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CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to Section 15(h), Rule IV of the Rules of the House, Rep. Juan Miguel Macapagal Arroyo called the session to order at 3:00 p.m. of Monday, December 7, 2020.

INVOCATION AND NATIONAL ANTHEM

Rep. Sergio C. Dagooc delivered the invocation through Zoom videoconferencing. Thereafter, the Members sang the National Anthem.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

On motion of Rep. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo, 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, Messages from the Senate, Communications, and Committee Reports which were referred to the appropriate committees as indicated hereunder:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 8104, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FREE COVID-19
VACCINATION PROGRAM AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tambunting
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 8105, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING ENTREPRENEURSHIP
AND LIVELIHOOD IN 4Ps, AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 11310, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
'AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE
PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO
PROGRAM (4Ps)' ”

By Representative Tambunting
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION

House Bill No. 8106, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING PROGRAMS FOR
INCARCERATED PARENTS AND THEIR
CHILDREN”

By Representative Tambunting
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 8107, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING THE MEDICAL
RESERVE HEROES CORPS, APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 8108, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE EMPLOYMENT
OF QUALIFIED LIFEGUARDS IN ALL
AQUATIC FACILITIES AND BEACH
RESORTS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES
FOR VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Barba
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 8109, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE
OF ILOCOS NORTE AS THE GARLIC
CAPITAL OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Barba
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 8110, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING MARCH 15 OF EVERY
YEAR AS NATIONAL FRONTLINERS’
DAY”

By Representative Quimbo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 8112, entitled:

“AN ACT PENALIZING ANY PERSON FROM
COMMITTING RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT
AGAINST ANOTHER PERSON’S LIFE,
SAFETY AND PROPERTY”

By Representatives Bustos, De Jesus and Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 8113, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES”

By Representatives Bustos, De Jesus and Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

AND FIXING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE FIRST REGULAR ELECTION FOR THE BANGSAMORO GOVERNMENT”

By Representative Legarda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 8114, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING PROFESSIONALISM AND CONTINUITY OF POLICIES AND MODERNIZATION INITIATIVES OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES BY PRESCRIBING FIXED TERMS FOR THE CHIEF-OF-STAFF/CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS AND OTHER KEY OFFICERS THEREOF, INCREASING THE MANDATORY AGE OF RETIREMENT OF GENERAL/FLAG OFFICERS, PROVIDING FOR A MORE EFFECTIVE ATTRITION SYSTEM, REPEALING SECTIONS 5, 10, 11 AND 12 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1638, AS AMENDED, AND SECTIONS 3 AND 4 OF REPUBLIC ACT 8186, AS AMENDED, AMENDING SECTION 1 OF REPUBLIC ACT 9188 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Pimentel
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 8117, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 13 ARTICLE XVI OF REPUBLIC ACT 11054, ENTITLED 'AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ORGANIC LAW FOR THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 6734, ENTITLED “AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ORGANIC LAW OF THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO” AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT 9054, ENTITLED “AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN AND EXPAND THE ORGANIC ACT FOR THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO” ', AND FIXING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE FIRST REGULAR ELECTION FOR THE BANGSAMORO GOVERNMENT”

By Representative Mangudadatu
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 8115, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE USE OF BUILDING MATERIALS WITH RECYCLED CONTENT IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND OTHER PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS”

By Representative Dy (Faustino)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 8119, entitled:

“AN ACT NAMING THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY FROM BARANGAY SAN JUAN BAUTISTA IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GOA PASSING THROUGH BARANGAY BINALAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TINAMBAC AND ENDING AT BARANGAY POBLACION IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SIRUMA, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR AS SPEAKER ARNULFO 'NOLI' FUENTEBELLA HIGHWAY”

By Representative Bordado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 8116, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 13 ARTICLE XVI OF REPUBLIC ACT 11054, ENTITLED 'AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ORGANIC LAW FOR THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 6734, ENTITLED “AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ORGANIC LAW OF THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO” AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT 9054, ENTITLED “AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN AND EXPAND THE ORGANIC ACT FOR THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO” ',

House Bill No. 8120, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SATELLITE MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN BARANGAY BALONGAY, MUNICIPALITY OF CALABANGA, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bordado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 8121, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9646 ENTITLED 'AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF REAL ESTATE SERVICE IN THE PHILIPPINES, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE A PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD OF REAL ESTATE SERVICE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' ”

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

House Bill No. 8122, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR STANDARDS FOR THE PRACTICE OF REHABILITATION MEDICINE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 8123, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE IN THE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES (USTP) CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY CAMPUS, PROVIDING FOR ITS GOVERNANCE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Rodriguez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 8124, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE EXTENSION CAMPUS OF THE CAGAYAN STATE UNIVERSITY (CSU) LOCATED IN IRAGA, MUNICIPALITY OF SOLANA, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN INTO A REGULAR CAMPUS OF THE CSU, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 1 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1436 SERIES OF 1978, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Lara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 8125, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION OF OUR NATIONAL CULTURAL HERITAGE, THROUGH AN ENHANCED CULTURAL POLICY, HERITAGE EDUCATION, AND

CULTURAL MAPPING PROGRAM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10066 OR THE NATIONAL CULTURAL HERITAGE ACT OF 2009”

By Representative Tambunting
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 8126, entitled:

“AN ACT ENHANCING THE RESILIENCY AND ADAPTABILITY OF FARMERS TO ADVERSE WEATHER AND CLIMATE EVENTS BY INSTITUTIONALIZING THE USE OF CROP CLIMATE CALENDARS, EQUIPPING FARMERS FOR CLIMATE-SENSITIVE DECISION-MAKING, AND PROVIDING ACCESS TO LOCALIZED WEATHER AND CLIMATE INFORMATION”

By Representative Tambunting
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 8127, entitled:

“AN ACT REPEALING ARTICLE 247 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE”

By Representative Tambunting
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 8128, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROTECT FILIPINOS FROM THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF TRANS-FATTY ACIDS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tambunting
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 8129, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JUAN IN THE PROVINCE OF BATANGAS AS AN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bolilia
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 1391, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES TO SUBMIT ITS FIRST NATIONALLY DETERMINED CONTRIBUTION (NDC) TO THE SECRETARIAT OF THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION

ON CLIMATE CHANGE (UNFCCC) ON OR BEFORE 31 DECEMBER 2020”

By Representative Chatto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

House Resolution No. 1392, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EXISTING LAWS PERTAINING TO THE FILING OF THE STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH (SALN) BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES TO ENSURE THE STRICT AND EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF SAID EXISTING LAWS AND REGULATIONS”

By Representatives Defensor (Michael) and Marcoleta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1393, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY, COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES, COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, TO CONDUCT A JOINT INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED CASES OF INVESTMENT SCAMS RELATED TO AGRIBUSINESS IN THE COUNTRY”

By Representative Cabatbat
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1394, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY’S (TESDA) LOW BUDGET UTILIZATION AND SLOW IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS PROGRAMS”

