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CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Speaker Deogracias Victor “DV” B. Savellano called the session to order at 3:01 p.m. of Tuesday, December 1, 2020.

INVOCATION AND NATIONAL ANTHEM

Thereupon, Rep. Geraldine B. Roman delivered the invocation via Zoom videoconferencing. Thereafter, the Members sang the National Anthem.

ROLL CALL

Subsequently, on motion of Rep. John Marvin “Yul Servo” C. Nieto, there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abante	Atienza	Cabredo	Ecleo
Abaya	Aumentado	Cagas	Elago
Abellanosa	Babasa	Calderon	Enverga
Abu	Bagatsing	Calixto	Erice
Abueg-Zaldivar	Balindong	Caminero	Eriguel
Abunda	Bañas-Nogralas	Campos	Ermita-Buhain
Acop	Barba	Canama	Escudero
Acosta	Barbers	Caoagdan	Espina
Acosta-Alba	Baronda	Cardema	Espino
Adiong	Barzaga	Cari	Estrella
Advincula	Bascug	Castelo	Fariñas (R.C.)
Agabas	Bautista	Castro (F.L.)	Fariñas I (R.C.)
Agarao	Bautista-Bandigan	Castro (F.H.)	Fernandez
Aglipay	Belmonte	Cayetano (A.P.)	Fernando
Aguinaldo	Benitez	Cayetano (M.L.)	Ferrer (J.M.)
Albano	Bernos	Celeste	Ferrer (L.)
Almario	Biazon	Chatto	Flores
Alonte	Billones	Chipeco	Fortun
Alvarez (F.)	Biron	Chungalao	Fortuno
Alvarez (G.)	Bolilia	Co (A.N.)	Frasco
Alvarez (P.)	Bondoc	Co (E.)	Fuentebella
Amante-Matba	Bordado	Cojuangco	Gaite
Amatong	Bravo	Collantes	Garbin
Angara	Brosas	Crisologo	Garcia (J.E.)
Aragones	Bulut	Cua	Garcia (P.J.)
Arbison	Bustos	Cuaresma	Garcia (V.)
Arenas	Cabatbat	Cueva	Garin (J.)
Arroyo	Cabochan	Cullamat	Garin (S.)
		Dagooc	Gasataya
		Dalipe	Gatchalian
		Dalog	Gato
		Daza	Geron
		De Jesus	Go (E.C.)
		de Venecia	Go (M.)
		Defensor (L.)	Gonzaga
		Defensor (M.)	Gonzales (A.)
		Delos Santos	Gonzales (N.)
		Deloso-Montalla	Gonzalez
		Dimaporo (A.)	Gorriceta
		Dimaporo (M.K.)	Guico
		Duavit	Gullas
		Dujali	Guya
		Duterte	Haresco
		Dy (F.)	Hataman
		Dy (F.M.C.)	Hernandez
		Dy (I.P.)	Herrera-Dy
		Ebcas	Hofer

Jalosjos	Paduano	Tan (Samier)	Valmayor
Javier	Palma	Tan (S.A.)	Vargas
Jimenez	Pancho	Tan (Shernee)	Vargas Alfonso
Kho (E.)	Panotes	Tejada	Velasco
Kho (W.)	Peña	Teves (A.)	Veloso
Khonghun	Pichay	Teves (J.)	Vergara
Labadlabad	Pimentel	Tiangco	Villa
Lacson	Pineda	Tolentino	Villafuerte
Lacson-Noel	Plaza	Torres-Gomez	Villanueva (E.)
Lagman	Puno	Tulfo	Villanueva (N.)
Lagon	Quimbo	Tupas	Villar
Lara	Radaza	Tutor	Villaraza-Suarez
Lazatin	Ramirez-Sato	Ty (A.)	Villarica
Leachon	Remulla	Ty (D.)	Violago
Legarda	Revilla	Umali (A.)	Yap (E.)
Lim	Reyes	Umali (M.V.)	Yap (V.)
Limkaichong	Rivera	Unabia	Yu
Lopez	Robes	Ungab	Zamora (R.)
Loyola	Rodriguez	Uy (J.)	Zamora (W.K.)
Lusotan	Roman	Uy (R.)	Zarate
Macapagal Arroyo	Romero	Valeriano	Zubiri
Maceda	Romualdez (F.M.)		
Madrona	Romualdez (Y.M.)		
Malapitan	Romualdo		
Mangaoang	Romulo		
Mangudadatu	Roque		
Marcoleta	Sacdalan		
Mariano-Hernandez	Sagarbarria		
Mariño	Sakaluran		
Marquez	Salceda		
Martinez	Salimbangon		
Matba	Salo		
Matugas	Sanchez		
Mendoza	Sangcopan		
Mercado	Santos-Recto		
Momo	Sarmiento		
Natividad-Nagaño	Saulog		
Nava	Savellano		
Nieto	Siao		
Noel	Silverio		
Nogralas (J.J.)	Singson		
Nogralas (J.F.F.)	Singson-Meehan		
Nolasco	Sinsuat		
Núñez-Malanyaon	Suansing (E.)		
Oaminal	Suansing (H.)		
Olivarez	Suarez (A.)		
Ong (J.)	Suarez (D.)		
Ong (R.)	Suntay		
Ordanes	Sy-Alvarado		
Ortega	Taduran		
Ouano-Dizon	Tallado		
Pacquiao (A.)	Tambunting		
Pacquiao (R.)	Tan (A.S.)		
Padiernos	Tan (A.)		

With 300 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix 1)

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL NO. 10

On motion of Representative Nieto, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 10, dated November 23, 24, and 25, 2020.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

On another motion of Representative Nieto, 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, Communications, and Committee Reports which were referred to the appropriate committees or consigned to the Archives as indicated hereunder:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 8067, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9482 OR AN ACT ESTABLISHING FOR THE CONTROL AND ELIMINATION OF HUMAN AND ANIMAL RABIES, PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AND

APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
(ANTI-RABIES ACT OF 2007)”

By Representative Robes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 8068, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE AGUSAN
DEL SUR SPORTS ACADEMY IN THE
GOVERNMENT CENTER, MUNICIPALITY
OF PROSPERIDAD, PROVINCE OF
AGUSAN DEL SUR AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representative Bascug
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS
DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 8069, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING LAKE HIMBANG IN
THE MUNICIPALITY OF TALACOGON,
PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR
AS AN ECOTOURISM SITE AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bascug
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 8070, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING MANAGONG
WATERFALLS IN THE MUNICIPALITY
OF SIBAGAT, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN
DEL SUR AS AN ECOTOURISM SITE AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bascug
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 8071, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING TUGONAN
WATERFALLS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
PROSPERIDAD, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN
DEL SUR AS AN ECOTOURISM SITE AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bascug
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 8072, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE AGUSAN DEL
SUR SCHOOL OF ARTS AND TRADES
(ASSAT) INTO A POLYTECHNIC
INSTITUTE TO BE KNOWN AS AGUSAN
DEL SUR POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE FOR
TECHNICAL EDUCATION (ADSPITE) AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bascug
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL
EDUCATION

House Bill No. 8073, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING HAPI JOCKEY CLUB,
INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT,
OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN RACE
TRACKS FOR HORSE RACING IN THE
PROVINCES OF BATANGAS, LAGUNA,
AND CAVITE”

By Representative Romualdo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 8074, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO THE
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MINDANAO
TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH,
OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A NETWORK
OF RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS
IN THE PROVINCE OF COTABATO FOR
EDUCATIONAL, COMMERCIAL AND
OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tejada
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 8075, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A 10-
YEAR MASTERPLAN FOR FLOOD
MANAGEMENT, INCREASING
PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS
OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Quimbo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND
HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 8076, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NATIONAL
EMERGENCY RECOVERY PROGRAM”

By Representative Robes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DISASTER RESILIENCE

House Bill No. 8078, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE COVERAGE
OF THE MANDATORY BASIC
IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM AND
PROVIDING A SYSTEM IN THE
DETERMINATION OF OTHER TYPES OF
VACCINE-PREVENTABLE DISEASES,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10152, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE 'MANDATORY
INFANTS AND CHILDREN HEALTH
IMMUNIZATION ACT OF 2011' ”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 8079, entitled:
“AN ACT ENSURING SAFE DRINKING WATER, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 856, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CODE ON SANITATION OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 8084, entitled:
“AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF BACOR NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TABING DAGAT, CITY OF BACOR, PROVINCE OF CAVITE TO PADRE MARIANO GOMES NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL”

By Representative Revilla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 8085, entitled:
“AN ACT MANDATING AND INSTITUTIONALIZING ROLL-OVER DATA ALLOCATION SCHEME, PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Revilla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 8086, entitled:
“AN ACT TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING ACT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 3, 3(a), 3(b), 3(g), 3(i), 7, 7(5), 7(6), 7(7), 7(11), 9(a), 9(c), 10, 11, 14(c), 15, and 16; AND REPEALING SECTION 20 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING ACT OF 2001', AS AMENDED”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 8087, entitled:
“AN ACT GRANTING BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES TO ACCREDITED BANTAY DAGAT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 8088, entitled:
“AN ACT STRENGTHENING ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS, FISHER FOLKS AND

AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES BY INSTITUTIONALIZING DIRECT CREDIT SUPPORT TO SAID SECTORS, AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3844 OR THE AGRICULTURAL LAND REFORM CODE”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM

House Bill No. 8089, entitled:
“AN ACT REQUIRING MANDATORY ENVIRONMENT INSURANCE COVERAGE TO PROMOTE ECOLOGICAL PROTECTION”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 8090, entitled:
“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR INCENTIVES TO THE MANUFACTURING OF ORGANIC FERTILIZERS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 8091, entitled:
“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REVISED ANIMAL WELFARE ACT OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 8092, entitled:
“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICAL STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC SERVANTS”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 8093, entitled:
“AN ACT TO PROTECT FILIPINOS FROM THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF TRANS-FATTY ACIDS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 8094, entitled:
“AN ACT ESTABLISHING PUBLIC RECREATIONAL PARKS, FACILITIES AND OPEN SPACES IN ALL CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES AND REQUIRING CREATION OF COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLANS”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 8095, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR (827,754) SQUARE METERS OF TIMBERLANDS WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL BOUNDARIES OF BARANGAY MALAUBANG, CITY OF OZAMIZ, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL AS ALIENABLE AND DISPOSABLE LANDS OPEN TO DISPOSITION FOR COMMERCIAL, RESIDENTIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND OTHER PRODUCTIVE PURPOSES”

By Representative Oaminal
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 8096, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO ORIENTAL MINDORO MANAGEMENT RESOURCES CORPORATION (OMARCO) TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE, MANAGE AND MAINTAIN A NETWORK OF RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS ANYWHERE IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT”

By Representatives Romualdez (Ferdinand) and Macapagal Arroyo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 8098, entitled:

“AN ACT INTEGRATING ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION IN THE CURRICULUM OF THE BASIC EDUCATION (K TO 12) PROGRAM”

By Representatives Sarmiento, Dalipe and Lim
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 8099, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2020 (REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11465) AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11494 (THE BAYANIHAN TO RECOVER AS ONE ACT), FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXTENDING THE AVAILABILITY OF SELECTED APPROPRIATIONS THEREIN, AS WELL AS THE CORRESPONDING ALLOTMENTS INTENDED TO ASSIST THE CITIZENS AND ECONOMY AND REDUCE THE ADVERSE EFFECT OF THE

COVID-19 PANDEMIC, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Garin (Sharon) and Gatchalian
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 8100, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN AQUACULTURE FEED MILL PLANT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PANAY, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Billones
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 8101, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE CREATIVE INDUSTRIES AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives de Venecia, Benitez, Torres-Gomez, Vergara, Garin (Sharon), Quimbo, Bolilia, Bagatsing, Lim, Arroyo, Delos Santos, Maceda, Nieto, Tambunting, Escudero, Romualdo, Singson-Meehan, Macapagal Arroyo, Villaraza-Suarez, Alonte, Savellano, Defensor (Lorenz), Salceda, Ong (Ronnie), Rodriguez, Legarda, Hofer, Arenas, Co (Angelica), Bautista and Aragones
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CREATIVE INDUSTRY AND PERFORMING ARTS

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 1381, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY ON THE ERRORS COMMITTED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION’S LEARNING MODULES WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENACTING LEGISLATIVE MEASURES TO ADDRESS THE CAUSES AND EFFECTS OF SUCH ERRORS AND EXACT PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY FROM THOSE WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE”

By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1382, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,

ON THE STATUS OF COMPLIANCE OF THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT TO ITS OBLIGATIONS TO OBSERVE 27 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS UNDER THE EU-GSP+ PROGRAM, ITS IMPLICATIONS TO PHILIPPINE EMPLOYMENT AND OUR ECONOMY, AND THE ATTENDANT PROGRAMS, REFORMS AND INTERVENTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT AND ALL OTHER RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES WITH RESPECT TO THESE OBLIGATIONS”

By Representative Mendoza
 TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1383, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION TO AUTHORIZE AND ENCOURAGE ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO ADOPT A 'PASS' OR 'DROP' GRADING SYSTEM BY THE END OF THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021 OR CURRENT SEMESTER OR EQUIVALENT ACADEMIC PERIOD”

