it. He then expressed apprehension about the privatization of water resources.

Representative Zubiri said that the problem might be with the failure to upgrade water facilities to catch up with the current demand, and hence called on the national government to put more funds for water supply programs.

Subsequently, the Members discussed other issues, including the privatization of water districts; the ideal volume of water for drinking, hygiene, and other purposes; and the creation of a new Department of Water that would address the issue of availability and affordability of clean and potable water.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE NOGRALES (J. J.)

Recognized by the Chair on motion of Representative Bautista, Rep. Jericho Jonas B. Nograles stated that the Philippines is experiencing a water crisis, considering that about 40 percent of the water districts are non-operational. This, as he also pointed out that the operational funds of the Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA) had been decreasing in recent years.

After discussing these issues with Representative Zubiri, Representative Nograles expressed support for an investigation of the water districts and their performance; and to augment the budgetary support for the LWUA.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Representative Bautista acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Ma. Lourdes Acosta-Alba.

EXTENSION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

On motion of Representative Bautista, there being no objection, the Body extended the Privilege Hour for an hour; and on her motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Lorenz R. Defensor to interpellate Representative Zubiri.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE DEFENSOR (L.)

Initially, Representative Defensor asked for the number of agencies involved in water production and distribution.

At this point, Deputy Speaker Savellano relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Henry S. Oaminal.

Representative Zubiri clarified that although several national agencies are involved in water resource management, he would opt to download additional funds to the local government units (LGUs) which he opined could provide faster response to the current water supply issues.

Representatives Defensor and Zubiri then exchanged views and agreed that the budgeting for said purpose should be based on the type of LGU and that there should be a detailed mapping of water resources. The former added that the lack of adequate water infrastructure should be considered of national interest and that the government should ensure the proper implementation of pertinent laws.
Lastly, the Members agreed that the creation of a Department of Water Resources could help solve the water crisis in the country.

**REFERRAL OF THE PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ZUBIRI**

On motion of Representative Bautista, there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Zubiri’s privilege speech and the interpellations thereon to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**


**PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE CASTRO (F.L.)**

Recognized by the Chair upon motion of Representative Taduran, Representative Castro rose to talk about the celebration of the International Day of Sign Languages (IDSL).

Representative Castro lauded the recent passage of Republic Act No. 11106 or the Filipino Sign Language (FSL) Act which echoes the UN resolution on IDSL; essentially highlights the importance of the sign language and access thereto; and provides the deaf access to social services and participation, among others.

She however expressed concern on the proposed budget cuts for agencies and programs related to the implementation of the FSL Act, especially those involved in the provision of education. She related how such issue could lead to the marginalization of the deaf.

She enjoined her colleagues to listen to the demands of the deaf and support additional funding for their educational and health needs. She appealed to them to include her proposed amendments on the final version of the 2020 General Appropriations Bill, which seek to restore the slashed budgets for the Department of Education (DepEd) and the Komisyon ng Wikang Filipino (KWF) and to add more funds for the initial preparation of the implementation of the FSL Act.

Lastly, she appealed for the immediate passage of measures that would promote the rights of the Filipino deaf.

**REFERRAL OF THE PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE CASTRO (F.L.)**

On motion of Representative Taduran, the Body referred Representative Castro’s privilege speech to the Committee on Rules.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

At this point, Representative Taduran acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Divina Grace C. Yu.

**PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE CULLAMAT**

Recognized by the Chair on motion of Representative Taduran, Rep. Eufemia “Ka Femia” C. Cullamat recounted the dark experiences under the Marcos’ dictatorship and related it with the recent incidents in Northern Mindanao which is presently under martial rule. She then cited several cases of brutal killings and illegal detention of local farmers and the Lumads, which she believed involved the military and paramilitary groups.

She then voiced her concern over the planned development of the mountain range in Misamis Oriental and Bukidnon, including the Pantaron Range which she noted is a source of food and livelihood of the Lumads.

Finally, she sought justice for the murdered farmers and Lumads in Mindanao and called for the lifting of martial law in the region.

**REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE CULLAMAT**

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

**PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE GAITE**

On motion of Representative Taduran, the Chair thereafter recognized Representative Gaite who initially called for an end to attacks against the right of
government workers to organize. He then spoke about the illegal arrests of officers of the Confederation for the Unity, Recognition and Advancement of Government Employees (COURAGE), which he considered as reminiscent of the martial law period where people, especially critics of the administration, were either tortured, killed, or harassed.