By Representatives Campos, Marcoleta, Revilla, Singson-Meehan, Baronda, Palma, Aumentado, Romualdo, Nieto, Geron, Limkaichong, Paduano, Quimbo and Zarate
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1395, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, THROUGH THE DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TO TAKE FURTHER STEPS TO RECOVER FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND PRESERVE THE 'DOCTRINA CRISTIANA 1593'”

By Representative Nieto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Resolution No. 1396, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE QUESTIONABLE RECEIPT OF PRIVATE FUNDING BY THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA) AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS IN EXCHANGE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIFIC AND PRE-DEFINED POLICIES DIRECTED AGAINST A LEGITIMATE INDUSTRY UNDER PHILIPPINE LAWS AND IN COMPLETE DISREGARD OF THE RIGHTS AND WELFARE OF CONSUMERS”

By Representatives Savellano and Suansing (Estrellita)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Message dated December 1, 2020, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on November 25, 2020 passed with amendments House Bill No. 7727, entitled:

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

In view of the disagreeing votes on the said House Bill, the Senate designated Senators Sonny Angara, Pia S. Cayetano, Cynthia A. Villar, Panfilo M. Lacson, Joel Villanueva, Win Gatchalian, Richard J. Gordon, Christopher Lawrence T. Go, Imee R. Marcos, Risa Hontiveros, Grace Poe and Francis “Kiko” N. Pangilinan

and assigned as alternates Senators Emmanuel “Manny” D. Pacquiao, Ronald “Bato” dela Rosa, Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay and Ramon Bong Revilla, Jr. as its conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated December 1, 2020, informing the House of Representatives that on November 26, 2020, the Senate designated Senators Pia S. Cayetano, Ralph G. Recto and Franklin M. Drilon as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1357, entitled:

“AN ACT REFORMING THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX AND INCENTIVES SYSTEM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 20, 22, 25, 27, 28, 29, 34, 40, 109, 116 AND 290 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND CREATING THEREIN NEW TITLE XIII, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”;

and House Bill No. 4157, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 4, 5, 20, 22, 27, 28, 34, 40, 50, 73, 112, 117, 204, 222, 237, 237-A, 255, 256, 257, 258, 261, 263, 264, 266, 275, 290, 291, 292 AND ADDING NEW SECTIONS 6-A, 282-A, 293, 294, 294-A, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, AND 316, ALL UNDER THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated August 19, 2020 of Nuni A. Cantillo, State Auditor IV, Audit Team Leader, Audit Team R5-04, State Universities and Colleges and Other Stand Alone Agencies, Commission on Audit, furnishing the House of Representatives with a soft copy of the CY 2019 Annual Audit Report on the Bicol State College of Applied Sciences and Technology, Naga City, Camarines Sur.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated 6 November 2020 of Erlon C. Agustin, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Camiling, Province of Tarlac, notifying the House of Representatives that the said Municipality has complied with the posting and reporting

requirements of the Reports on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project/Activity Implementation for the months of April to August 2020 of the Bayanihan Grant to Cities and Municipalities in the Local Chief Executive’s Facebook page and in three (3) conspicuous public places in their locality.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated 10 November 2020 of Honorable Christopher V.P. de Venecia, Representative, 4th District, Province of Pangasinan, forwarding an updated summary tally of beneficiaries of the Cash for Work Program under RA 11494, or the Bayanihan to Recover as One Act as of November 10, 2020.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated 26 November 2020 of Janice G. Ayson-Zales, Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, transmitting to the House of Representatives a duly certified electronic copy of Memorandum No. M-2020-084 dated 23 November 2020.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Reports on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project/Activity Implementation for the months of September and October 2020 of the Bayanihan Grant to Cities and Municipalities, attested by Melchor P. Petracorta, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Limasawa, Province of Leyte.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated November 20, 2020 of Dale B. Corvera, Provincial Governor, Province of Agusan del Norte, forwarding to the House of Representatives a copy of the Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project/Activity Implementation for the month of October 2020 of the Bayanihan Grant to Provinces.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Natural Resources (Committee Report No. 619), re H.B. No. 8118, entitled:

“AN ACT RECLASSIFYING AS AGRICULTURAL LAND A PARCEL OF LAND OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF DINALUPIHAN AND HERMOSA,

PROVINCE OF BATAAN, OPEN TO DISPOSITION FOR AGRICULTURAL, COMMERCIAL, RESIDENTIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND OTHER PURPOSES”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 140

Sponsors: Representatives Barzaga and Roman
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 620), re H.B. No. 8130, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) EXTENSION OFFICE IN THE CITY OF PASSI, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, INTO A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5766

Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento and Yap (Eric)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 621), re H.B. No. 6664, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF IBAJAY, PROVINCE OF AKLAN, TO BE KNOWN AS THE 'WESTERN AKLAN LTO CENTER', AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval with amendments

Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento and Yap (Eric)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 622), re H.B. No. 8131, entitled:

“AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE CABIAO CAMPUS OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (PUP) LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CABIAO, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, AS A REGULAR CAMPUS OF THE PUP SYSTEM, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6572

Sponsors: Representatives Go (Mark), Yap (Eric) and Natividad-Nagaño

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 623), re H.B. No. 8132, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE SISIGON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SISIGON, MUNICIPALITY OF MATNOG, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON INTO AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS SISIGON INTEGRATED SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5626

Sponsors: Representatives Romulo and Yap (Eric)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 624), re H.B. No. 8133, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE EDADES AND BERNAL CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM IN DAGUPAN CITY, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2863

Sponsors: Representatives Romulo, Yap (Eric) and de Venecia

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Agriculture and Food and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 625), re H.B. No. 8136, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE COCONUT LEVY ASSETS AS A TRUST FUND, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND UTILIZATION, AUTHORIZING THE PRIVATIZATION AND MANAGEMENT OFFICE TO DISPOSE THE COCONUT LEVY ASSETS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COCONUT FARMERS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COCONUT INDUSTRY”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 10, 166, 854, 1242, 1417, 2434, 2522, 2549, 2552, 2610, 2657, 3192, 3223, 3299, 4346, 4880 and 7910

Sponsors: Representatives Enverga, Yap (Eric), Cayetano (Alan Peter) and Garin (Sharon)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Labor and Employment (Committee Report No. 626), re H.B. No. 2378, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE IN THE PROVINCE OF BULACAN AS HUMAN RESOURCE CAPITAL”

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Pineda and Robes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 627), re H.B. No. 8139, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE PASSIG ISLET LOCATED IN BARANGAY BATO, MUNICIPALITY OF STA. CRUZ, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL SUR, AN ECOTOURISM SITE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3917

Sponsors: Representatives Aragonés, Yap (Eric) and Cagas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Labor and Employment (Committee Report No. 628), re H.B. No. 8140, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING ENHANCED PROTECTION, SECURITY, AND BENEFITS FOR MEDIA WORKERS”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2476

Sponsors: Representatives Pineda, Mendoza and Taduran

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Energy (Committee Report No. 629), re H.B. No. 8145, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LIFELINE RATE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 73 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9136, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ELECTRIC POWER INDUSTRY REFORM ACT OF 2001”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 7059, 7341, 8030 and 8054