By Representative Violago
 TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated 28 July 2020 of Francis Anthony S. Garcia, City Mayor, City of Balanga, Province of Bataan, submitting to the House of Representatives a copy of their Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project/Activity Implementation for the month of June 2020 of the Bayanihan Grant to Cities and Municipalities.
 TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated 17 September 2020 of Francis Anthony S. Garcia, City Mayor, City of Balanga, Province of Bataan, notifying the House of Representatives that the said Municipality has complied with the posting and reporting requirements of the Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project/Activity Implementation of the Bayanihan Grant to Cities and Municipalities in their website (www.cityofbalanga.gov.ph) and in three (3) conspicuous public places in their locality.
 TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated 24 September 2020 of Engr. Eloy C. Eclar, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Gerona, Province of Tarlac, submitting to the House of Representatives printed copies from their website of their Reports on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project/Activity Implementation for the months of July, August and September 2020 of the Bayanihan Grant to Cities and Municipalities.
 TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated September 30, 2020 of Hon. Jose Antonio T. Feliciano, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Bamban, Province of Tarlac, submitting to the House of Representatives printed copies of screenshots taken from their official website as well as the Reports on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project/Activity Implementation for the months of August and September 2020 of the Bayanihan Grant to Cities and Municipalities.
 TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated October 7, 2020 of Sixto B. Dela Victoria, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Albuera, Province of Leyte, furnishing the House of Representatives a copy of their Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project/Activity Implementation of the Bayanihan Grant to Local Government Units.
 TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated 14 October 2020 of Emmanuel G. Herbosa, President and Chief Executive Officer, Development Bank of the Philippines, notifying the House of Representatives that the following required Quarterly Budget and Financial Accountability Reports (BFARs) for the quarter ended September 30, 2020 have been posted in the DBP website under the Transparency and Disclosures-DBP Transparency Seal page through their link (<https://www.dbp.ph/dbp-transparency-seal-2/>):

1. FAR No. 1 – Statement of Appropriations, Allotments, Obligations and Disbursements and Balances; and
2. FAR No. 1-A – Summary of Appropriations, Allotments, Obligations, Disbursements and Balances by Object Expenditures.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated 14 October 2020 of Sec. Adelino B. Sitoy, Presidential Adviser on Legislative Affairs and Head, PLLO, submitting the details on Appropriations, Obligations and Disbursements

of the Presidential Legislative Liaison Office (PLLO) for the quarter ending September 30, 2020 pursuant to Section 88 of the General Provisions of Republic Act No. 11465.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Email dated October 15, 2020 from the Municipality of Anahawan, Province of Southern Leyte, submitting to the House of Representatives a copy of their Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project/Activity Implementation for the month of September 2020 of the Bayanihan Grant to Cities and Municipalities, attested by Roberto A. Loquinte, Municipal Mayor.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated October 15, 2020 of Delfin N. Lorenzana, Secretary, Department of National Defense, submitting to the House of Representatives the Department's 2019 Accomplishment Report.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

Letter dated October 15, 2020 of Shirley C. Agrupis, President, Mariano Marcos State University, submitting to the House of Representatives the National Bioenergy Research and Innovation Center (NBERIC) Highlights of Accomplishments and Milestone for 2019-2020.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Letter dated October 15, 2020 of Freddie T. Bernal, PhD, CESO III, Officer-in-Charge, Catanduanes State University, submitting to the House of Representatives their Budget Accountability Report (BAR-1) as of September 30, 2020, generated from the DBM – Unified Reporting System.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated October 15, 2020 of Gen. Ricardo R. Visaya (Ret), Administrator, National Irrigation Administration, submitting to the House of Representatives their CY 2020 Third Quarter Progress Report of NIA CARP-IC for Mindanao Sustainable Agrarian and Agriculture Development (MinSAAD) Project.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

Letter dated 16 October 2020 of Michael G. Aguinaldo, Chairperson, Commission on Audit, furnishing the House of Representatives with copies of the 2019 Consolidated/Annual Audit Reports on the following government agencies:

- A. Consolidated Annual Audit Reports:
1. Commission on Higher Education;
 2. National Conciliation and Mediation Board;
 3. National Wages and Productivity Commission;
 4. Philippine Normal University-System;
 5. Technological University of the Philippines-System; and
 6. Department of Labor and Employment.
- B. Individual Annual Audit Reports:
1. Early Childhood Care and Development Council;
 2. Eulogio “Amang” Rodriguez Institute of Science and Technology;
 3. National Council for Children’s Television;
 4. National Book Development Board;
 5. National Museum of the Philippines;
 6. Marikina Polytechnic College;
 7. Philippine State College of Aeronautics;
 8. Bureau of Workers with Special Concerns (Social Amelioration Program/Social Amelioration and Welfare Program);
 9. Polytechnic University of the Philippines;
 10. Professional Regulation Commission; and
 11. Institute for Labor Studies.

C. Management Letter:
1. Rizal Technological University.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated October 19, 2020 of Caesar R. Dulay, Commissioner, Bureau of Internal Revenue, submitting to the House of Representatives their Consolidated Monthly Report of Disbursements (FAR No. 4) for the month of September 2020 and Statement of Approved Budget, Utilizations, Disbursements and Balances for Trust Receipts (FAR No. 6) for the quarter ending September 30, 2020.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated 20 October 2020 of Benjamin E. Diokno, Governor, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, submitting to the House of Representatives their Report to Congress on Public Sector Foreign Loans approved by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) in the Third Quarter of 2020.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letter dated 20 October 2020 of the Minority Bloc, House of Representatives, addressed to Speaker Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco on the election of

Representative Joseph Stephen “Caraps” S. Paduano as the new Minority Leader and the acceptance of the resignation of Representative Bienvenido M. Abante Jr., and Representative Arnolfo A. Teves Jr. as Minority Leader and Assistant Minority Leader, respectively.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Letter dated 22 October 2020 of Janice G. Ayson-Zales, Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), transmitting to the House of Representatives duly certified electronic copies of the following BSP issuances:

1. Circular No. 1101 dated 19 October 2020; and
2. Circular No. 1102 dated 19 October 2020.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letter dated October 26, 2020 of Carlo A. Arcilla, PhD, Director, Philippine Nuclear Research Institute, Department of Science and Technology, submitting to the House of Representatives their Agency Action Plan and Status of Implementation on Audit Observations and Recommendations for the calendar years 2019-onwards as of October 15, 2020.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Letter dated October 28, 2020 of Jose Miguel R. Dela Rosa, Undersecretary, Corporate Affairs Group, National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), submitting to the House of Representatives their Physical Report of Operations (PRO) as of September 30, 2020.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Letter dated October 28, 2020 of Dale B. Corvera, Provincial Governor, Province of Agusan del Norte, submitting to the House of Representatives a copy of their Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project/Activity Implementation for the month of September 2020 of the Bayanihan Grant to Provinces.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated 30 October 2020 of Janice G. Ayson-Zales, Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), transmitting to the House of

Representatives duly certified electronic copies of the following BSP issuances:

1. Circular No. 1102 (with annexes) dated 19 October 2020;
2. Circular Letter No. CL-2020-051 dated 27 October 2020;
3. Circular Letter No. CL-2020-050 dated 26 October 2020; and
4. Memorandum No. M-2020-081 dated 22 October 2020.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letter dated 4 November 2020 of Janice G. Ayson-Zales, Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), transmitting to the House of Representatives duly certified electronic copies of the following BSP issuances:

1. Circular Letter No. CL-2020-047 dated 21 October 2020;
2. Circular Letter No. CL-2020-048 dated 21 October 2020;
3. Circular Letter No. CL-2020-049 dated 21 October 2020;
4. Circular Letter No. CL-2020-052 dated 28 October 2020;
5. Circular Letter No. CL-2020-053 dated 26 October 2020; and
6. Memorandum No. M-2020-082 dated 27 October 2020.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letter dated November 5, 2020 of Diosdado T. Reginaldo, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Ramos, Province of Tarlac, informing the House of Representatives that their Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project/Activity Implementation of the Bayanihan Grant to Cities and Municipalities was uploaded to their Facebook page and posted in three (3) conspicuous public places in their locality on October 29, 2020.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated November 6, 2020 of Nora T. Modomo, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Santa Ignacia, Province of Tarlac, submitting to the House of Representatives a copy of their Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project/Activity Implementation as of September 15,

2020 of the Bayanihan Grant to Cities and Municipalities.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated 11 November 2020 of Freddie D. Domingo, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Pura, Province of Tarlac, submitting to the House of Representatives a copy of their Reports on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project/Activity Implementation as of August 31, 2020 and September 15, 2020 of the Bayanihan Grant to Cities and Municipalities.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project/Activity Implementation for the month of October 2020 of the Bayanihan Grant to Cities and Municipalities, attested by Elma L. Macadamia, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of San Clemente, Province of Tarlac.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Reports on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project/Activity Implementation for the months of August and September 2020 of the Bayanihan Grant to Cities and Municipalities, attested by Ma. Rosario C. Avestruz, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Barugo, Province of Leyte.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

The Philippine Printer November-December 2019, January-February 2020 and July-August 2020 Issues, Official Publication of the Printing Industries Association of the Philippines.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

The DA-BFAR Magazine, Vol. 7/No. 4, 4th Quarter 2019, Baliktanaw 2019, Fish Files, The Official Publication of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, Department of Agriculture.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

The DA-BFAR Magazine, Vol. 8/No. 1, 1st Quarter 2020, DA-BFAR is now ISO Certified, Fish Files, The Official Publication of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, Department of Agriculture.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

2019 Annual Report of the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS).

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Letter dated November 13, 2020 of Salvador C. Medialdea, Executive Secretary, Office of the President, Malacañang, transmitting two (2) original copies each of the following Republic Acts which were signed by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte:

1. R.A. No. 11495, entitled:
“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PAMPLONA IN THE PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS THE BICOL WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;
2. R.A. No. 11496, entitled:
“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE WESTERN VISAYAS MEDICAL CENTER IN MANDURRIO, ILOILO CITY FROM FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE (425) BEDS TO SEVEN HUNDRED (700) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;
3. R.A. No. 11497, entitled:
“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE LAS PIÑAS GENERAL HOSPITAL AND SATELLITE TRAUMA CENTER IN LAS PIÑAS CITY, METRO MANILA FROM TWO HUNDRED (200) TO FIVE HUNDRED (500) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;
4. R.A. No. 11498, entitled:
“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE CAGAYAN VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER (CVMC) IN TUGUEGARAO CITY, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN, FROM FIVE HUNDRED (500) TO ONE THOUSAND (1,000) BEDS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

5. R.A. No. 11499, entitled:
“AN ACT EXPANDING THE SERVICES OF THE MALITA DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN BARANGAY POBLACION, MUNICIPALITY OF MALITA, PROVINCE OF DAVAO OCCIDENTAL, RENAMING IT AS THE MALITA WOMEN’S AND CHILDREN’S WELLNESS CENTER”;

THE MUNICIPALITY OF PAMPLONA IN THE PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS THE BICOL WOMEN’S AND CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
(Now Republic Act No. 11495)

6. R.A. No. 11500, entitled:
“AN ACT UPGRADING THE SIARGAO DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DAPA, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE INTO A LEVEL II GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE SIARGAO ISLAND MEDICAL CENTER, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY, UPGRADING ITS PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”; and

2. House Bill No. 6035, entitled:
“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE WESTERN VISAYAS MEDICAL CENTER IN MANDURRIA, ILOILO CITY FROM FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE (425) BEDS TO SEVEN HUNDRED (700) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
(Now Republic Act No. 11496)

7. R.A. No. 11501, entitled:
“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE QUIRINO MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER IN QUEZON CITY, METRO MANILA FROM FIVE HUNDRED (500) BEDS TO ONE THOUSAND (1,000) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.”

3. House Bill No. 6036, entitled:
“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE LAS PIÑAS GENERAL HOSPITAL AND SATELLITE TRAUMA CENTER IN LAS PIÑAS CITY, METRO MANILA FROM TWO HUNDRED (200) TO FIVE HUNDRED (500) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
(Now Republic Act No. 11497)

TO THE ARCHIVES

Report dated October 16, 2020 of Atty. Jocelia Bighani C. Sipin, Secretary General, House of Representatives, on enrolled bills transmitted to the Office of the President, for His Excellency’s consideration and signature, pursuant to Section 18(h), Rule VI of the Rules of the House of Representatives:

4. House Bill No. 6144, entitled:
“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE CAGAYAN VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER (CVMC) IN TUGUEGARAO CITY, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN, FROM FIVE HUNDRED (500) TO ONE THOUSAND (1,000) BEDS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
(Now Republic Act No. 11498)

1. House Bill No. 2444, entitled:
“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WOMEN’S AND CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL IN

5. House Bill No. 6218, entitled:
“AN ACT EXPANDING THE SERVICES OF THE MALITA DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN BARANGAY POBLACION, MUNICIPALITY OF MALITA,

PROVINCE OF DAVAO OCCIDENTAL,
RENAMING IT AS THE MALITA
WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S
WELLNESS CENTER"
(Now Republic Act No. 11499)

6. House Bill No. 6365, entitled:
"AN ACT UPGRADING THE SIARGAO
DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF DAPA, PROVINCE
OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE INTO A
LEVEL II GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE
KNOWN AS THE SIARGAO ISLAND
MEDICAL CENTER, INCREASING
ITS BED CAPACITY, UPGRADING
ITS PROFESSIONAL HEALTH
CARE SERVICES AND FACILITIES,
AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF
ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"
(Now Republic Act No. 11500)

7. House Bill No. 6499, entitled:
"AN ACT INCREASING THE BED
CAPACITY OF THE QUIRINO
MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER IN
QUEZON CITY, METRO MANILA
FROM FIVE HUNDRED (500) BEDS
TO ONE THOUSAND (1,000) BEDS,
UPGRADING ITS PROFESSIONAL
HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND
FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE
INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL
PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"
(Now Republic Act No. 11501)

Report dated November 19, 2020 of Honorable
Mark Llandro "Dong" L. Mendoza, Secretary
General, House of Representatives, on enrolled
bills transmitted to the Office of the President,
for His Excellency's consideration and signature,
pursuant to Section 18(h), Rule VI of the Rules
of the House of Representatives:

1. House Bill No. 6371, entitled:
"AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER
TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE
FRANCHISE GRANTED TO
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS
CORPORATION, PRESENTLY KNOWN
AS BAYAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS,
INC., UNDER REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 3259, ENTITLED 'AN ACT
GRANTING THE INTERNATIONAL

COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION
A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH
RADIO STATIONS FOR DOMESTIC
TELECOMMUNICATIONS,
RADIOPHONE, BROADCASTING AND
TELECASTING', AS AMENDED BY
REPUBLIC ACT NOS. 4905 AND 7633";

2. House Bill No. 6374, entitled:
"AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER
TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE
FRANCHISE GRANTED TO CACERES
BROADCASTING CORPORATION
UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8106,
ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING
THE CACERES BROADCASTING
CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO
CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE
AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND
TELEVISION BROADCASTING
STATIONS IN THE ISLAND OF LUZON
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES'";

3. House Bill No. 6835, entitled:
"AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER
TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE
FRANCHISE GRANTED TO
METRO MANILA TURF CLUB, INC.
UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7978,
ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING
THE METRO MANILA TURF CLUB,
INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT,
OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A RACE
TRACK FOR HORSE RACING IN THE
CITY OF KALOOKAN', AS AMENDED
BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8298"; and

4. House Bill No. 7507, entitled:
"AN ACT GRANTING SAN MIGUEL
AEROCITY INC. A FRANCHISE TO
CONSTRUCT, DEVELOP, ESTABLISH,
OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN A
DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT IN THE MUNICIPALITY
OF BULAKAN, PROVINCE OF
BULACAN, AND TO CONSTRUCT,
DEVELOP, ESTABLISH, OPERATE,
AND MAINTAIN AN ADJACENT
AIRPORT CITY."