As he relayed his own experience of harassment, Representative Gaite stressed that the right to self-organization is guaranteed under the 1987 Constitution and provided for under Executive Order No. 180, as well as the UN International Labour Organization Convention No. 151.

In closing, he asserted the people’s right to decide and continue the fight for freedom, justice, and democracy.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE GAITE

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Taduran, there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Gaite’s privilege speech to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Thereafter, Representative Zubiri acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Deputy Speaker Oaminal, and Reps. Diego “Nonoy” C. Ty and Sabiniano S. Canama.

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS

Subsequently, on successive motions of Representatives Romualdo and Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the approval on Third Reading of the following House bills, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on the dates mentioned herein, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the Provisional Rules of the House:

Distributed on September 17, 2019:

1. House Bill No. 4611, entitled: “AN ACT DESIGNATING THE THIRD SUNDAY OF NOVEMBER EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ROAD CRASH VICTIMS, SURVIVORS, AND THEIR FAMILIES, ENSURING ITS MEANINGFUL OBSERVANCE”;

Distributed on September 19, 2019:

2. House Bill No. 4466, entitled: “AN ACT INTEGRATING LABOR EDUCATION INTO THE SOCIAL SCIENCE SUBJECTS IN THE HIGHER EDUCATION CURRICULUM”;

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.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abante
Abaya
Abueg-Zaldivar
Abunda
Acop
Acosta
Acosta-Alba
Adiong
Advincula
Agabas
Aglipay
Agualdo
Albano (A.)
Alonte
Alvarez (F.)
Amatong
Angara
Aragon
Arenas
Arroyo
Babasa
Balindong
Barba
Barbers
Baronda
Barzaga
Bascug
Bautista
Bautista-Bandigan
Belmonte
Benitez
Bernos
Biazon
Billones
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bordado
Bravo
Brosas
Cabatbat
Cabochan
Cabredo
Calderon
Calixto
Caminero
Campos
Canama
Cari
Castelo
Castro (F.L.)
Castro (F.H.)
Cayetano (A.P.)
Cayetano (M.L.)
Celeste
Chatto
Chungalao
Co (A.N.)
Co (E.)
Collantes
Cua
Cuaresma
Cueva
With 234 affirmative votes, zero negative votes, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading the aforementioned House Bills.

**APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS**

(Continuation)

Distributed on September 17, 2019:

3. House Bill No. 4599, entitled: "AN ACT SEPARATING SITIO PANACAN-2 FROM BARANGAY PANACAN IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF NARRA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AND CONSTITUTING IT INTO A SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY PANACAN-2; 

4. House Bill No. 4600, entitled: “AN ACT SEPARATING THE SITIOS OF ILEB, NEW COLAYO VILLAGE, KINAMA AND NAMBARAN DAYA FROM BARANGAY NAMBARAN, CITY OF TABUK, PROVINCE OF KALINGA AND CONSTITUTING THEM INTO A SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY NAMBARAN EAST”; 

5. House Bill No. 4601, entitled: “AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY NEW LOWER BICUTAN IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG, METROPOLITAN MANILA”; 

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

RESULT OF THE VOTING 

The result of the voting was as follows: 