Sponsors: Representatives Macapagal Arroyo, Dagooc, Gatchalian, Villafuerte and Tambunting

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 630), re H.B. No. 8146, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE A TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AREA (TDA), CREATING THE LANA DEL NORTE TOURISM COUNCIL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2284

Sponsors: Representatives Aragonés, Yap (Eric), Dimaporo (Khalid) and Dimaporo (Abdullah)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Public Works and Highways (Committee Report No. 631), re H.B. No. 8147, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE BOGO-CURVA-MEDELLIN-DAANBANTAYAN-MAYA ROAD, STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY DON PEDRO RODRIGUEZ IN THE CITY OF BOGO, TRAVERSING THROUGH BARANGAYS DAYHAGON, DON VIRGILIO GONZALES, CANHABAGAT, TINDOG, CURVA, CAPUTATAN SUR, CAPUTATAN NORTE, POBLACION, DAANLUNGSOD, ANTIPOLLO, MAHAWAK AND KAWIT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MEDELLIN, BARANGAYS BAKHAWAN, PAYPAY, BITOON, POBLACION, AGUHO, TAPILON UP TO MAYA IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DAANBANTAYAN, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF CEBU AS JUAN MACARAEG HIGHWAY”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3399

Sponsors: Representatives Madrona and Salimbangon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Public Works and Highways (Committee Report No. 632), re H.B. No. 8148, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE LOBOG BRIDGE, TRAVERSING BARANGAY PANALSALAN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PLARIDEL, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL, AS ALFONSO BURLAT APDUJAN BRIDGE”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6260

Sponsors: Representatives Madrona and Ty (Diego)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ROLL CALL

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

Abante	Bondoc	Duavit	Javier
Abaya	Bordado	Dujali	Jimenez
Abellanosa	Bravo	Duterte	Kho (E.)
Abu	Brosas	Dy (F.)	Kho (W.)
Abueg-Zaldivar	Bulut	Dy (F.M.C.)	Khonghun
Abunda	Bustos	Dy (I.P.)	Labadlabad
Acop	Cabatbat	Ebcas	Lacson
Acosta	Cabochan	Ecleo	Lacson-Noel
Acosta-Alba	Cabredo	Elago	Lagman
Adiong	Cagas	Enverga	Lagon
Advincula	Calderon	Erice	Lara
Agabas	Calixto	Eriguel	Lazatin
Agarao	Caminero	Ermita-Buhain	Leachon
Aglipay	Campos	Escudero	Legarda
Aguinaldo	Canama	Espina	Lim
Albano	Caoagdan	Espino	Limkaichong
Almario	Cardema	Estrella	Lopez
Alonte	Cari	Fariñas (R.C.)	Loyola
Alvarez (F.)	Castelo	Fariñas I (R.C.)	Lusotan
Alvarez (G.)	Castro (F.L.)	Fernandez	Macapagal Arroyo
Alvarez (P.)	Castro (F.H.)	Fernando	Maceda
Amante-Matba	Cayetano (A.P.)	Ferrer (J.M.)	Madrona
Amatong	Cayetano (M.L.)	Ferrer (L.)	Malapitan
Angara	Celeste	Flores	Mangaoang
Aragones	Chatto	Fortun	Mangudadatu
Arbison	Chipeco	Fortuno	Marcoleta
Arenas	Chungalao	Frasco	Mariano-Hernandez
Arroyo	Co (A.N.)	Fuentebella	Mariño
Atienza	Co (E.)	Gaite	Marquez
Aumentado	Cojuangco	Garbin	Martinez
Babasa	Collantes	Garcia (J.E.)	Matba
Bagatsing	Crisologo	Garcia (P.J.)	Matugas
Balindong	Cua	Garcia (V.)	Mendoza
Bañas-Nogralas	Cuaresma	Garin (J.)	Mercado
Barba	Cueva	Garin (S.)	Momo
Barbers	Cullamat	Gasataya	Natividad-Nagaño
Baronda	Dagooc	Gatchalian	Nava
Barzaga	Dalipe	Gato	Nieto
Bascug	Dalog	Geron	Noel
Bautista	Daza	Go (E.C.)	Nogralas (J.J.)
Bautista-Bandigan	De Jesus	Go (M.)	Nogralas (J.F.F.)
Belmonte	de Venecia	Gonzaga	Nolasco
Benitez	Defensor (L.)	Gonzales (A.)	Nuñez-Malanyaon
Bernos	Defensor (M.)	Gonzales (N.)	Oaminal
Biazon	Delos Santos	Gonzalez	Olivarez
Billones	Deloso-Montalla	Gorriceta	Ong (J.)
Biron	Dimaporo (A.)	Guico	Ong (R.)
Bolilia	Dimaporo (M.K.)	Gullas	Ordanes
		Guya	Ortega
		Haresco	Ouano-Dizon
		Hataman	Pacquiao (A.)
		Hernandez	Pacquiao (R.)
		Herrera-Dy	Padiernos
		Hofer	Paduano
		Jalosjos	Palma

Pancho	Taduran
Panotes	Tallado
Peña	Tambunting
Pichay	Tan (A.S.)
Pimentel	Tan (A.)
Pineda	Tan (Samier)
Plaza	Tan (S.A.)
Puno	Tan (Shernee)
Quimbo	Tejada
Radaza	Teves (A.)
Ramirez-Sato	Teves (J.)
Remulla	Tiangco
Revilla	Tolentino
Reyes	Torres-Gomez
Rivera	Tulfo
Robes	Tupas
Rodriguez	Tutor
Roman	Ty (A.)
Romero	Ty (D.)
Romualdez (F.M.)	Umali (A.)
Romualdez (Y.M.)	Umali (M.V.)
Romualdo	Unabia
Romulo	Ungab
Roque	Uy (J.)
Sacdalan	Uy (R.)
Sagarbarria	Valeriano
Sakaluran	Valmayor
Salceda	Vargas
Salimbangon	Vargas Alfonso
Salo	Velasco
Sanchez	Veloso
Sangcopan	Vergara
Santos-Recto	Villa
Sarmiento	Villafuerte
Saulog	Villanueva (E.)
Savellano	Villanueva (N.)
Siao	Villar
Silverio	Villaraza-Suarez
Singson	Villarica
Singson-Meehan	Violago
Sinsuat	Yap (E.)
Suansing (E.)	Yap (V.)
Suansing (H.)	Yu
Suarez (A.)	Zamora (R.)
Suarez (D.)	Zamora (W.K.)
Suntay	Zarate
Sy-Alvarado	Zubiri

Representative Macapagal Arroyo relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Conrado M. Estrella III.

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

PRIVILEGE HOUR

The day being a Monday, on motion of Rep. Rowena Niña O. Taduran, there being no objection, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour.

Upon Representative Taduran's motion, the Chair subsequently recognized Rep. David "Jay-Jay" C. Suarez for his privilege speech.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Romualdo, the Chair suspended the session at 3:20 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:21 p.m. with Speaker Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco presiding.