Report dated November 23, 2020 of Honorable
Mark Llandro "Dong" L. Mendoza, Secretary
General, House of Representatives, on enrolled
bills transmitted to the Office of the President,
for His Excellency's consideration and signature,

pursuant to Section 18(h), Rule VI of the Rules of the House of Representatives:

1. House Bill No. 6919, entitled:
“AN ACT AMENDING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO PHILIPPINE COLLECTIVEMEDIA CORPORATION UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9773, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE PHILIPPINE COLLECTIVEMEDIA CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN REGION VIII (EASTERN VISAYAS)' ”; and
2. House Bill No. 6254, entitled:
“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO FBS RADIO NETWORK, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8114, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING FBS RADIO NETWORK, INC., A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH, CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE COMMERCIAL RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.' ”

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture (Committee Report No. 615), re H.B. No. 8083, entitled:

“AN ACT INCLUDING A NATIONAL ARTIST AS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR CULTURE AND THE ARTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7356, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'LAW CREATING THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR CULTURE AND THE ARTS' ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 26

Sponsors: Representatives Romulo and Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Revision of Laws, the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 616), re H.B. No. 8097, entitled:

“ANACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS TO SOLO PARENTS, AMENDING FOR

THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8972, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'SOLO PARENTS WELFARE ACT OF 2000' ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 478, 507, 1622, 1939, 2538, 2661, 3088, 3513, 3533, 3703, 3902, 3911, 4040, 4242, 4782, 4971, 5059, 5497, 5708, 5819 and 6051

Sponsors: Representatives Deloso-Montalla, Salceda, Yap (Eric) and Fortun
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

PRIVILEGE HOUR

With leave of the House, on motion of Representative Nieto, there being no objection, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour.

On another motion of Representative Nieto, the Chair recognized Rep. Arnolfo “Arnie” A. Teves Jr. for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE TEVES (A.)

Using a PowerPoint presentation, Representative Teves showed pictures depicting what he said were violations of environmental laws, issues on corruption, and unfairness in law enforcement in the Province of Negros Oriental. He criticized the municipal mayor of Pamplona, who allowed the building of a resort—which he claimed the latter owns—on a no-build zone, and its recent opening thus violating safety and health protocols. He also raised a question on the declared financial capacity of said mayor considering that the latter was able to build the said resort; and reported that quarrying activities were conducted upon building of the property.

Thereafter, he appealed to the Body to send copies of his privilege speech, PowerPoint presentation, and pertinent documents to the Office of the President, the Presidential Anti-Corruption Commission, and the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) in support of the President’s call against corruption and in compliance with the IATF health protocols.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE TEVES

On motion of Representative Nieto, there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Teves’ privilege speech to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Representative Nieto moved to recognize, one after the other, Reps. Argel Joseph T. Cabatbat and Geraldine B. Roman, to avail themselves of the Privilege Hour. But due to problems in internet connectivity, the Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 3:33 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:34 p.m., the session resumed.

Upon successive motions of Rep. Wilter “Sharky” Wee Palma II to withdraw the earlier motions to recognize Representatives Cabatbat and Roman, the Chair instead recognized Rep. Arlene D. Brosas to deliver her privilege speech via Zoom videoconferencing.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS

Representative Brosas focused her speech on the intensification of political attacks against duly elected Opposition parliamentarians in Southeast Asia particularly in the Philippines; and cited cases of human rights violations against these parliamentarians as reported by the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

She argued for parliamentary immunity such that parliamentarians are able to register their political stand and be free to exercise their right to speech. She stated however that the ruling regimes have increasingly used repressive legal frameworks to persecute lawmakers.

She pointed out that the Philippines is no exception to the attacks on members of the Parliament in the ASEAN region, through red-tagging, public vilification, and other forms of harassment; and then thanked Speaker Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco for calling out the State security forces during the onset of said attacks. She also expressed concern on the implications of these vicious attacks on the democratic space and the people.

In ending her speech, Representative Brosas urged the august Body to make a united stand in fighting for truth and genuine democracy in the Southeast Asian Region; deliver a strong message that political persecution of the Opposition has no place in a democratic society; ensure that all legislators can freely and effectively fulfill their parliamentary mandate without any threat of reprisal; and express solidarity with their ASEAN neighbors who share

the same predicament. She then called for a stop to the attacks on Parliamentarians across Southeast Asia and in other countries; and to uphold the fundamental rights and civil liberties of the people enshrined in various legal conventions and statutes.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS

On motion of Representative Nieto, there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege speech of Representative Brosas to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

On a subsequent motion of Representative Nieto, the Chair recognized Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago in the Zoom videoconference, for her privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ELAGO

Representative Elago initially underscored the immediate and valuable contributions of the youth and students in relief operations and volunteer initiatives in relation to the recent calamities.

Thereafter, she talked about the youth’s initiatives in finding out how they can further promote health, livelihood, and human rights, along with the distribution of assistance to the poor who have lost their sources of income since the implementation of the lockdown.

In addition, she relayed Party-List Kabataan’s support in advocating for public health demands during the pandemic; and the youth’s “5-Student Demands,” in response to the current conditions in the education sector that resulted from the shift from face-to-face to online learning. She said that under the call for #LearningNeverStops, no student or teacher should be left behind; and that their health and well-being must be prioritized. She added that support for marginalized and vulnerable groups must be guaranteed.

Representative Elago then shared the platform labelled #AcademicEaseNow which calls for a revisit of the school curriculum and workload, as well as an extension in the deadline of school requirements; and stressed on the implementation of the “no fail” policy in schools while the country is in a state of calamity and public health emergency.

Thereafter, she urged the Members to (1) support Tulong Kabataan-Cagayan’s request for stakeholder dialogues, opening of schools in the next academic

year, financial aid and security of tenure for workers in private schools, and quality and affordable education as well as effective mass testing and contact tracing in the education sector; and (2) ensure an appropriate budget for education and economic revival and realign lump sums to health, livelihood, and educational programs. She also asked for the Department of Science and Technology's release of delayed stipends for graduate scholars and research assistants.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ELAGO

On motion of Rep. Alyssa Sheena P. Tan, there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Elago's speech to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

The Chair thereafter recognized Rep. Rico B. Geron for his privilege speech, upon Representative Tan's motion.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE GERON

Representative Geron scored the Department of Agriculture (DA) for failing to implement an automatic price freeze on agricultural and fish products in Luzon, to facilitate the distribution and transport of livestock products in areas that were suffering from typhoons and animal disease outbreak, and to submit reports thereon to Congress. He said that this was in accordance with the provisions of Presidential Proclamation No. 1051, declaring a state of calamity in the entire island of Luzon due to recent typhoons, and Republic Act (R.A.) No. 7581 or the Price Act, as amended by R.A. No. 10623. He also explained the adverse effects of such inaction on farmers, fishermen, and poultry and hog raisers.

He stated that for the implementation of price controls to be effective, price freeze and standard retail prices should be imposed on all cost elements including fuel, toll fees, feeds, and fertilizers, for agricultural products; shift of government assistance to facilities like slaughter houses, processing plants, and cold storages to increase shelf life of agricultural products; provide financial support to research and development; and revisit the Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Act.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE GERON

On motion of Representative Tan (A.S.), there being no objection, the Body referred Representative

Geron's privilege speech to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

EXTENSION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR

On motion of Representative Tan (A.S.), there being no objection, the Body extended the Privilege Hour for 20 minutes.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE CASTRO (F.L.)

Recognized by the Chair upon motion of Representative Tan (A.S.), Rep. France L. Castro spoke about the relief operations and teachers' consultations that they had conducted in November in certain areas in Bicol together with teachers from Tulong Guro, and Bayanihan Alay sa Sambayanan (BALSA) and Bicol Movement for Disaster Response. She then showed slide pictures of the devastation of schools and houses caused by Typhoon Rolly.

She said that despite the disaster that resulted in lack of electricity in most areas and damaged learning materials, school reporting, distribution of modules, and other school tasks have continued. She then appealed to the Department of Education to issue a clear directive to adjust blended or distance learning arrangements in areas severely damaged by the disaster; and cited the recommendations from the aforementioned consultations which include an honest assessment of damages in schools, facilities and other school requirements to determine the budget needed for their rehabilitation; provide for guidelines on the adjustment of class schedules and work study load, consideration in school deadlines, and grant of paid calamity leaves to teaching and nonteaching personnel on top of regular leave credits, among others.

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

On motion of Representative Tan (A.S.), there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Castro's privilege speech to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

TERMINATION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR

On motion of Representative Tan (A.S.), there being no objection, the Body terminated the Privilege Hour.

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS

On successive motions of Representatives Tan (A.S.), Julienne "Jam" L. Baronda, and Nieto, 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 November 27, 2020, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the Rules of the House:

1. House Bill No. 7836, entitled: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR STRONGER PROTECTION AGAINST RAPE AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE, INCREASING THE AGE FOR DETERMINING THE COMMISSION OF STATUTORY RAPE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'REVISED PENAL CODE,' AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7610, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'SPECIAL PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AGAINST ABUSE, EXPLOITATION AND DISCRIMINATION ACT' "

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

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abellanosa	Arenas
Abu	Arroyo
Abueg-Zaldivar	Atienza
Abunda	Aumentado
Acop	Babasa
Adiong	Bagatsing
Advincula	Barba
Agabas	Barbers
Agarao	Baronda
Aglipay	Bascug
Albano	Bautista
Almario	Bautista-Bandigan
Alonte	Belmonte
Alvarez (F.)	Benitez
Alvarez (G.)	Biazon
Amante-Matba	Bolilia
Angara	Bondoc
Aragones	Bordado
Arbison	Bravo

Brosas	Gasataya
Cabatbat	Gatchalian
Cabochan	Gato
Cabredo	Geron
Cagas	Go (E.C.)
Calderon	Go (M.)
Calixto	Gonzaga
Caminero	Gonzales (A.)
Campos	Gonzales (N.)
Caoagdan	Gorriceta
Cardema	Guico
Cari	Guya
Castelo	Hernandez
Castro (F.L.)	Herrera-Dy
Castro (F.H.)	Hofer
Celeste	Javier
Chatto	Jimenez
Chipeco	Labadlabad
Collantes	Lacson
Cuaresma	Lacson-Noel
Cueva	Lagman
Cullamat	Lara
Dagooc	Lazatin
Dalog	Legarda
Daza	Lim
de Venecia	Limkaichong
Defensor (L.)	Lopez
Defensor (M.)	Loyola
Delos Santos	Lusotan
Deloso-Montalla	Macapagal Arroyo
Dimaporo (A.)	Maceda
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Madrona
Duterte	Marcoleta
Dy (F.)	Marquez
Dy (F.M.C.)	Martinez
Dy (I.P.)	Matba
Ecleo	Matugas
Elago	Momo
Enverga	Natividad-Nagaño
Erice	Nava
Eriguel	Nieto
Escudero	Noel
Espina	Nogralas (J.J.)
Estrella	Nolasco
Fariñas (R.C.)	Olivarez
Ferrer (J.M.)	Ong (J.)
Ferrer (L.)	Ong (R.)
Fortuno	Ortega
Frasco	Ouano-Dizon
Fuentebella	Pacquiao (R.)
Gaite	Padiernos
Garcia (J.E.)	Paduano
Garcia (P.J.)	Palma
Garcia (V.)	Pancho

Peña	Suntay
Plaza	Taduran
Puno	Tambunting
Quimbo	Tan (A.S.)
Radaza	Tan (A.)
Ramirez-Sato	Tan (Samier)
Remulla	Teves (J.)
Revilla	Tupas
Rivera	Tutor
Robes	Ty (D.)
Rodriguez	Umali (A.)
Roman	Umali (M.V.)
Romualdez (F.M.)	Unabia
Romualdez (Y.M.)	Ungab
Romualdo	Uy (R.)
Romulo	Valeriano
Roque	Valmayor
Sacdalan	Vargas
Salceda	Velasco
Salimbangon	Vergara
Salo	Villanueva (E.)
Santos-Recto	Villaraza-Suarez
Sarmiento	Violago
Saulog	Yap (E.)
Siao	Yap (V.)
Silverio	Yu
Singson	Zamora (R.)
Singson-Meehan	Zamora (W.K.)
Suansing (E.)	Zarate
Suansing (H.)	Zubiri
Suarez (D.)	