**Affirmative:**

Abante
Abaya
Abueg-Zaldivar
Abunda
Acop
Acosta
Acosta-Alba
Adiong
Advincula
Agabas
Aglipay
Aguinaldo
Albano (A.)
Alonte
Alvarez (F.)
Amatong
Angara
Aragones
Bordado
Bravo
Brosas
Cabatbat
Cabochan
Cabredo
Calderon
Calixto
Caminero
Campos
Canama
Cari
Castedo
Castro (F.L.)
Castro (F.H.)
Cayetano (A.P.)
Cayetano (M.L.)
Celeste
Chatto
Chungalao
Co (A.N.)
Co (E.)
Collantes
Crisologo
Cua
Cuaresma
Cueva
Cullamat
Dagooc
Dalipe
Dalog
Daza
De Jesus
de Venecia
Defensor (L.)
Del Mar
Delos Santos
Deloso-Montalla
Dimaporo (M.K.)
Duavit
Dujali
Dy (F.)
Dy (F.M.C.)
Dy (I.P.)
Ebcas
Elago
Enverga
Erice
Eriguel
Ermita-Buhain
Escudero
Espina
Espino
Estrella
Faríñas (R.C.)
Fernandez
Fernando
Ferrer (J.M.)
Flores
Fongwan
Fortuno
Frasco
Fuentebella
Gaite
Garbin
Garcia (J.E.)
Garcia (P.J.)
Garin (J.)
Garin (S.)
Gasataya
Gatchalian
Gato
Go (M.)
Gonzaga
Gonzales (A.)
Gonzales (N.)
Guico
Guya
Haresco
Hernandez
Herrera-Dy
Hofer
Jalosjos
Javier
Jimenez
Kho (E.)
Kho (W.)
Labadlabad
Lacson
Lacson-Noel
Lagman
Lagon
Lara
Leachon
Legarda
Lim
Limkaichong
Lopez
Loyola
Macapagal Arroyo
Maceda
Malapitan
Mangaoang
Marcoleta
Mariño
Mariano-Hernandez
Mariño
Marquez
Martinez
With 235 affirmative votes, zero negative votes, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading the aforementioned House Bills.

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Oaminal relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Pablo John F. Garcia.

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS
(Continuation)

6. House Bill No. 4602, entitled: “AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY SAN MIGUEL IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG, METROPOLITAN MANILA”; and

7. House Bill No. 4603, entitled: “AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY NORTH DAANG HARID IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG, METROPOLITAN MANILA.”