PRAYER OF SPEAKER VELASCO

Speaker Velasco delivered a prayer consecrating the Philippines to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 3:24 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:24 p.m. with Deputy Speaker Estrella presiding.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE ROMUALDO

Considering that Representative Suarez (D.) was momentarily offline, Representative Romualdo moved to recognize Rep. Ferdinand R. Gaité to avail of the Privilege Hour.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE GAITE

Recognized by the Chair in Zoom videoconference, Representative Gaité spoke on behalf of government employees, particularly contractual employees, and underscored their role in the delivery of public service even in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic and natural calamities.

He argued that despite their services and sacrifices, they have been red-tagged by the National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC) and the National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (NICA), citing in particular the Social Workers Employees Association of the Philippines (SWEAP) of the DSWD which was accused of being a legal front of the CPP-NPA-NDF.

In closing, he appealed to his colleagues to support the grant of the ₱5,000-gratuity pay to job order and contractual workers, and to put an end to the red-tagging of Makabayan bloc Members and other citizens.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE GAITE

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

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Representative Taduran acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the officers of the Congressional Spouses Foundation Inc. headed by Ms. Paula Bondoc, wife of Deputy Majority Leader Juan Pablo "Rimpy" P. Bondoc.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ELAGO

Recognized by the Chair upon motion of Representative Taduran, Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago manifested her solidarity with the rest of the world in the annual observance of the Human Rights Day on December 10.

Thereafter, she cited key findings from the Global Survey on Youth and COVID-19 which was conducted by the Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth and focused on the following areas that impact on young people: employment, education and training, mental well-being, and rights and voices. She then pointed out the importance of access to human rights in a young person's mental well-being and successful transition to decent work; highlighted the need for solidarity and national concerted efforts to address global challenges; and stressed the importance of giving the youth and the people a voice on these issues.

Subsequently, she talked about how the red- and terrorist-tagging of the youth's dissent and activism

hinder the full enjoyment of their fundamental rights and freedoms; mentioned the resolutions filed to address the spread of disinformation and the protection of its victims; and explained how red-tagging not only attempts to intimidate and discredit presentation of youth issues and concerns but also undermines the capacity of the youth to critically and independently choose and decide for themselves.

As she called for a stoppage on the crackdown on the youth's exercise of their rights to act for social change, Representative Elago said that the youth will take the lead in upholding human rights, and defending academic freedom, among others, during the Human Rights Day.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ELAGO

On motion of Rep. Precious Hipolito Castelo, there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Elago's privilege speech to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

TERMINATION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR

Likewise, on motion of Representative Castelo, there being no objection, the Body terminated the Privilege Hour.

MOTION OF REPRESENTATIVE CRISOLOGO

Thereafter, Rep. Anthony Peter "Onyx" D. Crisologo moved for the approval on Third Reading of House Bill No. 852, and requested that the Secretary General be directed to read the title of the bill and thereafter, call the roll for nominal voting.

As the Chair was about to direct the Secretary General to read the title of the Bill, Representative Crisologo withdrew his previous motion.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair then *motu proprio* suspended the session at 3:46 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:48 p.m.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 571
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 7950**

On motion of Representative Romualdo, there being no objection, the Body resumed the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 7950 contained in Committee Report No. 571 as submitted 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.”

Representative Romualdo stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate with the chairperson of the said committee, Rep. Florida “Rida” P. Robes, sponsoring the measure.

**APPROVAL ON SECOND READING
OF HOUSE BILL NO. 7950**

On successive motions of Representative Romualdo, 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. 7950 through *viva voce* voting.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair suspended the session at 3:50 p.m. upon motion of Representative Romualdo.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:52 p.m.

**OMNIBUS APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILLS
CALENDARED UNDER THE
BUSINESS FOR THURSDAY AND FRIDAY**

On an omnibus motion of Representative Castelo, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading the following House Bills calendared under the Business for Thursday and Friday contained in various committee reports as submitted by the committees indicated hereunder; 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; terminated the period of sponsorship and debate in the absence of interpellations; approved the amendments as contained in the Committee Reports, if any; terminated the period of amendments; and approved the measures on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting:

Submitted by the Committees on Higher and Technical Education, and Appropriations:

1. House Bill No. 8040 contained in Committee Report No. 602, integrating the Consolacion Community College in Consolacion, Cebu into the Cebu Technological University to be known as the CTU-Consolacion Campus;
2. House Bill No. 8041 contained in Committee Report No. 603, establishing an Indigenous Peoples Resource and Training Center in Nueva Vizcaya State University;

Submitted by the Committee on Natural Resources:

3. House Bill No. 8077 contained in Committee Report No. 610, reclassifying as agricultural land a parcel of land of the public domain at Lourdes, Alubijid, Misamis Oriental, to be utilized as the site of the Science and Technology Park of the University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines;

Submitted by the Committees on Transportation, and Appropriations:

4. House Bill No. 5680 contained in Committee Report No. 611, converting the Land Transportation Office (LTO) Licensing Center in Bacolod City into a regular licensing center to be known as the Negros Occidental Licensing Center;

Submitted by the Committees on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources, and Appropriations:

5. House Bill No. 8081 contained in Committee Report No. 613, establishing a multi-species marine hatchery in Biliran, Biliran; and
6. House Bill No. 8082 contained in Committee Report No. 614, establishing a freshwater fish hatchery in Talacogon, Agusan del Sur.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 524
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 7749**

On motion of Representative Crisologo, there being no objection, the Body resumed the consideration on Second Reading of 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).”

Thereupon, on successive motions of Representative Crisologo, the Chair recognized Rep. Junie E. Cua, chairperson of the Committee on Banks and Financial Intermediaries, to sponsor the measure, and Rep. Stella Luz A. Quimbo for her interpellation.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 3:56 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:56 p.m.

**INTERPELLATION OF
REPRESENTATIVE QUIMBO**

Representative Quimbo and the Sponsor initially talked about the primary objectives of the Bill, particularly the creation of a special holding company (SHC). The former proceeded to inquire about the mechanism for identifying strategically

important industries, the distressed sectors that should be prioritized in the measure, and the mandate of SHC with regard to investing in failing but strategic companies. In reply, the Sponsor said that identified companies with high economic returns and employment potentials and mentioned transportation and tourism as priority sectors.

Representative Quimbo expressed concern however on the lack of expertise of government financial institutions (GFIs) such as the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) and the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) which may jeopardize SHC’s ability to encourage investment from private companies and in effect, affect its primary purpose to provide the much-needed capital infusion for ailing companies during the pandemic. Questioning the mechanism for helping distressed firms by way of equity participation, she then suggested having LBP and DBP as senior creditors instead of investors.

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Estrella relinquished the Chair to Representative Romualdo.

The Sponsor clarified that SHC is not limited to capital infusion alone and mentioned about the issuance of convertible loans.

At this juncture, Representative Romualdo relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Estrella.

Representative Quimbo then sought clarification on SHC’s mechanism to support only by means of equity participation.