Negative:

Balindong	Sangcopan
Hataman	

Abstention:

None

With 207 affirmative votes, three negatives votes, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 7836. (See also Appendix 2)

EXPLANATION OF VOTES

The following Members explained their votes:

1. In explaining her “yes” vote, Representative Brosas expressed hope that the inadequacies in the current law will be addressed by the Gabriela Women’s Party’s proposed amendments under House Bill No 7836, thus giving a fighting chance for victims to achieve the justice they deserve. She said

that the passage of the Bill is a historical victory to the Filipino women’s long standing campaign for legislative reforms on sexual violence, a huge step towards the persecution of powerful and wealthy abusers, and a means to raise the consciousness of the Filipino people to such abuses. However, she said that the fight should not end in the passage of the measure, and that rage against rape should be continued, especially if the accused is a public official who uses and abuses power to inflict violence.

2. In explaining his affirmative vote, Rep. Edcel C. Lagman said that physical abuse and sexual violence against women and children are not only among the most widespread of human rights violations but also have the most devastating and long-lasting harmful effects on survivors. He maintained that House Bill No. 7836 will give the justice system a more effective weapon to wield against perpetrators of rape and violence.

As he enumerated the all-encompassing and more rigorous provisions of the Bill, Representative Lagman expressed his reservations on the provision regarding the exemption of the offender upon marriage with the victim; and suggested that a better provision, which he said could be considered during the bicameral conference, would be to prohibit the marriage between the offender and victim for a period of five years from the commission of the crime.

Furthermore, Representative Lagman stated that the Bill is the holistic, responsive, proactive, and nondiscriminatory measure and clear signal that Philippine society cannot and will not tolerate violence against women and children, especially their sexual abuse and exploitation.

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS

(Continuation)

2. House Bill No. 7036, entitled: “AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE SECURITY OF TENURE OF WORKERS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE

NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE 'LABOR CODE OF THE
PHILIPPINES' ”

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

MANIFESTATIONS OF CERTAIN MEMBERS

During the voting, Minority Leader Joseph Stephen “Caraps” S. Paduano and Representatives Brosas, Castro (F.L.), and Elago reserved their right to explain their negative votes.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abellanosa	Bolilia
Abu	Bondoc
Abueg-Zaldivar	Bordado
Abunda	Bravo
Acop	Cabatbat
Adiong	Cabochan
Advincula	Cabredo
Agabas	Cagas
Agarao	Calderon
Aglipay	Calixto
Albano	Caminero
Almario	Campos
Alonte	Caoagdan
Alvarez (F.)	Cardema
Alvarez (G.)	Cari
Amante-Matba	Castelo
Angara	Castro (F.H.)
Aragones	Celeste
Arbison	Chatto
Arenas	Chipeco
Arroyo	Collantes
Atienza	Cua
Aumentado	Cuaresma
Babasa	Cueva
Bagatsing	Dagooc
Balindong	Dalog
Barba	Daza
Barbers	de Venecia
Baronda	Defensor (L.)
Bascug	Defensor (M.)
Bautista	Delos Santos
Bautista-Bandigan	Deloso-Montalla
Benitez	Dimaporo (A.)
Biazon	Dimaporo (M.K.)

Duterte	Marcoleta
Dy (F.)	Marquez
Dy (F.M.C.)	Martinez
Dy (I.P.)	Matba
Ecleo	Matugas
Enverga	Momo
Erice	Natividad-Nagaño
Eriguel	Nava
Escudero	Nieto
Espina	Noel
Estrella	Nogralles (J.J.)
Fariñas (R.C.)	Nolasco
Ferrer (J.M.)	Olivarez
Ferrer (L.)	Ong (J.)
Fortun	Ong (R.)
Fortuno	Ortega
Frasco	Ouano-Dizon
Fuentebella	Pacquiao (R.)
Garcia (J.E.)	Padiernos
Garcia (P.J.)	Palma
Garcia (V.)	Pancho
Gasataya	Peña
Gatchalian	Plaza
Gato	Puno
Geron	Radaza
Go (E.C.)	Ramirez-Sato
Go (M.)	Remulla
Gonzaga	Revilla
Gonzales (A.)	Rivera
Gonzales (N.)	Robes
Gorriceta	Rodriguez
Guico	Roman
Guya	Romualdez (F.M.)
Hernandez	Romualdez (Y.M.)
Herrera-Dy	Romualdo
Hofer	Romulo
Javier	Roque
Jimenez	Sacdalan
Kho (E.)	Salceda
Labadlabad	Salimbangon
Lacson	Salo
Lacson-Noel	Sanchez
Lagman	Santos-Recto
Lara	Sarmiento
Lazatin	Saulog
Legarda	Siao
Lim	Silverio
Limkaichong	Singson
Lopez	Singson-Meehan
Loyola	Suansing (E.)
Lusotan	Suansing (H.)
Macapagal Arroyo	Suarez (D.)
Maceda	Suntay
Madrona	Taduran

Tallado	Valeriano
Tambunting	Valmayor
Tan (A.S.)	Vargas
Tan (A.)	Velasco
Tan (Samier)	Vergara
Teves (J.)	Villanueva (E.)
Tupas	Villaraza-Suarez
Tutor	Violago
Ty (D.)	Yap (E.)
Umali (A.)	Yap (V.)
Umali (M.V.)	Yu
Unabia	Zamora (R.)
Ungab	Zamora (W.K.)
Uy (R.)	Zubiri

Negative:

Brosas	Gaite
Castro (F.L.)	Paduano
Cullamat	Zarate
Elago	

Abstention:

Belmonte	Sangcopan
Hataman	

With 204 affirmative votes, seven negative votes, and three abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 7036. (See also Appendix 2)

EXPLANATION OF VOTES

Thereupon, the following Members explained their votes:

1. Being one of the principal authors of House Bill No. 6908 which was vetoed by President Rodrigo R. Duterte during the 17th Congress, Minority Leader Paduano explained his negative vote on House Bill No. 7036, saying that it departs from the original intent of the Bill to eliminate “endo” and will complicate the distinction between labor contracting and subcontracting. Despite his strong opposition to subcontracting, he did not believe in the total banning thereof because it could generate jobs and support micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs); however he stressed that security of tenure should be given to the workers. Lastly, he said that the Bill pales in comparison to the Philippine

- Labor Code which clearly prohibits abusive work contracts.
2. Representative Brosas pointed out that Gabriela Women’s Party has been pushing for a pro-worker Security of Tenure Bill that would prohibit contractualization as a general rule; and not the current form of the Bill which actually makes it a rule rather than an exception. She also criticized how the Bill legalizes subcontracting, its low penalty for abusive employers, and the use of the a steep parameter “directly related and necessary” for regular job positions.
 3. In explaining her negative vote, Representative Castro (F.L.) said that the Makabayan bloc had filed House Bill No. 3381 or the Security of Tenure Act of 2019 to strengthen the security of tenure of Filipino workers, which is not reflected in House Bill No. 7036. She said that the instant Bill will allow for legal cover of abusive practices of businesses and employers; and expressed disappointment on the meager penalty to be imposed on violators.
 4. In voting “No” to House Bill No. 7036, Representative Elago pointed out that the proposed measure allows job contracting and subcontracting especially through its criterion, “directly related and necessary” that could be used as a legal basis for unjust labor practices. She stressed that the workers’ right to life and property should not be compromised at the expense of big businesses and that the approval of the proposed measure would be a huge disservice to the long-fought struggle for the rights and welfare of workers.
 5. As he recalled that President Duterte had vetoed the first Security of Tenure Bill, Rep. Ferdinand R. Gaite stated that the Makabayan bloc, in consultation with the workers, had filed similar measures in the 18th Congress in order to end contractualization in the country. He expressed alarm, however, that the substitute measure, House Bill No. 7036, has several loopholes particularly in the parameters set to determine security of tenure of the workers; and would further extend the problem of contractualization in the country. He stressed that they should

look at the interest of the workers and their importance in the workforce. As such, he voted “No” to House Bill No. 7036.

6. Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate voted “No” to House Bill No. 7036 and stated that President Duterte had reneged on his promise to end contractualization in the country by vetoing the Security of Tenure Bill in the previous Congress. He said that the Bill will not put an end to contractualization with a parameter that is unfavorable to the workers. As the Constitution protects the security of tenure of the workers, he stressed that it is Congress’ duty to craft a measure prohibiting all forms of contractualization and reminded his colleagues that the Body has the power to override the veto powers of the president.

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS

(Continuation)

3. House Bill No. 7970, entitled: “AN ACT CONVERTING THE GENERAL EMILIO AGUINALDO MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF TRECE MARTIRES, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, INTO A GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE CAVITE CENTRAL GENERAL HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
4. House Bill No. 7971, entitled: “AN ACT CONVERTING THE COTABATO SANITARIUM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SULTAN KUDARAT, PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO INTO A GENERAL HOSPITAL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE COTABATO SANITARIUM AND GENERAL HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
5. House Bill No. 7972, entitled: “AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE LAUREL MEMORIAL DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF TANAUAN, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS FROM TWENTY FIVE (25) TO FIFTY (50) BEDS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
6. House Bill No. 7973, entitled: “AN ACT UPGRADING THE LIPA CITY

DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF LIPA, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS INTO A LEVEL II HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

7. House Bill No. 7974, entitled: “AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE NORTHERN MINDANAO MEDICAL CENTER IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7938 AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10677, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
8. House Bill No. 7975, entitled: “AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE VICENTE SOTTO MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER, LOCATED IN CEBU CITY, PROVINCE OF CEBU, FROM ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED (1,200) TO ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (1,500) BEDS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abellanos	Aragones
Abu	Arbison
Abueg-Zaldivar	Arenas
Abunda	Arroyo
Acop	Atienza
Adiong	Aumentado
Advincula	Babasa
Agabas	Bagatsing
Agarao	Balindong
Aglipay	Barba
Aguinaldo	Barbers
Albano	Baronda
Almario	Bascug
Alonte	Bautista
Alvarez (F.)	Bautista-Bandigan
Alvarez (G.)	Belmonte
Amante-Matba	Benitez
Angara	Biazon

Bolilia	Fortun	Nolasco	Silverio
Bondoc	Fortuno	Olivarez	Singson
Bordado	Frasco	Ong (J.)	Singson-Meehan
Bravo	Fuentebella	Ong (R.)	Suansing (E.)
Brosas	Gaite	Ortega	Suansing (H.)
Cabatbat	Garcia (J.E.)	Ouano-Dizon	Suarez (D.)
Cabochan	Garcia (P.J.)	Pacquiao (R.)	Suntay
Cabredo	Garcia (V.)	Padiernos	Taduran
Cagas	Gasataya	Paduano	Tallado
Calderon	Gatchalian	Palma	Tambunting
Calixto	Gato	Pancho	Tan (A.S.)
Caminero	Geron	Peña	Tan (A.)
Campos	Go (E.C.)	Plaza	Tan (Samier)
Caoagdan	Go (M.)	Puno	Tejada
Cardema	Gonzaga	Quimbo	Teves (J.)
Cari	Gonzales (A.)	Radaza	Tulfo
Castelo	Gonzales (N.)	Ramirez-Sato	Tupas
Castro (F.L.)	Gorriceta	Remulla	Tutor
Castro (F.H.)	Guico	Revilla	Ty (D.)
Celeste	Guya	Rivera	Umali (A.)
Chatto	Hataman	Robes	Umali (M.V.)
Chipeco	Hernandez	Rodriguez	Unabia
Collantes	Herrera-Dy	Roman	Ungab
Cua	Hofer	Romualdez (F.M.)	Uy (R.)
Cuaresma	Javier	Romualdez (Y.M.)	Valeriano
Cueva	Jimenez	Romualdo	Valmayor
Cullamat	Kho (E.)	Romulo	Vargas
Dagooc	Labadlabad	Roque	Velasco
Dalipe	Lacson	Sacdalan	Vergara
Dalog	Lacson-Noel	Sakaluran	Villanueva (E.)
Daza	Lagman	Salceda	Villaraza-Suarez
de Venecia	Lara	Salimbangon	Violago
Defensor (L.)	Lazatin	Salo	Yap (E.)
Defensor (M.)	Legarda	Sanchez	Yap (V.)
Delos Santos	Lim	Sangcopan	Yu
Deloso-Montalla	Limkaichong	Santos-Recto	Zamora (R.)
Dimaporo (A.)	Lopez	Sarmiento	Zamora (W.K.)
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Loyola	Saulog	Zarate
Duterte	Lusotan	Siao	Zubiri
Dy (F.)	Macapagal Arroyo		
Dy (F.M.C.)	Maceda	<i>Negative:</i>	
Dy (I.P.)	Madrona		
Ecleo	Marcoleta	None	
Elago	Marquez		
Enverga	Martinez	<i>Abstention:</i>	
Erice	Matba		
Eriguel	Matugas		
Escudero	Momo	None	
Espina	Natividad-Nagaño		
Estrella	Nava		
Fariñas (R.C.)	Nieto		
Ferrer (J.M.)	Noel		
Ferrer (L.)	Nograles (J.J.)		