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

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

**Affirmative:**

- Abante
- Abaya
- Abueg-Zaldivar
- Abunda
- Acop
- Acosta
- Acosta-Alba
- Adiong
- Advincula
- Agabas
- Aglipay
- Aguinaldo
- Albano (A.)
- Alonte
- Alvarez (F.)
- Amatong
- Angara
- Aragones
- Arenas
- Arroyo
- Babasa
- Balindong
- Barba
- Barbers
- Baronda
- Barzaga
- Bascug
- Bautista
- Bautista-Bandigan
- Belmonte
- Benitez
- Bernos
- Silverio
- Singson
- Singson-Meehan
- Sinsuat
- Suansing (E.)
- Suansing (H.)
- Suarez (A.)
- Suarez (D.)
- Sunsay
- Sy-Alvarado
- Taduran
- Tallado
- Tambunting
- Tan (A.S.)
- Tan (S.A.)
- Teves (J.)
- Tlangco
- Tolentino
- Torres-Gomez
- Tufo
- Tugas
- Tutor
- Ty
- Umali (A.)
- Umali (M.V.)
- Unabia
- Valeriano
- Vargas
- Vargas Alfonso
- Velasco
- Veloso
- Vergara
- Villafuerte
- Villanueva (N.)
- Villar
- Villarica
- Yap (E.)
- Yu
- Zamora (W.K.)
- Zarte
- Zubiri
- With 235 affirmative votes, zero negative votes, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading the aforementioned House Bills.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Name</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Biazon</td>
<td>Escudero</td>
<td>Marian-Hernandez</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Billones</td>
<td>Espina</td>
<td>Mariano</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Boyllia</td>
<td>Espino</td>
<td>Marquez</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bondoc</td>
<td>Estrella</td>
<td>Martinez</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bordado</td>
<td>Fariñas (R.C.)</td>
<td>Matugas</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bravo</td>
<td>Fernandez</td>
<td>Momo</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brosas</td>
<td>Fernando</td>
<td>Natividad-Nagaño</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cabatbat</td>
<td>Ferrer (J.M.)</td>
<td>Nieto</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cabochan</td>
<td>Ferrer (L.)</td>
<td>Noel</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cabredo</td>
<td>Flores</td>
<td>Nogales (J.J.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Calderon</td>
<td>Fongwan</td>
<td>Nolasco</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Calixto</td>
<td>Fortuno</td>
<td>Nuñez-Malanyaon</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Caminero</td>
<td>Frasco</td>
<td>Oaminal</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Campos</td>
<td>Fuentebella</td>
<td>Ong (J.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Canama</td>
<td>Gaite</td>
<td>Ong (R.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cari</td>
<td>Garbin</td>
<td>Ortega</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Castelo</td>
<td>Garcia (J.E.)</td>
<td>Ouano-Dizon</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Castro (F.L.)</td>
<td>Garin (J.)</td>
<td>Pacquiao (A.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Castro (F.H.)</td>
<td>Garin (S.)</td>
<td>Pacquiao (R.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cayetano (A.P.)</td>
<td>Gasataya</td>
<td>Padiernos</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cayetano (M.L.)</td>
<td>Gatchalian</td>
<td>Palma</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Celeste</td>
<td>Gato</td>
<td>Pancho</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chatto</td>
<td>Go (M.)</td>
<td>Panotes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chungalao</td>
<td>Gonzaga</td>
<td>Peña</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Co (A.N.)</td>
<td>Gonzales (A.)</td>
<td>Pimentel</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Co (E.)</td>
<td>Gonzales (N.)</td>
<td>Pineda</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Collantes</td>
<td>Guico</td>
<td>Plaza</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Crisologo</td>
<td>Guya</td>
<td>Puno</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cua</td>
<td>Haresco</td>
<td>Quimbo</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cuaresma</td>
<td>Hernandez</td>
<td>Radaza</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cueva</td>
<td>Herrera-Dy</td>
<td>Ramos</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cullamat</td>
<td>Hofer</td>
<td>Remulla</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dagooc</td>
<td>Jalosjos</td>
<td>Revilla</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dalipe</td>
<td>Javier</td>
<td>Reyes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dialog</td>
<td>Jimenez</td>
<td>Rivera</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Daza</td>
<td>Kho (E.)</td>
<td>Robes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>De Jesus</td>
<td>Kho (W.)</td>
<td>Rodriguez</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>de Venecia</td>
<td>Labadlabad</td>
<td>Romero</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Defensor (L.)</td>
<td>Lacson</td>
<td>Romualdez (F.M.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Del Mar</td>
<td>Lacson-Noel</td>
<td>Romualdo</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Delos Santos</td>
<td>Lagman</td>
<td>Romulo</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Deloso-Montalla</td>
<td>Lagon</td>
<td>Roque</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dimaporo (M.K.)</td>
<td>Lara</td>
<td>Sacadan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Duavit</td>
<td>Leachon</td>
<td>Sagarbarria</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dujali</td>
<td>Legarda</td>
<td>Salceda</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dy (F.)</td>
<td>Lim</td>
<td>Salo</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dy (F.M.C.)</td>
<td>Limkaichong</td>
<td>Sanchez</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dy (I.P.)</td>
<td>Lopez</td>
<td>Sangcopan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ebcas</td>
<td>Loyola</td>
<td>Sarmiento</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Elago</td>
<td>Macapagal Arroyo</td>
<td>None</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Enverga</td>
<td>Maceda</td>
<td>None</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Erice</td>
<td>Malapitan</td>
<td>None</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Eriguel</td>
<td>Mangaoang</td>
<td>None</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ermita-Buhain</td>
<td>Marcoleta</td>
<td>None</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Negative:**

None
Abstention:

None

With 237 affirmative votes, zero negative votes, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading the aforementioned House Bills.

TRANSMITTAL TO THE SENATE
OF HOUSE BILLS

On motion of Representative Romualdo, there being no objection, the Body directed the Secretary General to immediately transmit copies of the House bills that had just been approved on Third Reading.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 28), re H.B. No. 4774, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY KATUPARAN IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 457

Sponsors: Representatives Villanueva (Noel) and Cayetano (Maria Laarni)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 29), re H.B. No. 4775, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY CENTRAL SIGNAL VILLAGE IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 357

Sponsors: Representatives Villanueva (Noel) and Cayetano (Maria Laarni)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

RESUMPTION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR

On successive motions of Representative Romualdo, there being no objection, the Body resumed the Privilege Hour, and thereafter, the Chair recognized Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago for her privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH
OF REPRESENTATIVE ELAGO

On behalf of KABATAAN Party-List, Representative Elago condemned hazing and stressed that it was a crime as she cited the recent death of another victim thereof in the Philippine Military Academy.

She also expressed solidarity with the student groups who recently joined the worldwide action dubbed “Global Climate Strike” in the Philippines and other countries. She stressed that poor communities face the worst impact of environmental destruction and climate change and that the country is deemed one of the deadliest in the world in environmental destruction.