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

At this point, on motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 7749.

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

Thereupon, on successive motions of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading the following House Bills calendared under the Business for the Day contained in committee reports as submitted by the committees indicated hereunder; 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 Representative Romualdo; 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. 7886 contained in Committee Report No. 564 as submitted by the Committee on Revision of Laws, imposing stiffer penalties for the offenses of stealing or vandalizing of government road and traffic signs, warning devices, accessories, and other facilities; and
2. House Bill No. 7951 contained in Committee Report No. 572 as submitted by the Committees on Overseas Workers Affairs, and Ways and Means, providing for protection of the remittances of overseas Filipino workers.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 4:32 p.m. upon motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:32 p.m.

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS

On successive motions of Representatives Romualdo and Crisologo, 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 December 3, 2020, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the Rules of the House:

1. House Bill No. 852, entitled: "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"

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	Cayetano (M.L.)
Abu	Celeste
Acop	Chatto
Advincula	Chipeco
Agabas	Collantes
Agarao	Crisologo
Aglipay	Cuaresma
Albano	Cueva
Almario	Cullamat
Alonte	Dagooc
Alvarez (F.)	Dalog
Alvarez (G.)	Daza
Amante-Matba	de Venecia
Angara	Defensor (L.)
Aragones	Defensor (M.)
Arroyo	Delos Santos
Atienza	Deloso-Montalla
Babasa	Dimaporo (A.)
Bagatsing	Duterte
Balindong	Dy (F.M.C.)
Barba	Ecleo
Barbers	Elago
Bascug	Enverga
Bautista	Erice
Belmonte	Eriguel
Benitez	Ermita-Buhain
Bolilia	Escudero
Bondoc	Espina
Bordado	Espino
Bravo	Fariñas (R.C.)
Brosas	Ferrer (J.M.)
Cabatbat	Ferrer (L.)
Cabochan	Fortun
Cabredo	Fortuno
Cagas	Frasco
Calderon	Fuentebella
Calixto	Gaite
Caminero	Garcia (P.J.)
Campos	Garin (J.)
Caoagdan	Gasataya
Cardema	Gato
Castelo	Geron
Castro (F.L.)	Go (M.)
Castro (F.H.)	Gonzaga
Cayetano (A.P.)	Gonzales (A.)

Gonzales (N.)	Rodriguez
Hernandez	Romero
Hofer	Romualdez (F.M.)
Jalosjos	Romualdez (Y.M.)
Javier	Romualdo
Jimenez	Romulo
Kho (E.)	Roque
Kho (W.)	Sacdalan
Labadlabad	Sagarbarria
Lacson	Sakaluran
Lacson-Noel	Salceda
Lagman	Salimbangon
Lara	Salo
Lazatin	Santos-Recto
Legarda	Sarmiento
Lim	Saulog
Limkaichong	Savellano
Loyola	Silverio
Lusotan	Singson-Meehan
Macapagal Arroyo	Suansing (E.)
Maceda	Suansing (H.)
Madrona	Suntay
Mangudadatu	Sy-Alvarado
Marcoleta	Taduran
Marquez	Tallado
Martinez	Tambunting
Momo	Tan (S.A.)
Natividad-Nagaño	Teves (A.)
Nieto	Tiangco
Noel	Tolentino
Nograles (J.J.)	Tupas
Nograles (J.F.F.)	Tutor
Olivarez	Ty (D.)
Ong (R.)	Umali (A.)
Ortega	Umali (M.V.)
Pacquiao (A.)	Unabia
Pacquiao (R.)	Ungab
Padiernos	Uy (R.)
Paduano	Valeriano
Palma	Valmayor
Pancho	Vargas
Panotes	Velasco
Peña	Vergara
Plaza	Villanueva (E.)
Puno	Villanueva (N.)
Quimbo	Violago
Radaza	Yap (E.)
Ramirez-Sato	Yu
Revilla	Zamora (R.)
Reyes	Zamora (W.K.)
Rivera	Zarate
Robes	

Negative:

None

Abstention:

None

With 193 affirmative votes, zero negative votes, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 852. (See also Appendix 2)

**EXPLANATION OF VOTE
OF REPRESENTATIVE GAITE**

Rep. Ferdinand R. Gaité said that while he voted “Yes” to House Bill No. 852, he has reservations on the following features of the Bill: 1) it still allows posting of notices of termination of employment on certain violations such as serious dishonesty and other offenses; and 2) penalty charges for employers’ violations are too low, which he believed would not be an effective deterrent against these offenses. He then suggested that these loopholes be addressed to end abuses committed by the employers.

**APPROVAL ON THIRD READING
OF HOUSE BILLS**

(Continuation)

- House Bill No. 7660, entitled: “AN ACT DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOSE IN THE PROVINCE OF BATANGAS, AS THE ‘EGG BASKET 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.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abellanosa	Angara
Abu	Aragones
Acop	Arroyo
Advincula	Atienza
Agabas	Babasa
Agarao	Bagatsing
Aglipay	Balindong
Albano	Barba
Almario	Barbers
Alonte	Bascug
Alvarez (F.)	Bautista
Alvarez (G.)	Belmonte
Amante-Matba	Benitez

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

With 196 affirmative votes, zero negative votes, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 7660. (See also Appendix 2)

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

- House Bill No. 8080, entitled: "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"

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	Cayetano (M.L.)
Abu	Celeste
Acop	Chatto
Advincula	Chipeco
Agabas	Collantes
Agarao	Crisologo
Aglipay	Cuaresma
Albano	Cueva
Almario	Cullamat
Alonte	Dagooc
Alvarez (F.)	Dalipe
Alvarez (G.)	Dalog
Amante-Matba	Daza
Angara	de Venecia
Aragones	Defensor (L.)
Arroyo	Defensor (M.)
Atienza	Delos Santos
Babasa	Deloso-Montalla
Bagatsing	Dimaporo (A.)
Balindong	Duterte
Barba	Dy (F.M.C.)
Barbers	Ecleo
Bascug	Elago
Bautista	Enverga
Belmonte	Erice
Benitez	Eriguel
Bolilia	Ermita-Buhain
Bondoc	Escudero
Bordado	Espina
Bravo	Espino
Brosas	Fariñas (R.C.)
Cabatbat	Ferrer (J.M.)
Cabochan	Ferrer (L.)
Cabredo	Fortun
Cagas	Fortuno
Calderon	Frasco
Calixto	Fuentebella
Caminero	Gaite
Campos	Garcia (P.J.)
Caoagdan	Garin (J.)
Cardema	Gasataya
Castelo	Gato
Castro (F.L.)	Geron
Castro (F.H.)	Go (M.)
Cayetano (A.P.)	Gonzaga