With 220 affirmative votes, zero negative votes, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading the abovementioned House Bills. (See also Appendix 2)

**APPROVAL ON THIRD READING
OF HOUSE BILLS**
(Continuation)

9. House Bill No. 7904, entitled: “AN ACT FURTHER STRENGTHENING THE ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING LAW, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING ACT OF 2001, AS AMENDED”

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

**MANIFESTATION OF
REPRESENTATIVE CASTRO (F.L.)**

During the voting, Representative Castro reserved her right to explain her negative vote.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abellanosa	Balindong
Abu	Barba
Abueg-Zaldivar	Barbers
Abunda	Baronda
Acop	Bascug
Adiong	Bautista
Advincula	Bautista-Bandigan
Agabas	Benitez
Agarao	Biazon
Aglipay	Bolilia
Aguinaldo	Bondoc
Albano	Bordado
Almario	Bravo
Alonte	Cabatbat
Alvarez (F.)	Cabochan
Alvarez (G.)	Cabredo
Amante-Matba	Cagas
Angara	Calderon
Aragones	Calixto
Arbison	Caminero
Arenas	Campos
Arroyo	Caoagdan
Atienza	Cardema
Aumentado	Cari
Babasa	Castelo
Bagatsing	Castro (F.H.)

Cayetano (A.P.)	Herrera-Dy
Cayetano (M.L.)	Hofer
Celeste	Javier
Chatto	Jimenez
Chipeco	Kho (E.)
Collantes	Labadlabad
Cua	Lacson
Cuaresma	Lacson-Noel
Cueva	Lagman
Dagooc	Lara
Dalipe	Lazatin
Dalog	Legarda
Daza	Lim
de Venecia	Limkaichong
Defensor (L.)	Lopez
Defensor (M.)	Loyola
Delos Santos	Lusotan
Deloso-Montalla	Macapagal Arroyo
Dimaporo (A.)	Maceda
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Madrona
Duterte	Marcoleta
Dy (F.)	Marquez
Dy (F.M.C.)	Martinez
Dy (I.P.)	Matba
Ecleo	Matugas
Enverga	Momo
Erico	Natividad-Nagaño
Eriguel	Nava
Escudero	Nieto
Espina	Noel
Estrella	Nogralas (J.J.)
Fariñas (R.C.)	Nolasco
Ferrer (J.M.)	Olivarez
Ferrer (L.)	Ong (J.)
Fortun	Ong (R.)
Fortuno	Ortega
Frasco	Ouano-Dizon
Fuentebella	Pacquiao (R.)
Garcia (J.E.)	Padiernos
Garcia (P.J.)	Paduano
Garcia (V.)	Palma
Gasataya	Pancho
Gatchalian	Peña
Gato	Plaza
Geron	Puno
Go (E.C.)	Quimbo
Go (M.)	Radaza
Gonzaga	Ramirez-Sato
Gonzales (A.)	Revilla
Gonzales (N.)	Rivera
Gorriceta	Robes
Guico	Rodriguez
Guya	Roman
Hernandez	Romualdez (F.M.)

Romualdez (Y.M.)	Tan (Samier)
Romualdo	Tejada
Romulo	Teves (J.)
Roque	Tulfo
Sacdalan	Tupas
Sakaluran	Tutor
Salceda	Ty (D.)
Salimbangon	Umali (A.)
Salo	Umali (M.V.)
Sanchez	Unabia
Santos-Recto	Ungab
Sarmiento	Uy (R.)
Saulog	Valeriano
Siao	Valmayor
Silverio	Vargas
Singson	Velasco
Singson-Meehan	Vergara
Suansing (E.)	Villanueva (E.)
Suansing (H.)	Villaraza-Suarez
Suarez (D.)	Violago
Suntay	Yap (E.)
Sy-Alvarado	Yap (V.)
Taduran	Yu
Tallado	Zamora (R.)
Tambunting	Zamora (W.K.)
Tan (A.S.)	Zubiri
Tan (A.)	

Negative:

Belmonte	Elago
Brosas	Gaite
Castro (F.L.)	Zarate
Cullamat	

Abstention:

Hataman	Sangcopan
Remulla	

With 213 affirmative votes, seven negative votes, and three abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 7904. (See also Appendix 2)

EXPLANATION OF VOTES

The following Members explained their votes:

1. In explaining her “No” vote to House Bill No. 7904, Representative Castro (F.L.) referred back to the Anti-Terrorism Act on their following common points: (a) more

powers vested in the government through the Anti-Money Laundering Council (AMLC) to harass progressive individuals and organizations and common citizens; (b) certified urgent by the President with exaggerated reason; (c) disrespect to the right to due process and minimized role of the courts as a check and balance to said violation; and (d) use of terrorism as pretext to harass perceived “enemies of the State” through asset preservation orders and the like.

She emphasized that the country is under no obligation to pass this kind of measure as the recommendations by international task forces, as well as the UN Security Council Resolutions cited in the Bill, are not binding. Lastly, she condemned the grant to AMLC of subpoena powers, such as the power to compel testimony and disclosure, among others, which she said is not acceptable and a cause for alarm amid the reign of impunity that thrives among law enforcers.

2. In registering his “No” vote, Representative Gaite critiqued House Bill No. 7904 as giving excessive powers to the Executive Department, particularly AMLC, to determine which organization is financing terrorism simply by witch-hunting on people expressing dissent against the government. He also stressed the Bill’s violation of separation of powers among the branches of government by preventing courts to issue temporary restraining orders and writs of injunctions against abuse of power that may be committed by AMLC. He said that this would further erode the democratic space of the country and condone abuse of power as the Executive engages in coercion and intimidation to suppress its critics.

TRANSMITTAL TO THE SENATE OF HOUSE BILLS

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

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Nieto, the Chair recognized Representative Baronda for her short manifestation.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE BARONDA

At the outset, Representative Baronda thanked the Committee on Dangerous Drugs and its chairperson, Rep. Robert Ace S. Barbers, as well as the government agencies which participated in the committee-level discussions on House Bill No. 7812, creating anti-drug abuse councils (ADACS) in all provinces, cities, municipalities, and barangays throughout the country. As one of its principal authors, she expressed her gratitude to the Body for its approval on Second Reading.

She then spoke about the merits of the measure particularly on the institutionalization of a system of coordination and monitoring on drug-related incidents. Believing that the war on drugs is not yet over, she recognized that failure to eradicate this menace would remain a threat to the present and future generations.

In explaining that the war on drugs is not a lone engagement by the government and law enforcement agents, she called on the citizenry to engage and participate as well. The measure, she said, is the tool that will provide a system or structure and would arm the authorities in their fight against drug eradication. She stressed the urgency of passing this measure into law and expressed high hopes in the President who has been actively pursuing his centerpiece program and is determined to eradicate the drug menace completely.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Subsequently, on motion of Rep. Tyrone D. Agabas, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Additional Reference of Business.

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the following Message from the Senate which was referred to the appropriate committee indicated hereunder:

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message dated November 26, 2020, informing the House of Representatives that on even date, the Senate designated Senators Grace Poe, Ralph G. Recto and Franklin M. Drilon as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1849 and House Bill No. 6816, both, entitled:

“AN ACT ENSURING PHILIPPINE FINANCIAL
INDUSTRY RESILIENCY AGAINST THE
COVID-19 PANDEMIC”
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

CHANGE OF REFERRAL OF HOUSE MEASURES

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Agabas, there being no objection, the Body changed the referral of the following measures:

1. House Bill Nos. 1089 and 5345, providing for tax relief in times of calamities – from the Committee on Social Services to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Disaster Resilience; and
2. House Bill Nos. 868, 2297, 5516, 6379, 6426, 6528, and 6579, and House Resolution Nos. 538 and 612, providing for a national policy in preventing teenage pregnancies – from the Committee on Welfare of Children to the Committee on Youth and Sports Development.

SUSPENSION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

On motion of Representative Nieto, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration of the items under the Unfinished Business.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 524 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 7749

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Nieto, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 7749 contained in Committee Report No. 524 as submitted by the Defeat COVID-19 Ad Hoc Committee.

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

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR GOVERNMENT
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS UNIFIED
INITIATIVES TO DISTRESSED
ENTERPRISES FOR ECONOMIC
RECOVERY (GUIDE).”

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Representative Nieto, there

being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the text of the measure without prejudice to its insertion into the records of the House.

On motion of Representative Nieto, the Chair recognized Rep. Junie E. Cua, chairperson of the Committee on Banks and Financial Intermediaries, to sponsor the measure through Zoom videoconferencing.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE CUA

Representative Cua said that he is privileged to sponsor a measure that would strengthen government financial institutions, particularly the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) and the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP), and the Philippine Guarantee Corporation (PhilGuarantee), to assist businesses including micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) that have been heavily impacted by the ongoing crisis.

Representative Cua highlighted other salient features of the Bill including the creation of a special holding company that will allow equity participation by qualified private sector investors, with LBP and DBP maintaining majority ownership.

He thereafter explained the Bill's intent to (1) impose certain restrictions; (2) ensure that the

investment of LBP and DBP are not diluted and time-bound, with a definite exit mechanism; (3) infuse ₱10 billion as additional capital to LBP and DBP; (4) grant certain exemptions to PhilGuarantee, LBP, and DBP and special holding company for pertinent transactions to allow them to exercise functions specified in the Bill; and (5) provide assistance to MSMEs and other strategically important companies.

Representative Cua then urged his colleagues to support the passage of House Bill No. 7749.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 7749

Upon Representative Nieto's motion, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 7749.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Nieto, there being no objection, the Chair suspended the session until three o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, December 2, 2020.

It was 6:04 p.m. of Tuesday, December 1, 2020.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:00 p.m. of Wednesday, December 2, 2020, with Deputy Speaker Rufus B. Rodriguez presiding.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

On motion of Rep. John Marvin “Yul Servo” C. Nieto, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Additional Reference of Business.

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 8102, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE BAWBAWON ISLAND IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PLARIDEL, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL A TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Ty (Diego)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 8103, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING PUBLIC RENTAL HOUSING PROGRAMS FOR THE UNDERPRIVILEGED AND HOMELESS CITIZENS, PROVIDING THE IMPLEMENTING MECHANISMS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Aguinaldo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 1385, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE SENSELESS KILLING OF ATTY. JOEY LUIS WEE AND CALLING ON THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE AND THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION ON THE SAID DEATH AND TO FILE THE APPROPRIATE CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE RESPONSIBLE PERSONS”

By Representative Matugas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1386, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR) OF REPUBLIC ACT 11215 (AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A NATIONAL INTEGRATED CANCER CONTROL PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR)”

By Representative Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Resolution No. 1387, entitled:

“RESOLUTION FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CALL FOR AN INVESTIGATION INTO HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, INCLUDING SUBDIVISIONS THAT ARE SITUATED IN PERILOUS AREAS SUCH AS THOSE THAT ARE NEAR RIVERS, LAKES, AND DAMS, BESIDE MOUNTAINS, VOLCANOES AND FORESTS, AND BUILT OVER FAULT LINES WITH REGARD TO ITS SAFETY FROM NATURAL DISASTERS”

By Representative Savellano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1388, entitled:

“RESOLUTION FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CALL FOR AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION’S (DEPED) NON-COMPLIANCE WITH EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 879, (MAY 14, 2010) DIRECTING IT TO USE BAMBOO FOR AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%) OF THE DESK AND OTHER FURNITURE REQUIREMENTS OF PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS”

By Representative Savellano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1389, entitled:

“RESOLUTION FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SUMMON, AS PART OF ITS OVERSIGHT FUNCTION, THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR) TO MAKE A FULL AND COMPREHENSIVE REPORT AS TO THE STATUS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE NATIONAL GREENING PROGRAM OR NGP”

By Representative Savellano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1390, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE HABITABILITY OF HOUSING UNITS IN SEVERAL NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY (NHA) RESETTLEMENT SITES IN THE PROVINCE OF RIZAL FOLLOWING SEVERE FLOODING IN SAID SITES DUE TO TYPHOON ULYSSES”

By Representative Benitez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated October 14, 2020 of Michael G. Aguinaldo, Chairperson, Commission on Audit, furnishing the House of Representatives with copies of the CY 2019 Annual Audit Reports on the following government agencies:

1. Department of Agriculture;
2. Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources;
3. Department of Environment and Natural Resources, PART I -Independent Auditor’s Report, PART II-Audit Observations and Recommendations, PART III-Statement of Implementation of Prior Years’ Audit Recommendations;
4. Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Annexes;
5. Environmental Management Bureau;
6. Mines and Geosciences Bureau;
7. National Water Resources Board;
8. Department of Trade and Industry;
9. Philippine Trade Training Center; and
10. Department of Agrarian Reform.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated 15 October 2020 of Michael G. Aguinaldo, Chairperson, Commission on Audit, furnishing the House of Representatives with a copy of the CY 2019 Annual Audit Report on the Bureau of Local Government Finance.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated October 16, 2020 of Michael G. Aguinaldo, Chairperson, Commission on Audit, furnishing the House of Representatives with copies of the transmitted 2019 Annual Audit Reports on the following national government agencies:

1. Commission on Elections;
2. Career Executive Service Board;
3. Commission on Appointments;

4. Court of Tax Appeals;
 5. House of Representatives Electoral Tribunal;
 6. Sandiganbayan;
 7. Senate of the Philippines; and
 8. Senate Electoral Tribunal.
- TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated October 16, 2020 of Atty. Felix M. Basallaje, Jr., Director III, OIC-Regional Director, Regional Office No. XIII, Commission on Audit, submitting to the House of Representatives copies of the CY 2018-2019 Annual Audit Reports/Management Letter on the following water districts:

- A. Annual Audit Reports:
 1. Butuan City Water District, Butuan City (CY 2019);
 2. Nasipit Water District, Nasipit, Agusan del Norte (CY 2019);
 3. Buenavista Water District, Buenavista, Agusan del Norte (CY 2018-2019);
 4. Bayugan Water District, Bayugan City (CY 2018-2019);
 5. Prosperidad Water District, Prosperidad, Agusan del Sur (CY 2018-2019);
 6. San Francisco Water District, San Francisco, Agusan del Sur (CY 2019);
 7. Sibagat Water District, Sibagat, Agusan del Sur (CY 2019);
 8. Bacuag Water District, Bacuag, Surigao del Norte (CY 2018-2019);
 9. Surigao Metropolitan Water District, Surigao City, Surigao del Norte (CY 2019);
 10. Del Carmen Water District, Del Carmen, Surigao del Norte (CY 2018-2019);
 11. Metro Siargao Water District, Dapa, Surigao del Norte (CY 2018-2019);
 12. Bislig City Water District, Bislig City, Surigao del Sur (CY 2019);
 13. Hinatuan Water District, Hinatuan, Surigao del Sur (CY 2018-2019);
 14. Cantilan Water District, Cantilan, Surigao del Sur (CY 2018-2019);
 15. Lianga Water District, Lianga, Surigao del Sur (CY 2019);
 16. Madrid Water District, Madrid, Surigao del Sur (CY 2018-2019); and
 17. Tandag City Water District, Tandag, Surigao del Sur (CY 2019).