She ended her speech by stressing the need to act on climate justice, end the attacks to the planet, and defend the nation’s sovereignty and environment.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH
OF REPRESENTATIVE ELAGO

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

EXTENSION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR

On further motion of Representative Romualdo, there being no objection, the Body extended the Privilege Hour for another 30 minutes.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH
OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS

Then recognized by the Chair upon Representative Romualdo’s motion, Rep. Arlene D. Brosas rose to condemn the killing and socioeconomic abuse of children in the country and the environment of militarization and violence that they were exposed to. She said that such suffering did not stop under martial law during the term of President Ferdinand E. Marcos but continues in the current administration. She
stressed that as a signatory to the UN Convention on
the Rights of the Child, the Philippine government’s
duty is to promote the rights and interest of Filipino
children.

Thereupon, she appealed to her colleagues to
support the investigation of cases of grave child
abuse in Samar, Negros Island, and Bicol Region,
as well as the call to stop the implementation of
Memorandum Order No. 32 in the said areas and
Oplan Kapanatagan.

Representative Brosas also voiced her concern
on the resumption of peace negotiations between the
National Democratic Front of the Philippines and the
Philippine government to address the root causes of
armed conflict.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH
OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS

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

PRIVILEGE SPEECH
OF REPRESENTATIVE BARBERS

Recognized by the Chair on motion of
Representative Romualdo, Rep. Robert Ace S.
Barbers spoke about the serious effects of the
Philippine offshore gaming operators (POGOs) and
casino operations to the government’s war against
illegal drugs and the prevalence of drug money
laundering in the country.

Representative Barbers pointed out that POGOs
should be regulated with utmost circumspection as it
could create social and national security problems
and labor and immigration issues. Moreover, he
pointed out that it could lead to gambling-related
crimes, citing cases of drug trades that involved
Chinese nationals.

He then urged the Philippine Drug Enforcement
Agency, the National Bureau of Investigation, and
the Philippine National Police to investigate further
the people behind POGOs as well as the casinos
operating in the country; and for the officials of the
Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation to
dutifully exercise its regulatory powers over POGOs
and other casino operations.

Finally, he requested that his privilege speech
be referred to the Committee on Dangerous Drugs
considering the possibility that the unlicensed
POGOs are being used by illegal drug syndicates and
the Chinese triads in their operations in the country.

REFERRAL OF THE PRIVILEGE SPEECH
OF REPRESENTATIVE BARBERS

On motion of Rep. Christopher V.P. de Venecia,
there being no objection, the Body referred the
privilege speech of Representative Barbers to the
Committee on Rules.

TERMINATION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

On motion of Representative de Venecia, there
being no objection, the Body terminated the Privilege
Hour.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Representative de Venecia
acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of
the guests of Reps. Rufus B. Rodriguez and Rolando
“Klarex” A. Uy.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative de Venecia, the
Chair suspended the session at 6:22 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:24 p.m., the session resumed.

On motion of Representative de Venecia, the
Chair recognized Senior Deputy Minority Leader
Janette L. Garin.

ELECTION OF MINORITY MEMBERS
TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES

On successive motions of Representative Garin
(J.), there being no objection, the Body elected
the following Members from the Minority to the
committees specified hereunder:

Committee on Dangerous Drugs

(as senior member)


(as members)

Rep. Sergio C. Dagooc
Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability
(as senior member)
(as member)
Rep. Ferdinand R. Gaite
Committee on Human Rights
(as senior member)
Rep. Lawrence “Law” H. Fortun
(as members)
Rep. Argel Joseph T. Cabatbat
Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago
Committee on Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Development
(as senior member)
(as member)
Rep. Godofredo N. Guya
Committee on National Defense and Security
(as senior member)
Rep. Alex “AA” L. Advincula
(as members)
Rep. Janette L. Garin
Rep. Irene Gay F. Saulog
Rep. Isagani S. Amatong
Rep. Angelica Natasha Co
Special Committee on the North Luzon Growth Quadrangle
(as senior member)
Rep. Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte
Special Committee on Reforestation
(as senior member)
Rep. Alex “AA” L. Advincula
Special Committee on Sustainable Development Goals
(as senior member)
Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago
(as member)
Rep. Stella Luz A. Quimbo

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 5
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 78

On motion of Representative Romualdo, there being no objection, the Body resumed the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 78 contained in Committee Report No. 5 as submitted by the Committee on Economic Affairs.