Gonzales (A.)	Rodriguez
Gonzales (N.)	Romero
Hernandez	Romualdez (F.M.)
Herrera-Dy	Romualdez (Y.M.)
Hofer	Romualdo
Jalosjos	Romulo
Javier	Roque
Jimenez	Sacdalan
Kho (E.)	Sagarbarria
Kho (W.)	Sakaluran
Labadlabad	Salceda
Lacson	Salimbangon
Lacson-Noel	Salo
Lagman	Santos-Recto
Lara	Sarmiento
Lazatin	Saulog
Legarda	Savellano
Lim	Siao
Limkaichong	Silverio
Loyola	Singson-Meehan
Lusotan	Suansing (E.)
Macapagal Arroyo	Suansing (H.)
Maceda	Suntay
Madrona	Sy-Alvarado
Mangudadatu	Taduran
Marcoleta	Tallado
Marquez	Tambunting
Martinez	Tan (S.A.)
Momo	Teves (A.)
Natividad-Nagaño	Tiangco
Nieto	Tolentino
Noel	Tupas
Nograles (J.J.)	Tutor
Nograles (J.F.F.)	Ty (D.)
Olivarez	Umali (A.)
Ong (R.)	Umali (M.V.)
Ortega	Unabia
Pacquiao (A.)	Ungab
Pacquiao (R.)	Uy (R.)
Padiernos	Valeriano
Paduano	Valmayor
Palma	Vargas
Pancho	Velasco
Panotes	Vergara
Peña	Villanueva (E.)
Plaza	Villanueva (N.)
Puno	Violago
Quimbo	Yap (E.)
Radaza	Yu
Ramirez-Sato	Zamora (R.)
Revilla	Zamora (W.K.)
Reyes	Zarate
Rivera	Zubiri
Robes	

Negative:

None

Abstention:

None

With 197 affirmative votes, zero negative votes, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 8080. (See also Appendix 2)

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

4. House Bill No. 7835, entitled: “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”

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	Arroyo
Abu	Atienza
Acop	Babasa
Advincula	Bagatsing
Agabas	Balindong
Agarao	Barba
Aglipay	Barbers
Albano	Bascug
Almario	Bautista
Alonte	Belmonte
Alvarez (F.)	Benitez
Alvarez (G.)	Bolilia
Amante-Matba	Bondoc
Angara	Bordado
Aragones	Bravo

Cabatbat	Geron
Cabochan	Go (M.)
Cabredo	Gonzaga
Cagas	Gonzales (A.)
Calderon	Gonzales (N.)
Calixto	Hernandez
Caminero	Herrera-Dy
Campos	Hofer
Caoagdan	Jalosjos
Cardema	Javier
Castelo	Jimenez
Castro (F.H.)	Kho (E.)
Cayetano (A.P.)	Kho (W.)
Cayetano (M.L.)	Labadlabad
Celeste	Lacson
Chatto	Lacson-Noel
Chipeco	Lagman
Collantes	Lara
Crisologo	Lazatin
Cuaresma	Legarda
Cueva	Lim
Dagooc	Limkaichong
Dalipe	Loyola
Dalog	Lusotan
Daza	Macapagal Arroyo
de Venecia	Maceda
Defensor (L.)	Madrona
Defensor (M.)	Mangudadatu
Delos Santos	Marcoleta
Deloso-Montalla	Mariano-Hernandez
Dimaporo (A.)	Marquez
Duterte	Martinez
Dy (F.M.C.)	Momo
Ecleo	Natividad-Nagaño
Enverga	Nieto
Erice	Noel
Eriguel	Nogralles (J.J.)
Ermita-Buhain	Nogralles (J.F.F.)
Escudero	Olivarez
Espina	Ong (R.)
Espino	Ortega
Fariñas (R.C.)	Pacquiao (A.)
Ferrer (J.M.)	Pacquiao (R.)
Ferrer (L.)	Padiernos
Fortun	Paduano
Fortuno	Palma
Frasco	Pancho
Fuentebella	Panotes
Garcia (J.E.)	Peña
Garcia (P.J.)	Plaza
Garin (J.)	Puno
Gasataya	Quimbo
Gato	Radaza

Ramirez-Sato	Taduran
Revilla	Tallado
Reyes	Tambunting
Rivera	Tan (S.A.)
Robes	Teves (A.)
Rodriguez	Tiangco
Romero	Tolentino
Romualdez (F.M.)	Tupas
Romualdez (Y.M.)	Tutor
Romualdo	Ty (D.)
Romulo	Umali (A.)
Roque	Umali (M.V.)
Sacdalan	Unabia
Sagarbarria	Ungab
Sakaluran	Uy (R.)
Salceda	Valeriano
Salimbangon	Valmayor
Salo	Vargas
Santos-Recto	Velasco
Sarmiento	Vergara
Saulog	Villanueva (E.)
Savellano	Villanueva (N.)
Siao	Violago
Silverio	Yap (E.)
Singson-Meehan	Yu
Suansing (E.)	Zamora (R.)
Suansing (H.)	Zamora (W.K.)
Suntay	Zubiri
Sy-Alvarado	

Negative:

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

Abstention:

None

With 193 affirmative votes, six negative votes, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 7835. (See also Appendix 2)

TRANSMITTAL TO THE SENATE OF HOUSE BILLS

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

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL NO. 11

On motion of Representative Crisologo, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 11 dated December 1 and 2, 2020.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 1397, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO IMMEDIATELY PROVIDE FUNDS AND RELEASE THE HAZARD PAY AND SPECIAL RISK ALLOWANCE TO ALL HEALTH WORKERS”

By Representatives Gaite, Zarate, Cullamat, Castro (France), Brosas and Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Resolution No. 1398, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE PROLIFERATION OF TARGETED MISINFORMATION AND RED TAGGING”

By Representative Tambunting
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1399, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THROUGH THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ILLEGAL ARREST OF PEASANT ORGANIZER AMANDA ECHANIS IN BAGGAO, CAGAYAN”

By Representatives Cullamat, Zarate, Gaite, Brosas, Castro (France) and Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1400, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THROUGH

THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE ILLEGAL SEARCH AND HARASSMENT AGAINST PEASANT LEADER ISABELO 'BUTING' ADVIENTO IN BRGY. CARUPIAN, BAGGAAO, CAGAYAN PROVINCE”

By Representatives Cullamat, Zarate, Gaité, Brosas, Castro (France) and Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1401, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHIES AND SINCEREST CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEMISE OF JEVILYN C. CULLAMAT, DAUGHTER OF HONORABLE EUFEMIA 'KA FEMIA' C. CULLAMAT, REPRESENTATIVE OF BAYAN MUNA PARTYLIST IN THE 18TH CONGRESS”

By Representative Tambunting
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1402, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (DSWD) TO FAST-TRACK THE RELEASE OF AVAILABLE FUNDS TO HELP FAMILIES IN TYPHOON-STRIKEN AREAS, PARTICULARLY THE FUNDS INTENDED FOR THE ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS IN CRISIS SITUATIONS (AICS) PROGRAM IN THE FORM OF TEN THOUSAND PESOS EMERGENCY CASH AID TO TYPHOON VICTIMS”

By Representatives Brosas, Zarate, Cullamat, Gaité, Castro (France) and Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Resolution No. 1403, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PHILIPPINE PART IN THE FIRST CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF THE WORLD ON THE ISLAND OF HOMONHON ON MARCH 17, 1521”

By Representative Abunda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Resolution No. 1404, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES URGING THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT TO RATIFY INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION (ILO) CONVENTION NO. 190 ON ENDING VIOLENCE AND HARASSMENT AT WORK”

By Representatives Brosas, Zarate, Cullamat, Gaité, Castro (France) and Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Resolution No. 1405, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND EFFORTS OF HIS EXCELLENCY HAN DONG-MAN AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO THE PHILIPPINES IN FOSTERING PHILIPPINES-KOREA BILATERAL RELATIONS”

By Representatives Velasco, Romualdez (Ferdinand), Paduano, Arenas, Hofer, Yu, Vergara and Robes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

**BUSINESS FOR THE DAY:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 550
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 7814**

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Romualdo, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 7814 contained in Committee Report No. 550 as submitted by the Committee on Dangerous Drugs.