B. Management Letter:

1. Barobo Water District, Barobo, Surigao del Sur (CY 2018-2019).

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated October 26, 2020 of Orlando T. Lavista, State Auditor IV, Team No. 1, NGS A for SUCs and Other Stand-Alone Agencies, Office of the Audit Team Leader, Commission on Audit, furnishing the House of Representatives with copies of the CY 2019 Annual Audit Reports on the following state universities and colleges:

1. Western Mindanao State University;
2. Basilan State College; and
3. J.H. Cerilles State College.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated 14 November 2020 of Janice G. Ayson-Zales, Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), transmitting to the House of Representatives a duly certified electronic copy of Circular Letter No. CL-2020-054 dated 6 November 2020.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letter dated 19 November 2020 of Janice G. Ayson-Zales, Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), transmitting to the House of Representatives duly certified electronic copies of the following BSP issuances:

1. Circular Letter No. CL-2020-055 dated 16 November 2020; and
2. Memorandum No. M-2020-083 dated 17 November 2020.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Email dated November 23, 2020 from the Municipality of San Isidro, Province of Davao del Norte, informing the House of Representatives that their Reports on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project/Activity Implementation for the months of April to September 2020 of the Bayanihan Grant to Cities and Municipalities have been posted in their website and in three (3) conspicuous public places in their locality.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Email dated November 23, 2020 from the Province of Cebu, submitting to the House of Representatives a copy of their Accumulated Report on Fund Utilization/Obligation and Status of Program/Project/Activity Implementation for the period ending October 31, 2020 of the Bayanihan Grant to Provinces, which has been posted in their website and in three (3) conspicuous public places in their locality.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Annual Audit Report on the Cebu Normal University, Cebu City for the year ended December 31, 2019.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Annual Audit Report on the Cebu Port Authority, Cebu City for the year ended December 31, 2019.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Disaster Resilience (Committee Report No. 617), re H.R. No. 535, entitled:
“A RESOLUTION DECLARING A DISASTER AND CLIMATE EMERGENCY”
recommending its adoption without amendment
Sponsors: Representatives Torres-Gomez and Salceda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education, the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Ways and Means (Committee Report No. 618), re H.B. No. 8111, entitled:
“AN ACT CONVERTING THE BULACAN AGRICULTURAL STATE COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ILDEFONSO, PROVINCE OF BULACAN, INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE BULACAN STATE AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6502
Sponsors: Representatives Go (Mark), Yap (Eric), Salceda and Silverio
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At 3:05 p.m., the Chair declared a recess upon Representative Nieto’s motion.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:16 p.m., the session resumed.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS CALENDARED UNDER THE BUSINESS FOR THE DAY

Whereupon, on successive motions of Representative Nieto, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading the following House Bills calendared under the Business for the

Day contained in the committee reports as submitted by the Committee on Agriculture and Food; dispensed with the reading of the texts of the measures without prejudice to their insertion into the records of the House, as copies thereof had been previously distributed to the Members; adopted the Explanatory Notes of the Bills as the sponsorship remarks on the measures, upon motion of Rep. Wilfrido Mark M. Enverga, chairperson of said committee; terminated the period of sponsorship and debate, there being no Member who wished to interpellate; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of committee and individual amendments; and approved the same on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting:

1. House Bill No. 6149 contained in Committee Report No. 604, declaring the Province of Catanduanes as the abaca capital of the Philippines; and
2. House Bill No. 7660 contained in Committee Report No. 605, declaring the Municipality of San Jose in the Province of Batangas, as the “Egg Basket of the Philippines.”

**BUSINESS FOR THE DAY:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 612
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 8080**

On motion of Representative Nieto, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 8080 contained in Committee Report No. 612 as reported out by the Committees on Basic Education and Culture, and Appropriations.

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

“AN ACT INSTITUTING SERVICES FOR LEARNERS WITH DISABILITIES IN SUPPORT OF INCLUSIVE EDUCATION, ESTABLISHING INCLUSIVE LEARNING RESOURCE CENTERS IN ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS, PROVIDING FOR STANDARDS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.”

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Representative Nieto, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the text of the measure without prejudice to its insertion into the records of the House.

On motion of Representative Nieto, the Chair recognized Rep. Roman T. Romulo, chairperson of

the Committee on Basic Education and Culture, for his sponsorship remarks.

**SPONSORSHIP REMARKS
OF REPRESENTATIVE ROMULO**

Representative Romulo expressed his honor in sponsoring a measure that will institutionalize inclusive learning and provide mandatory free quality public education to learners with disabilities. He also requested that the Explanatory Note of the measure be made part of his sponsorship of the measure.

Upon motion of Rep. Wilter “Sharky” Wee Palma II, the Body adopted the Explanatory Note of the Bill as sponsorship speech of the measure.

**TERMINATION OF PERIOD
OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE**

There being no Member who wished to interpellate the sponsor, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate; and thereafter proceeded to the period of amendments.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

As proposed by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body approved the amendment on Section 21 of the Bill on Procedural Safeguards.

Representative Romulo explained that the Committee would want to empower and authorize the parents and guardians of learners with disabilities to have the authority to ensure that their children will be allowed entry into regular classrooms.

**TERMINATION OF
PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS**

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

**APPROVAL ON SECOND READING
OF HOUSE BILL NO. 8080, AS AMENDED**

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 8080, as amended, through *viva voce* voting.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Palma, the Chair suspended the session at 3:29 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:32 p.m.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 552 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 7835

On motion of Representative Baronda, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 7835 contained in Committee Report No. 552 as reported out by the Committee on People's Participation.

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

“AN ACT REQUIRING FOR THE FULL DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES IN THE GOVERNMENT SECTOR, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1827, ENTITLED 'AN ACT TO REGULATE LOBBYING IN THE CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES AND IN THE COMMISSION ON APPOINTMENTS' AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR.”

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Representative Baronda, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the text of the measure without prejudice to its insertion into the records of the House.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Baronda, the Chair recognized Rep. Florida “Rida” P. Robes, chairperson of the Committee on People's Participation, to sponsor the measure.

SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE ROBES

Representative Robes expressed her pleasure in presenting House Bill No. 7835 and requested for the Body's adoption of the measure.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 7835

On successive motions of Representative Baronda, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate, in

the absence of interpellations; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of committee and individual amendments; and approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 7835 through *viva voce* voting.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 571 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 7950

On another motion of Representative Baronda, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 7950 contained in Committee Report No. 571 as reported out by the Committee on People's Participation.

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

“AN ACT CREATING A SYSTEM OF PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PEOPLE'S COUNCIL IN EVERY LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT, PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AND PROVIDING FOR ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE LOCAL SANGGUNIAN AND LOCAL BOARDS, COUNCILS, COMMITTEES, TASK FORCES OR SIMILAR WORK GROUPS.”

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Representative Baronda, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the text of the measure without prejudice to its insertion into the records of the House.

SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE ROBES

Recognized by the Chair upon motion of Representative Baronda, Representative Robes expressed her gratitude to those who made it possible to include the Bill in the day's agenda and requested that the Body concur with its approval.

REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

At this point, Deputy Speaker Rodriguez stated that he would like to yield the Chair so that he can interpellate the Sponsor of House Bill No. 7950.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Baronda, the Chair suspended the session at 3:37 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:38 p.m., with Representative Palma presiding.

On motion of Representative Baronda, the Chair recognized Deputy Speaker Rodriguez for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER RODRIGUEZ

As he initially lauded the intent of the measure, Deputy Speaker Rodriguez discussed with Representative Robes the legality of the Bill, particularly in consideration of the Local Government Code, with the former also citing a Supreme Court ruling that no other council can interfere with the *Sangguniang Panlalawigan* and *Panlungsod* or other *Sanggunians*. The Sponsor, in response, asked if Deputy Speaker Rodriguez would like to propose an amendment to the Bill.

On Deputy Speaker Rodriguez' next query, Representative Robes said that the Department of the Interior and Local Government participated during the discussions on the Bill and that the department did not say anything regarding the legitimacy of the proposed measure. Upon hearing her reply, Deputy Speaker Rodriguez ended his interpellation and gave his support on the Bill.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 7950

On motion of Representative Baronda, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 7950.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair suspended the session at 3:43 p.m. upon motion of Representative Baronda.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:43 p.m. with Deputy Speaker Rodriguez presiding.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Baronda, the Chair suspended the session at 3:44 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:47.

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL NO. 9

On motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 9 covering the plenary sessions from September 28, 2020 to November 18, 2020.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 532 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 7771

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 7771 contained in Committee Report No. 532 as submitted by the Committee on Local Government.

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

“AN ACT REAPPORTIONING THE PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL NORTE INTO THE LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF BUTUAN AND THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL NORTE.”

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the text of the measure without prejudice to its insertion into the records of the House.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Palma, the Chair recognized Rep. Lawrence “Law” H. Fortun, a principal author of the Bill, for his sponsorship remarks.

SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE FORTUN

Speaking in the Zoom videoconference, Representative Fortun stated that the First District of Agusan del Norte currently consists of the City of Butuan and the Municipality of Las Nieves, and the rest of the municipalities of said province constitute the Second District; thus, House Bill No. 7771 seeks to reapportion the province into the Lone Legislative District of the City of Butuan, and the Lone Legislative District of the Province of Agusan del Norte. He then asked for the support of his colleagues on the proposed measure which he and Rep. Ma. Angelica M. Amante-Matba principally authored.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 7771

On successive motions of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate, in the absence of interpellations; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of committee and individual amendments; and approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 7771 through *viva voce* voting.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 567 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 7905

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 7905 contained in Committee Report No. 567 as submitted by the Committee on Tourism.

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

“AN ACT DECLARING THE YEAR 2020 AS
'NATIONAL GOLF TOURISM YEAR' IN
THE PHILIPPINES.”

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the text of the measure without prejudice to its insertion into the records of the House.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Palma, the Chair recognized Rep. Sol Aragonés, chairperson of the sponsoring Committee, for her sponsorship speech via the Zoom videoconferencing.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ARAGONÉS

Representative Aragonés stated that House Bill No. 7905 proposes to declare the year 2020 as National Golf Tourism Year, the objective of which is to promote the Philippines as the premier golf tourism destination and to direct the Department of Tourism to lead government efforts to develop the particular niche in overall Philippine tourism promotion efforts. The measure, she believed, will help boost the country's tourism industry considering that in 2019, the industry contributed to close to half a trillion pesos in visitor receipts. She added that golf tourism can also bring in opportunities to auxiliary businesses.

She then asked for her colleagues' support to the various initiatives that can aid the sector in its recovery and play its role as the significant driver of economic activity.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 7905

On successive motions of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate, in the absence of interpellations; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of committee and individual amendments; and approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 7905 through *viva voce* voting.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair suspended the session at 3:55 p.m. upon motion of Representative Palma.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:56 p.m. with Speaker Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco presiding.

Upon resumption of session, Majority Leader Ferdinand Martin B. Romualdez called on Deputy Speaker Rodriguez to ascend the rostrum together with his family for his oath of office to be administered by Speaker Velasco.

At this point, Deputy Speaker Rodriguez and members of his family ascended the rostrum for his oath of office before Speaker Velasco.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 4:00 p.m. to allow the Members to congratulate Deputy Speaker Rodriguez.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:06 p.m., the session resumed with Deputy Speaker Rodriguez presiding.

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS

On successive motions of Reps. Ma. Theresa V. Collantes and David “Jay-Jay” C. Suarez, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the approval on Third Reading of the following House Bills on Third Reading, printed copies of which were distributed to

the Members on the dates mentioned herein, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the Rules of the House.

Distributed on November 20, 2020:

1. House Bill No. 7812, entitled: “AN ACT CREATING ANTI-DRUG ABUSE COUNCILS (ADACS) IN ALL PROVINCES, CITIES, MUNICIPALITIES, AND BARANGAYS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY”

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

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abellanosa	Billones
Abu	Bolilia
Abueg-Zaldivar	Bondoc
Abunda	Bordado
Acop	Bravo
Acosta-Alba	Bustos
Adiong	Cabochan
Advincula	Cabredo
Agabas	Cagas
Agarao	Calderon
Aguinaldo	Calixto
Albano	Caminero
Almario	Campos
Alonte	Caoagdan
Alvarez (F.)	Cari
Alvarez (G.)	Castelo
Amante-Matba	Castro (F.H.)
Angara	Cayetano (A.P.)
Arenas	Cayetano (M.L.)
Arroyo	Celeste
Atienza	Chatto
Babasa	Chipeco
Bagatsing	Collantes
Balindong	Crisologo
Barba	Cua
Barbers	Cuaresma
Baronda	Cueva
Bascug	Dagooc
Bautista-Bandigan	Dalog
Belmonte	Daza
Benitez	De Jesus
Biazon	Defensor (L.)