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

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DEFINITION OF PUBLIC UTILITY, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 146, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'PUBLIC SERVICE ACT', AS AMENDED.”

Representative Romualdo stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate. On his motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Joey Sarte Salceda, the main author of the measure, for his sponsorship speech.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH
OF REPRESENTATIVE SALCEDA

Representative Salceda said that the Philippines was one of the most restrictive economies to foreign direct investments (FDI) based on the 2018 FDI index of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). He then said that FDIs positively affect the human development index of the country provided that there is good access to
education, internet and telecommunications, and a well-developed financial market. He mentioned that foreign investments create job opportunities and then cited a previous study which found the positive impact of FDI on the quality of life in ASEAN countries.

Representative Salceda then explained that the amendments to the Public Service Act which were approved in the 17th Congress would open, subject to constitutional restrictions, previously restricted sectors to foreign investments, particularly investments on utilities.

Thereupon, Representative Salceda implored the Body to act expeditiously on what could be one of the most important structural reforms in the country.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 78

On motion of Representative de Venecia, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 78.

ELECTION OF MINORITY MEMBERS TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES

Whereupon, on successive motions of Representative Garin (J.), there being no objection, the Body elected the following Members from the Minority to the committees specified hereunder:

Committee on Agriculture and Food
(as additional member)
Rep. Arlene D. Brosas

Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources
(as additional members)
Rep. Ferdinand R. Gaite

Committee on Constitutional Amendments
(as member)

Committee on Dangerous Drugs
(as additional member)

Committee on Justice
(as senior member)

(as member)

Committee on Revision of Laws
(as senior member)

Special Committee on Land Use
(as additional member)
Rep. Sergio C. Dagooc

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Thereupon, on motion of Representative de Venecia, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until three o’clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, September 24, 2019.