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

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING DRUG PREVENTION AND CONTROL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9165, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 2002'.”

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Representative Romualdo, 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 subsequent motion of Representative Romualdo, the Chair recognized Rep. Robert Ace S. Barbers, chairperson of the Committee on Dangerous Drugs, to sponsor the measure.

**SPONSORSHIP SPEECH
OF REPRESENTATIVE BARBERS**

Representative Barbers said that the Bill, which underwent thorough and extensive deliberations during the last Congress but failed to get the nod of the Senate for lack of time, sought to amend Republic Act No. 9165 to strengthen the government’s fight against illegal drugs.

He cited the following salient provisions of the Bill: (1) legal presumptions in identifying the importer, financier, and protector or coddler of illegal drugs; (2) penalizing negligent lessors of properties used as clandestine laboratories for illegal drug purpose; (3) extending criminal liability to the partner, president, director, manager, trustee, estate administrator, or officer of the corporation or partnership who owns and tolerates the use of property for such purpose; (4) mandatory drug testing for Filipino athletes twice a year; (5) shortening the validity of drug test certificates issued by accredited drug testing centers to three months from the original one-year period; and (6) increasing the composition of the Dangerous Drugs Board from 17 to 20 members.

Thereafter, he expounded on the Bill’s proposed amendments that would empower the State to prosecute better and bring the offenders to justice, such as the legal presumptions of “planting of evidence” committed by law enforcers, and to stop the outright dismissal of cases. He stressed that the proposed amendments would not violate the Constitution and only give the government better tools in ensuring the implementation of the law, and appealed to his colleagues to support the approval of the Bill.

**SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION
ON SECOND READING
OF HOUSE BILL NO. 7814**

On motion of Representative Romualdo, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 7814.

**BUSINESS FOR THE DAY:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 625
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 8136**

On motion of Representative Romualdo, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 8136 contained in Committee Report No. 625 as reported out by the Committees on Agriculture and Food, and Appropriations.

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

“AN ACT DECLARING THE COCONUT LEVY ASSETS AS A TRUST FUND, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND UTILIZATION, AUTHORIZING THE PRIVATIZATION AND MANAGEMENT OFFICE TO DISPOSE THE COCONUT LEVY ASSETS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COCONUT FARMERS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COCONUT INDUSTRY.”

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Representative Romualdo, 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 subsequent motion of Representative Romualdo, the Chair recognized Rep. Wilfrido Mark M. Enverga, chairperson of the Committee on Agriculture and Food, to sponsor the measure.

**SPONSORSHIP SPEECH
OF REPRESENTATIVE ENVERGA**

Representative Enverga said that the Bill sought to consolidate all assets and benefits from the coconut levy through a Trust Fund for the benefit of coconut farmers and workers and for the development of the coconut industry as provided for in the Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan (CFIDP); enumerated the plan’s objectives; and cited the Bill’s aim to reconstitute the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) to ensure participation of coconut farmers in crafting and implementing the CFIDP.

He also pointed out that coconut farmers could not get hold of the money intended for their needs because Congress has yet to pass a law for the purpose for which it was intended. Subsequently,

he stressed that Congress must provide a law for the disbursement of the Coconut Levy Funds that were earning interest in the Bureau of the Treasury, so these could be used to benefit coconut farmers and develop the coconut industry.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 8136

Upon Representative Romualdo's motion, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 8136.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair then declared a recess at 5:21 p.m. upon Representative Romualdo's motion.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:39 p.m., the session was resumed with Deputy Speaker Michael L. Romero, PhD presiding.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY SPEAKERS

On motion of Representative Romualdo, there being no objection, the Body elected the following Members as Deputy Speakers of the House vice Reps. Johnny Ty Pimentel and Aurelio "Dong" D. Gonzales Jr.:

1. Rep. Arnolfo "Arnie" A. Teves Jr.
2. Rep. Juan Pablo "Rimpy" P. Bondoc
3. Rep. Eric M. Martinez
4. Rep. Bernadette "BH" Herrera-Dy
5. Rep. Kristine Singson-Meehan
6. Rep. Divine Grace C. Yu
7. Rep. Rogelio "Ruel" D. Pacquiao
8. Rep. Weslie T. Gatchalian
9. Rep. Bienvenido M. Abante Jr.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Romualdo, the Chair suspended the session at 5:41 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:44 p.m. with Speaker Velasco presiding.

REMARKS OF MAJORITY LEADER ROMUALDEZ (F.M.)

At this juncture, Majority Leader Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez stated that Speaker Velasco will administer the oath of office of Deputy Speaker Teves (A.).

OATH-TAKING OF DEPUTY SPEAKER TEVES (A.)

Subsequently, Deputy Speaker Teves ascended the rostrum and took his oath before the Body, with Speaker Velasco administering his oath.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Thereupon, the Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 5:46 p.m. to allow the Members to congratulate Deputy Speaker Teves (A.).

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:48 p.m.

REMARKS OF MAJORITY LEADER ROMUALDEZ (F.M.)

At this point, Majority Leader Romualdez stated that Speaker Velasco will administer the oath of office to Deputy Speaker Bondoc.

OATH-TAKING OF DEPUTY SPEAKER BONDOC

Thereupon, Deputy Speaker Bondoc ascended the rostrum with his wife and took his oath before the Body, with Speaker Velasco administering his oath.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 5:50 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:51 p.m.

REMARKS OF MAJORITY LEADER ROMUALDEZ (F.M.)

Majority Leader Romualdez stated that Speaker Velasco will administer the oath of office to Deputy Speaker Gatchalian.

**OATH-TAKING OF
DEPUTY SPEAKER GATCHALIAN**

Deputy Speaker Gatchalian thereafter ascended the rostrum with his wife and sister-in-law and took his oath before the Body, with Speaker Velasco administering his oath.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 5:54 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:55 p.m. with Deputy Speaker Romero presiding.

**ELECTION OF
REPRESENTATIVE ARBISON
TO THE COMMISSION ON APPOINTMENTS**

On behalf of the Majority, on motion of Representative Romualdo, there being no objection, the Body elected Rep. Munir M. Arbison as member of the House contingent to the Commission on Appointments vice Rep. Benjamin C. Agarao Jr.