Deloso-Montalla	Mangudadatu
Dimaporo (A.)	Mariano-Hernandez
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Mariño
Duterte	Matba
Dy (F.M.C.)	Matugas
Ecleo	Momo
Elago	Natividad-Nagaño
Enverga	Nava
Erice	Nieto
Eriguel	Noel
Escudero	Nogralas (J.J.)
Espina	Oaminal
Estrella	Olivarez
Fariñas (R.C.)	Ong (R.)
Ferrer (J.M.)	Ortega
Ferrer (L.)	Ouano-Dizon
Fortun	Padiernos
Fortuno	Paduano
Frasco	Palma
Fuentebella	Pancho
Gaite	Peña
Garbin	Plaza
Garcia (J.E.)	Puno
Garcia (P.J.)	Quimbo
Garcia (V.)	Radaza
Garin (J.)	Ramirez-Sato
Gasataya	Remulla
Gato	Revilla
Geron	Reyes
Go (M.)	Rivera
Gonzales (A.)	Robes
Gorriceta	Roman
Gullas	Romualdez (F.M.)
Hataman	Romualdez (Y.M.)
Hernandez	Romualdo
Hofer	Romulo
Jalosjos	Roque
Jimenez	Sagarbarria
Kho (E.)	Sakaluran
Lacson	Salceda
Lacson-Noel	Salimbangon
Lagman	Salo
Lara	Sanchez
Lazatin	Santos-Recto
Legarda	Sarmiento
Lim	Saulog
Limkaichong	Savellano
Lopez	Siao
Loyola	Singson-Meehan
Lusotan	Suansing (E.)
Macapagal Arroyo	Suansing (H.)
Maceda	Suarez (D.)
Madrona	Suntay
Mangaoang	Taduran

Tambunting	Ungab
Tan (A.)	Uy (R.)
Tan (Samier)	Valeriano
Tejada	Valmayor
Teves (A.)	Vargas
Teves (J.)	Velasco
Tiangco	Vergara
Tolentino	Villa
Tupas	Villanueva (E.)
Tutor	Villanueva (N.)
Ty (A.)	Violago
Ty (D.)	Yap (E.)
Umali (A.)	Zamora (R.)
Umali (M.V.)	Zubiri

Negative:

None

Abstention:

None

With 200 affirmative votes, zero negative votes, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 7812. (See also Appendix 2)

**APPROVAL ON THIRD READING
OF HOUSE BILLS**

(Continuation)

Distributed on November 27, 2020:

2. House Bill No. 7917, entitled: “AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR AS THE HOME OF THE GOLDEN TARA”
3. House Bill No. 7977, entitled: “AN ACT DECLARING THE SIAY-KABASALAN WETLANDS IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF SIAY AND KABASALAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY AN ECOTOURISM SITE, ESTABLISHING THE SIAY-KABASALAN WETLANDS ECOTOURISM COUNCIL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
4. House Bill No. 7983, entitled: “AN ACT DECLARING THE TINAKAYANAN FALLS LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LABRADOR, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN, AN ECOTOURISM SITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

5. House Bill No. 7984, entitled: “AN ACT DECLARING MT. TAPULAO LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PALAUIG, PROVINCE OF ZAMBALES, AN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND FOREST RESERVE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
6. House Bill No. 7985, entitled: “AN ACT DECLARING MT. PINATUBO LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BOTOLAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBALES, AN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
7. House Bill No. 7987, entitled: “AN ACT DISTINGUISHING THE DAO TREE LOCATED WITHIN A SECONDARY FOREST IN THE INTEGRATED FOREST MANAGEMENT AREA OF THE E. PELAEZ RANCH IN BAYOMBONG, BARANGAY CUGMAN, CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, AS THE CAGAYAN DE ORO HERITAGE TREE, DECLARING IT A TOURIST ATTRACTION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
8. House Bill No. 7988, entitled: “AN ACT DECLARING THE MALUBAL FALLS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ROSELLER T. LIM, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY, AN ECOTOURISM SITE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
9. House Bill No. 7989, entitled: “AN ACT DECLARING THE UNDERGROUND TIPAN CAVE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NAGA, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY, AN ECOTOURISM SITE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
10. House Bill No. 8015, entitled: “AN ACT DECLARING THE SICOOGON ISLAND LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARLES, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, AN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
11. House Bill No. 7447, entitled: “AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROVINCIAL OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

12. House Bill No. 7516, entitled: “AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROVINCIAL OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE PROVINCE OF SORSOGON, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
13. House Bill No. 7969, entitled: “AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROVINCIAL OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE PROVINCE OF NORTHERN SAMAR, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
14. House Bill No. 5365, entitled: “AN ACT SEPARATING THE MARIANO PERALTA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – SANGAY EXTENSION IN BARANGAY SANGAY, MUNICIPALITY OF MALITA, PROVINCE OF DAVAO OCCIDENTAL FROM THE MARIANO PERALTA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS ERNESTO LOPEZ NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
15. House Bill No. 7992, entitled: “AN ACT SEPARATING THE NANENG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – MOSIMOS EXTENSION IN BARANGAY DUPAG, CITY OF TABUK, PROVINCE OF KALINGA FROM THE NANENG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS DUPAG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
16. House Bill No. 7993, entitled: “AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TALIPAPA, QUEZON CITY, METRO MANILA TO BE KNOWN AS THE TALIPAPA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
17. House Bill No. 7994, entitled: “AN ACT SEPARATING THE BAGUIO CITY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – FORT DEL PILAR ANNEX IN BARANGAY FORT DEL PILAR, BAGUIO CITY FROM THE BAGUIO CITY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE FORT DEL PILAR NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
18. House Bill No. 7995, entitled: “AN ACT SEPARATING THE BAGUIO CITY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – HILLSIDE ANNEX IN BARANGAY HILLSIDE, BAGUIO CITY FROM THE BAGUIO CITY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE HILLSIDE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
19. House Bill No. 7996, entitled: “AN ACT SEPARATING THE SIBUCO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – LUNDAY ANNEX IN BARANGAY LUNDAY, MUNICIPALITY OF SIBUCO, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE FROM THE SIBUCO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS LUNDAY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
20. House Bill No. 7997, entitled: “AN ACT CONVERTING THE LABASON CENTRAL SCHOOL IN BARANGAY LOPOC, MUNICIPALITY OF LABASON, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE INTO AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE LABASON INTEGRATED SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
21. House Bill No. 7998, entitled: “AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF PARACELIS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY POBLACION, MUNICIPALITY OF PARACELIS, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE TO SERAPIO GAWAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL”
22. House Bill No. 7927, entitled: “AN ACT ESTABLISHING A HERITAGE ZONE WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN VICENTE, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR”

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

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abellanosa	Campos
Abu	Caoagdan
Abueg-Zaldivar	Cari
Abunda	Castelo
Acop	Castro (F.H.)
Acosta-Alba	Cayetano (A.P.)
Adiong	Cayetano (M.L.)
Advincula	Celeste
Agabas	Chatto
Agarao	Chipeco
Aguinaldo	Collantes
Albano	Crisologo
Almario	Cua
Alonte	Cuaresma
Alvarez (F.)	Cueva
Alvarez (G.)	Dagooc
Amante-Matba	Dalog
Angara	Daza
Arenas	De Jesus
Arroyo	de Venecia
Atienza	Defensor (L.)
Babasa	Deloso-Montalla
Bagatsing	Dimaporo (A.)
Balindong	Dimaporo (M.K.)
Barba	Duterte
Barbers	Dy (F.M.C.)
Baronda	Ecleo
Bascug	Elago
Bautista-Bandigan	Enverga
Belmonte	Erice
Benitez	Eriguel
Biazon	Escudero
Billones	Espina
Bolilia	Estrella
Bondoc	Fariñas (R.C.)
Bordado	Ferrer (J.M.)
Bravo	Ferrer (L.)
Bustos	Fortun
Cabochan	Fortuno
Cabredo	Frasco
Cagas	Fuentebella
Calderon	Gaite
Calixto	Garbin
Caminero	Garcia (J.E.)

Garcia (P.J.)	Puno
Garcia (V.)	Quimbo
Garin (J.)	Radaza
Gasataya	Ramirez-Sato
Gato	Remulla
Geron	Revilla
Go (M.)	Reyes
Gonzales (A.)	Rivera
Gorriceta	Robes
Gullas	Roman
Hataman	Romualdez (F.M.)
Hernandez	Romualdez (Y.M.)
Hofer	Romualdo
Jalosjos	Romulo
Jimenez	Roque
Kho (E.)	Sagarbarria
Lacson	Sakaluran
Lacson-Noel	Salceda
Lagman	Salimbangon
Lara	Salo
Lazatin	Sanchez
Legarda	Santos-Recto
Lim	Sarmiento
Limkaichong	Saulog
Lopez	Savellano
Loyola	Siao
Lusotan	Singson-Meehan
Macapagal Arroyo	Suansing (E.)
Maceda	Suansing (H.)
Madrona	Suarez (D.)
Mangaoang	Suntay
Mangudadatu	Taduran
Mariano-Hernandez	Tallado
Mariño	Tambunting
Matba	Tan (A.)
Matugas	Tan (Samier)
Momo	Tejada
Natividad-Nagaño	Teves (A.)
Nava	Teves (J.)
Nieto	Tiangco
Noel	Tolentino
Nogralles (J.J.)	Tulfo
Oaminal	Tupas
Olivarez	Tutor
Ong (R.)	Ty (A.)
Ortega	Ty (D.)
Ouano-Dizon	Umali (A.)
Pacquiao (R.)	Umali (M.V.)
Padiernos	Ungab
Paduano	Uy (R.)
Palma	Valeriano
Pancho	Valmayor
Peña	Vargas
Plaza	Velasco

Vergara	Yap (E.)	Almario	Dimaporo (A.)
Villa	Zamora (R.)	Alonte	Dimaporo (M.K.)
Villanueva (E.)	Zamora (W.K.)	Alvarez (F.)	Duterte
Villanueva (N.)	Zubiri	Alvarez (G.)	Dy (F.M.C.)
Violago		Amante-Matba	Ecleo

Negative:

None

Abstention:

None

With 205 affirmative votes, zero negative votes, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading the abovementioned House Bills. (See also Appendix 2)

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS

(Continuation)

23. House Bill No. 8006, entitled: “AN ACT CONVERTING THE CABUGAO SCHOOL OF HANDICRAFT AND COTTAGE INDUSTRIES (CSHCI) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BATO, PROVINCE OF CATANDUANES, INTO A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA)-SUPERVISED AND ADMINISTERED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE CATANDUANES POLYTECHNIC SKILLS DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (CPSDI), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abellanosa	Adiong
Abu	Advincula
Abueg-Zaldivar	Agabas
Abunda	Agarao
Acop	Aguinaldo
Acosta-Alba	Albano

Arenas	Dimaporo (A.)
Arroyo	Dimaporo (M.K.)
Atienza	Duterte
Babasa	Dy (F.M.C.)
Bagatsing	Ecleo
Balindong	Elago
Barba	Enverga
Barbers	Erice
Baronda	Eriguel
Bascug	Escudero
Bautista-Bandigan	Espina
Belmonte	Estrella
Benitez	Fariñas (R.C.)
Biazon	Ferrer (J.M.)
Billones	Ferrer (L.)
Bolilia	Fortun
Bondoc	Fortuno
Bordado	Frasco
Bravo	Fuentebella
Bustos	Gaite
Cabochan	Garbin
Cabredo	Garcia (J.E.)
Cagas	Garcia (P.J.)
Calderon	Garcia (V.)
Calixto	Garin (J.)
Caminero	Gasataya
Campos	Gato
Caoagdan	Geron
Cari	Go (M.)
Castelo	Gonzales (A.)
Castro (F.H.)	Gorriceta
Cayetano (A.P.)	Gullas
Cayetano (M.L.)	Hataman
Celeste	Hernandez
Chatto	Hofer
Chipeco	Jalosjos
Collantes	Jimenez
Crisologo	Kho (E.)
Cua	Lacson
Cuaresma	Lacson-Noel
Cueva	Lagman
Dagooc	Lara
Dalog	Lazatin
Daza	Legarda
De Jesus	Lim
de Venecia	Limkaichong
Defensor (L.)	Lopez
Deloso-Montalla	Loyola
	Lusotan
	Macapagal Arroyo
	Maceda
	Madrona
	Mangaoang
	Mangudadatu

Mariano-Hernandez	Sangcopan
Mariño	Santos-Recto
Matba	Sarmiento
Matugas	Saulog
Momo	Savellano
Natividad-Nagaño	Siao
Nava	Singson-Meehan
Nieto	Suansing (E.)
Noel	Suansing (H.)
Nogralas (J.J.)	Suarez (D.)
Oaminal	Suntay
Olivarez	Taduran
Ong (R.)	Tallado
Ortega	Tambunting
Ouano-Dizon	Tan (A.)
Pacquiao (R.)	Tan (Samier)
Padiernos	Tejada
Paduano	Teves (A.)
Palma	Teves (J.)
Pancho	Tiangco
Peña	Tolentino
Plaza	Tulfo
Puno	Tupas
Quimbo	Tutor
Radaza	Ty (A.)
Ramirez-Sato	Ty (D.)
Remulla	Umali (A.)
Revilla	Umali (M.V.)
Reyes	Ungab
Rivera	Uy (R.)
Robes	Valeriano
Roman	Valmayor
Romualdez (F.M.)	Vargas
Romualdez (Y.M.)	Velasco
Romualdo	Vergara
Romulo	Villa
Roque	Villanueva (E.)
Sagarbarria	Villanueva (N.)
Sakaluran	Violago
Salceda	Yap (E.)
Salimbangon	Zamora (R.)
Salo	Zamora (W.K.)
Sanchez	Zubiri

Negative:

None

Abstention:

None

With 206 affirmative votes, zero negative votes, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 8006. (See also Appendix 2)

TRANSMITTAL TO THE SENATE OF HOUSE BILLS

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

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

On another motion of Representative Collantes, there being no objection, the Body approved to include as additional coauthors of House Bill Nos. 5680, 6149, 7660, 8040, 8041, 8057, 8077, 8080, 8081, and 8082, the names of the Members contained in the list to be submitted by the Committee on Rules.