It was 6:42 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

JOSE LUIS G. MONTALES
Secretary General

Approved on September 25, 2019.
### Members' Attendance

**Journal No. 19**

**Monday, September 23, 2019**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Member</th>
<th>Party</th>
<th>Political Affiliation</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ABANTE</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BORDADO</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DY (F.)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ABAYA</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BRAVO</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DY (F.M.C.)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>**** ABELLANOSA</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BROSAS</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DY (L.P.)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>** ABU</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>* BULUT</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EBCAS</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ABUGUEZ-ZALDIVAR</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>*** BUSTOS</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>*** ECLEO</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ABUNDA</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CABATBAT</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ELAGO</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ACOP</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CABOCHAN</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ENVERGA</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ACOSTA</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CABREDO</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ERICE</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ACOSTA-ALBA</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>** CAGAS</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ERIGUEL</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ADIONG</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CALDERON</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ERMITA-BUHAIN</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ADVINCULA</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CALIXTO</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ESCUDERO</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AGABAS</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CAMINERO</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ESPINA</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>** AGARAO</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CAMPOS</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ESPINO</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AGLIPAY</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>* CANAMA</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ESTRELLA</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ALBANO (A.)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>*** CAOAGDAN</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>* FARIÑAS (R.C.)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ALBANO (R.)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>*** CASTELO</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FERNANDEZ</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>** ALMARIO</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CASTRO (F.L.)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FERNANDO</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ALONTE</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CASTRO (F.H.)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FERRER (J.M.)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>* ALVAREZ (F.)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CAYETANO (A.P.)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FERRER (L.)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>* ALVAREZ (G.)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CAYETANO (M.L.)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FLORES</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>* ALVAREZ (P.)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CELESTE</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FONGUAN</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>* AMANTE-MATBA</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CHATTO</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>**** FORTUN</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AMATONG</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>** CHIPECO</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FORTUNO</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>* ANDAYA</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CHUNGALAO</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FRASCO</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ANGARA</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CO (A.N.)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FUENTEBELLA</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ARAGONES</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CO (E.)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GAITE</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>*** ARBISON</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>*** COJUANGCO</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GARBIN</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ARENAS</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>COLLANTES</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GARCIA (J.E.)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ARROYO</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>* CRISOLOGO</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GARCIA (P.J.)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ATIENZA</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CUA</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>**** GARCIA (V.)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>**** AUGMENTADO</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CUARESMA</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GARIN (J.)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BABASA</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CUEVA</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GARIN (S.)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>**** BAGATSING</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CULLAMAT</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GASATAYA</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BALINDONG</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DAGOOC</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>* GATCHALIAN</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BARBA</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DALIPE</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GATO</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BARBERS</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DIALOG</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>** GERON</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BARONDA</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DAZA</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>**** GO (E.C.)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>* BARZAGA</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DE JESUS</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GO (M.)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BASCUG</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DE VENECIA</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GONZAGA</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BAUTISTA</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DEFENSOR (L.)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GONZALES (A.)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BAUTISTA-BANDIGAN</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>*** DEFENSOR (M.)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GONZALES (N.)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BELMONTE</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DEL MAR</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>*** GONZALEZ</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BENITEZ</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DELOS SANTOS</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>*** GORRICE</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BERNOS</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>* DELOSO-MONTALLA</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GUICO</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BIAZON</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>**** DIMAPORO (A.)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>* GULLAS</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BILLONES</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DIMAPORO (M.K.)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GUYA</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>** BIRON</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DUAVIT</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HARESCO</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BOLILIA</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DUJALI</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>*** HATAMAN</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BONDOC</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>** DUTERTE</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HERANDEZ</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
* HERRERA-DY  PACQUIAO (A.)  SUAREZ (D.)
HOFER  PACQUIAO (R.)  SUNTAY
JALOSJOS  PADIERNOS  SY-ALVARADO
JAVIER  ****  PADUANO  TADURAN
JIMENEZ  PALMA  TALLADO
* KHO (E.)  **  PANCHO  TAMBUUNG
* KHO (W.)  PANOTES  TAN (A.S.)
****  KHONGHUN  PEÑA  ****  TAN (A.)
LABADLABAD  ***  PICHAY  **  TAN (S.)
* LACSON  PIMENTEL  *  TAN (S.A.)
LACSON-NOEL  PINEDA  **  TAN-TAMBUUT
LAGMAN  PLAZA  ****  TEJADA
LAGON  PUNO  ****  TEVES (A.)
LARA  QUIMBO  TEVES (J.)
****  LAZATIN  RADAZA  TIANGCO
* LEACHON  **  RAMIREZ-SATO  TOLENTINO
LEGAarda  RAMOS  TORRES-GOMEZ
LIM  REMULLA  TULFO
LIMKAichong  REVILLA  TUPAS
LOPEZ  REYES  *  TURAS
LOYOLA  RIVERA  TY
MACAPAGAL ARROYO  *  ROBES  UMALI (A.)
MACEDA  RODRIGUEZ  UMALI (M.V.)
***  MADRona  ***  ROMAN  UNABIA
MALAPITAN  ROMERO  UNGAB
MANGAOANG  ROMUALDEZ (F.M.)  *  UY (J.)
****  MANGUADATU  ****  ROMUALDEZ (Y.M.)  UY (R.)
MARCOLETA  ROMUALDO  VALERIANO
MARIANO-HERNANDEZ  ROMULO  VALMOR
MARIÑO  ROQUE  VARGAS
MARQUEZ  SACDALAN  VARGAS ALFONSO
MARTINEZ  SAGARBARRIA  VELASCO
****  MATBA  ***  SAKALURAN  VELOSO
MATUGAS  SALCEDA  VERGARA
****  MENDOZA  ****  SALIMBANGON  ****  VILLA
MOMO  SALO  VILLAFUERTE
NATIVIDAD-NAGANO  SANCHEZ  ****  VILLANUEVA (E.)
***  NAVA  SANGCOPAN  VILLANUEVA (N.)
NIETO  ****  SANTOS-RECTO  VILLAR
**  NOEL  SARMIENTO  ***  VILLARAZA-SUAREZ
NOGRALES (J.J.)  SAULOG  VILLARICA
* NOGRALES (J.F.F.)  SAVELLANO  *  VILLAGO
NOLASCO  SIAO  YAP (E.)
NUÑEZ-MALANYAON  SILVERIO  ****  YAP (V.)
OAMINAL  SINGSION  YU
***  OLIVAREZ  SINGSION-MEEHAN  **  ZAMORA (R.)
ONG (J.)  SINSUAT  ZAMORA (W.K.)
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

(Subject to correction/s that may appear in the Annual Journal)