DESIGNATION OF HOUSE CONFEREES ON HOUSE BILL NO. 6816 AND SENATE BILL NO. 1849

On further motion of Representative Collantes, there being no objection, the Body designated Reps. Junie E. Cua, John Reynald M. Tiangco, and Stella Luz A. Quimbo as members of the conference committee to reconcile the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 6816 and Senate Bill No. 1849, or the Financial Institutions Strategic Transfer (FIST) Act.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 574 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 7956

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Nieto, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 7956 contained in Committee Report No. 574 as submitted by the Special Committee on Food Security.

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

“AN ACT REDUCING WASTAGE BY
DONATING AND RECYCLING EXCESS
EDIBLE FOOD.”

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Representative Nieto, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the text of the measure without prejudice to its insertion into the records of the House.

Upon Representative Nieto’s motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Wilfredo “Willy” S. Caminero, chairperson of the sponsoring Committee, to sponsor the measure via Zoom videoconferencing.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE CAMINERO

Representative Caminero initially thanked the Committee on Rules for including the Bill at hand in the day's agenda. He next discussed its significance and timeliness during the pandemic and occurrence of natural disasters. He stressed the importance of having food reserves in local government units to prepare them for calamities and emergencies without waiting for the assistance of the national government or the private sector.

Representative Caminero enumerated the salient features of House Bill No. 7956 which include the creation of linkages among local food businesses, food banks, and local government units; formulation of self-sufficiency program and strategies to decrease wasted foods at food-related businesses. He added that the National Nutrition Council, chaired by the Department of Health, and along with other departments, is in the best position to act as policy-making body for the implementation of the program.

Recalling that a similar measure was approved during the 17th Congress, he expressed hope that with the support of his colleagues, it would finally be enacted into a law so that it can be incorporated in any emergency preparedness and response plan.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 7956

Thereafter, on successive motions of Representative Nieto, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on House Bill No. 7956 in the absence of interpellations; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of committee and individual amendments; and approved the measure on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 566 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 852

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Nieto, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 852 contained in Committee Report No. 566 as submitted by the Committee on Labor and Employment.

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

“AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF EMPLOYERS IN POSTING NOTICES OF TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT OF FORMER EMPLOYEES IN NEWSPAPERS, SOCIAL MEDIA AND OTHER PUBLIC INFORMATION VENUES.”

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Representative Nieto, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the text of the measure without prejudice to its insertion into the records of the House.

Upon Representative Nieto's motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Enrico A. Pineda, chairperson of the sponsoring Committee, to sponsor the measure via Zoom videoconferencing.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE PINEDA

After commending Reps. Michael Edgar Y. Aglipay, Joaquin M. Chipeco Jr., and Joy Myra S. Tambunting, authors of the Bill, for taking the initiative to craft a measure that would protect the welfare of workers, Representative Pineda said that House Bill No. 852 seeks to protect all workers from abusive acts of employers in publishing notices of termination of employment in public venues. He added that the Bill identifies the instances wherein employers can post notices of termination of employment in public media, including penalties for violating the measure.

Representative Pineda informed the Body that the Bill at hand had been approved during the 16th and 17th Congresses and appealed to his colleagues that they support the passage of the Bill this 18th Congress.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 852

Thereafter, on successive motions of Representative Nieto, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on House Bill No. 852 in the absence of interpellations; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of committee and individual amendments; and approved the measure on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting.

PRIVILEGE HOUR

With leave of the House, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the

Chair declared a Privilege Hour; and on his further motion, the Chair recognized Representative Nieto for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE NIETO

Representative Nieto highlighted the importance of preserving the country's cultural treasures that symbolize the history of its people and its own race. He said that many of Philippine artifacts were acquired and preserved with blood as a living testament of the country's cultural heritage. He added that one of these national cultural treasures was the *Doctrina Christiana*, the first book published in Manila in 1593 written in *Baybayin* and currently in the U.S. Library of Congress, Washington D.C. He stressed that the Philippines persevere to protect and regard this book with utmost pride, considering that the writing system proved the country's progress as a civilization.

He then cited historical events such as the successful return and restoration of the three Balangiga bells to the Philippines on December 11, 2018 under the Duterte administration. With this achievement, he expressed optimism that the same could be done with the 427-year old book.

Finally, he called on his colleagues to support the resolution directing the Philippine government, through diplomatic efforts of the Department of Foreign Affairs, to recover from the US government the *Doctrina Christiana*.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE NIETO

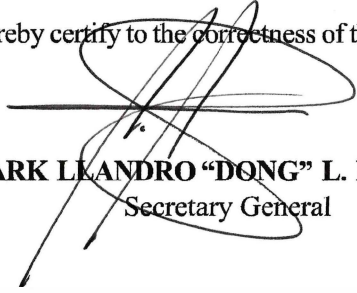
On motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Nieto's privilege speech to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, December 7, 2020.

It was 5:07 p.m. of Wednesday, December 2, 2020.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.


MARK LLANDRO "DONG" L. MENDOZA
Secretary General

Approved on December 7, 2020.

Congress of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Philippines

MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE

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ABANTE	BRAVO	DY (F.M.C.)
ABAYA	BROSAS	DY (I.P.)
ABELLANOSA	BULUT	EBCAS
ABU	BUSTOS	ECLEO
ABUEG-ZALDIVAR	CABATBAT	ELAGO
ABUNDA	CABOCHAN	ENVERGA
ACOP	CABREDO	ERICE
ACOSTA	CAGAS	ERIGUEL
ACOSTA-ALBA	CALDERON	ERMITA-BUHAIN
ADIONG	CALIXTO	ESCUDERO
ADVINCULA	CAMINERO	ESPINA
AGABAS	CAMPOS	ESPINO
AGARAO	CANAMA	ESTRELLA
AGLIPAY	CAOAGDAN	FARIÑAS (R.C.)
AGUINALDO	CARDEMA	FARIÑAS I (R.C.)
ALBANO	CARI	FERNANDEZ
ALMARIO	CASTELO	FERNANDO
ALONTE	CASTRO (F.L.)	FERRER (J.M.)
ALVAREZ (F.)	CASTRO (F.H.)	FERRER (L.)
ALVAREZ (G.)	CAYETANO (A.P.)	FLORES
ALVAREZ (P.)	CAYETANO (M.L.)	FORTUN
AMANTE-MATBA	CELESTE	FORTUNO
AMATONG	CHATTO	FRASCO
ANGARA	CHIPECO	FUENTEBELLA
ARAGONES	CHUNGALAO	GAITE
ARBISON	CO (A.N.)	GARBIN
ARENAS	CO (E.)	GARCIA (J.E.)
ARROYO	COJUANGCO	GARCIA (P.J.)
ATIENZA	COLLANTES	GARCIA (V.)
AUMENTADO	CRISOLOGO	GARIN (J.)
BABASA	CUA	GARIN (S.)
BAGATSING	CUARESMA	GASATAYA
BALINDONG	CUEVA	GATCHALIAN
BAÑAS-NOGRALES	CULLAMAT	GATO
BARBA	DAGOOC	GERON
BARBERS	DALIPE	GO (E.C.)
BARONDA	DALOG	GO (M.)
BARZAGA	DAZA	GONZAGA
BASCUG	DE JESUS	GONZALES (A.)
BAUTISTA	DE VENECIA	GONZALES (N.)
BAUTISTA-BANDIGAN	DEFENSOR (L.)	GONZALEZ
BELMONTE	DEFENSOR (M.)	GORRICETA
BENITEZ	DELOS SANTOS	GUICO
BERNOS	DELOSO-MONTALLA	GULLAS
BIAZON	DIMAPORO (A.)	GUYA
BILLONES	DIMAPORO (M.K.)	HARESCO
BIRON	DUAVIT	HATAMAN
BOLILIA	DUJALI	HERNANDEZ
BONDOC	DUTERTE	HERRERA-DY
BORDADO	DY (F.)	HOFER

JALOSJOS
JAVIER
JIMENEZ
KHO (E.)
KHO (W.)
KHONGHUN
LABADLABAD
LACSON
LACSON-NOEL
LAGMAN
LAGON
LARA
LAZATIN
LEACHON
LEGARDA
LIM
LIMKAICHONG
LOPEZ
LOYOLA
LUSOTAN
MACAPAGAL ARROYO
MACEDA
MADRONA
MALAPITAN
MANGAOANG
MANGUDADATU
MARCOLETA
MARIANO-HERNANDEZ
MARIÑO
MARQUEZ
MARTINEZ
MATBA
MATUGAS
MENDOZA
MERCADO
MOMO
NATIVIDAD-NAGAÑO
NAVA
NIETO
NOEL
NOGRALES (J.J.)
NOGRALES (J.F.F.)
NOLASCO
NUÑEZ-MALANYAON
OAMINAL
OLIVAREZ
ONG (J.)
ONG (R.)
ORDANES
ORTEGA

OUANO-DIZON
PACQUIAO (A.)
PACQUIAO (R.)
PADIERNOS
PADUANO
PALMA
PANCHO
PANOTES
PEÑA
PICHAY
PIMENTEL
PINEDA
PLAZA
PUNO
QUIMBO
RADAZA
RAMIREZ-SATO
REMULLA
REVILLA
REYES
RIVERA
ROBES
RODRIGUEZ
ROMAN
ROMERO
ROMUALDEZ (F.M.)
ROMUALDEZ (Y.M.)
ROMUALDO
ROMULO
ROQUE
SACDALAN
SAGARBARRIA
SAKALURAN
SALCEDA
SALIMBANGON
SALO
SANCHEZ
SANGCOPAN
SANTOS-RECTO
SARMIENTO
SAULOG
SAVELLANO
SIAO
SILVERIO
SINGSON
SINGSON-MEEHAN
SINSUAT
SUANSING (E.)
SUANSING (H.)
SUAREZ (A.)

SUAREZ (D.)
SUNTAY
SY-ALVARADO
TADURAN
TALLADO
TAMBUNTING
TAN (A.S.)
TAN (A.)
TAN (SAMIER)
TAN (S.A.)
TAN (SHERNEE)
TEJADA
TEVES (A.)
TEVES (J.)
TIANGCO
TOLENTINO
TORRES-GOMEZ
TULFO
TUPAS
TUTOR
TY (A.)
TY (D.)
UMALI (A.)
UMALI (M.V.)
UNABIA
UNGAB
UY (J.)
UY (R.)
VALERIANO
VALMAYOR
VARGAS
VARGAS ALFONSO
VELASCO
VELOSO
VERGARA
VILLA
VILLAFUERTE
VILLANUEVA (E.)
VILLANUEVA (N.)
VILLAR
VILLARAZA-SUAREZ
VILLARICA
VIOLAGO
YAP (E.)
YAP (V.)
YU
ZAMORA (R.)
ZAMORA (W.K.)
ZARATE
ZUBIRI

* 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)

NOTES ON NOMINAL VOTING RESULTS

The affirmative votes of the following Members were received after the announcement of the voting results on several House Bills which were declared approved on Third Reading on the dates indicated hereunder:

December 1, 2020:

1. House Bill No. 7836

Sanchez	Tulfo	Cayetano (M.L.)	Sagarbarria
Cua	Dalipe	Aguinaldo	Billones
Tallado	Tejada	Sy-Alvarado	Khonghun
Kho (E.)	Sakaluran	Pimentel	
Fortun	Cayetano (A.P.)	Ermita-Buhain	

2. House Bill No. 7036

Tulfo	Cayetano (A.P.)	Pimentel	Khonghun
Dalipe	Cayetano (M.L.)	Ermita-Buhain	
Tejada	Aguinaldo	Sagarbarria	
Sakaluran	Sy-Alvarado	Billones	

3. House Bill Nos. 7970, 7971, 7972, 7973, 7974, and 7975

Sy-Alvarado	Ermita-Buhain	Cayetano (M.L.)	Billones
Pimentel	Cayetano (A.P.)	Sagarbarria	Khonghun

4. House Bill No. 7904

Pimentel	Sagarbarria	Khonghun	
Ermita-Buhain	Billones		

December 2, 2020:

1. House Bill No. 7812

Tulfo	Tallado	Cabatbat	Ermita-Buhain
Zamora (W.K.)	Villar	Dy (I.P.)	Guico
de Venecia	Herrera-Dy	Javier	Singson
Pacquiao (R.)	Khonghun	Acosta	Lagon

2. House Bill Nos. 7917, 7977, 7983, 7984, 7985, 7987, 7988, 7989, 8015, 7447, 7516, 7969, 5365, 7992, 7993, 7994, 7995, 7996, 7997, 7998, and 7927

Sangcopan	Khonghun	Javier	Guico
Villar	Cabatbat	Acosta	Singson
Herrera-Dy	Dy (I.P.)	Ermita-Buhain	Lagon

3. House Bill No. 8006

Villar	Cabatbat	Acosta	Singson
Herrera-Dy	Dy (I.P.)	Ermita-Buhain	Lagon
Khonghun	Javier	Guico	