**ELECTION OF MAJORITY MEMBERS
TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES**

On behalf of the Majority, on successive motions of Representative Romualdo, there being no objection, the Body elected the following Members of the Majority to the Committees specified hereunder:

Committee on Trade and Industry

(as chairperson)

Rep. John Reynald M. Tiangco vice Rep. Weslie T. Gatchalian

Committee on Inter-Parliamentary
Relations and Diplomacy

(as chairperson)

Rep. Sandra Y. Eriguel, MD vice Rep. Divine Grace C. Yu

Committee on Social Services

(as chairperson)

Rep. Alfred Vargas vice Rep. Sandra Y. Eriguel, MD

Special Committee on Strategic Intelligence

(as chairperson)

Rep. Johnny Ty Pimentel vice Rep. Fredenil “Fred” H. Castro

Special Committee on Bases Conversion

(as chairperson)

Rep. Aurelio “Dong” D. Gonzales Jr. vice Rep. Francis Gerald Aguinaldo Abaya

**ELECTION OF MAJORITY MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES**

On successive motions of Representative Romualdo, there being no objection, the following Members were elected to the Committee on Rules:

(as deputy majority leader)

Rep. Tyrone D. Agabas vice Rep. Bernadette “BH” Herrera-Dy

(as assistant majority leader)

Rep. Amihilda J. Sangcopan vice Rep. Kristine Singson-Meehan

**ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE GUYA
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE
ON STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE**

On motion of Rep. Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte, there being no objection, the Body elected as member of the Minority, Rep. Godofredo N. Guya to the Special Committee on Strategic Intelligence.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Romualdo, the Chair suspended the session at 6:00 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 6:03 p.m. with Speaker Velasco presiding.

REMARKS OF MAJORITY LEADER ROMUALDEZ (F.M.)

Upon resumption of session, Majority Leader Romualdez stated that Speaker Velasco will administer the oath of office to Deputy Speaker Eric M. Martinez.

OATH-TAKING OF DEPUTY SPEAKER MARTINEZ

At this point, Deputy Speaker Martinez ascended the rostrum with his wife and took his oath before the Body, with Speaker Velasco administering his oath.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Speaker *motu proprio* suspended the session at 6:05 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 6:09 p.m.

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

On motion of Representative Romualdo, there being no objection, the Body resumed the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 7749 contained in Committee Report No. 524 as submitted by the Defeat COVID-19 Ad Hoc Committee, entitled:

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

Representative Romualdo stated that the parliamentary status was that the bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate and upon his motion, the Chair recognized Representative Cua, to sponsor the measure, and Representative Quimbo, to continue with her interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE QUIMBO (Continuation)

Representatives Quimbo and Cua further debated on SHC’s powers which include equity participation

and authority to give out loans to distressed firms, and discussed the safeguards against a worst-case scenario.

As Representative Quimbo stated that she would propose amendments to incorporate a more specific language that will enable SHC to act as a special creditor, Representative Cua agreed thereto especially if these will enhance and improve the Bill.

To Representative Quimbo’s succeeding queries, Representative Cua said that for a distressed bank to be acquired by SHC, it should pass the criteria set by the Bill; that the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, being the regulatory body, is in a better position to monitor and evaluate the performance of banks; and that the Bill contained provisions that would safeguard the assets and investments of LBP and DBP.

Reiterating the importance of the Philippine Competition Commission’s (PCC) power in reviewing SHC’s acquisitions, Representative Quimbo sought clarification on whether the Bill’s provisions pertain only to exemptions in acquisition of assets and not in shares. She further suggested for SHC to duplicate the approach offered by PCC to third telco players, which is forging a memorandum of agreement.

As Representative Cua stated that there are safeguards in the equity participation of SHC that would not affect competition in the industries, Representative Quimbo pointed out that possibilities for anti-competitive behavior are endless.

Thereupon, the Members discussed the nature and mechanisms of extending the loan program for qualified micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and the guarantees thereof; the possibility of introducing language that will direct LBP and DBP to introduce programs that will improve financial inclusion needed by MSMEs; and the LBP rediscounting program.

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

On motion of Representative Romualdo, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 7749.

**CONSIDERATION OF
HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1405**

On subsequent motion of Representative Romualdo, there being no objection, the Body considered House Resolution No. 1405, entitled “RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND EFFORTS OF HIS EXCELLENCY HAN DONG-MAN AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO THE PHILIPPINES IN FOSTERING PHILIPPINES-KOREA BILATERAL RELATIONS”; and dispensed with the reading of the text of the measure without prejudice to its insertion into the records of the House, as copies thereof had been distributed to the Members.

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

On motion of Representative Romualdo, there being no objection, the Body approved to include the following Members as additional coauthors of House Resolution No. 1405: Representatives Macapagal Arroyo, Romualdo, Crisologo, Taduran, and Castelo.

ADOPTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1405

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Romualdo, there being no objection, the Body unanimously adopted House Resolution No. 1405.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Thereafter, the session was suspended at 6:52 p.m. upon motion of Representative Romualdo.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 6:58 p.m.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Romualdo, there being no objection, the Chair suspended the session until three o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, December 9, 2020.

It was 6:59 p.m. of Monday, December 7, 2020.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:00 p.m. of Wednesday, December 9, 2020, the session resumed with Deputy Speaker Eric M. Martinez presiding.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

On motion of Rep. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo, 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, Message from the Senate, and Committee Reports which were referred to the appropriate committees indicated hereunder:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 8134, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROVINCIAL OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED) IN THE FIRST (1ST) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF ILOCOS SUR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Savellano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 8135, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A 25-BED CAPACITY MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LUGUS, SULU AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Arbison
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 8137, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF THE TERTIARY EDUCATION SUBSIDY AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10931, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO QUALITY TERTIARY EDUCATION' AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Go (Mark)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 8138, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE MINIMUM SALARY OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICE PROFESSIONALS”

By Representative Go (Mark)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 8141, entitled:

“AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF NATIONAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT”

By Representative Tambunting
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 8142, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INTERNET SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM IN THE CURRICULUM OF ALL ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS”

By Representative Tambunting
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 8143, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR TEACHERS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS”

By Representative Tambunting
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 8144, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO SPANISH FOOTBALL STANDOUT BIENVENIDO MARANON MOREJON”

By Representative Gasataya
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 8151, entitled:

“AN ACT ADOPTING A 30-YEAR NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM”

By Representative Momo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 8152, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR THE PROMOTION OF ANIMAL BIOTECHNOLOGY, TO RECOGNIZE,

TO FOSTER, AND TO ADVANCE ITS SIGNIFICANT HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS FOR ANIMALS AND HUMANS, PROVIDING MECHANISMS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE”

By Representative Kho (Elisa)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 8153, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING PROGRAMS FOR INCARCERATED PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN”

By Representatives Castro (France), Zarate, Gaité, Cullamat, Brosas and Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 8154, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MANDATORY PLANTING OF ONE TREE FOR EACH FILIPINO AGED 7 YEARS OLD AND ABOVE EACH YEAR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Kho (Elisa)
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REFORESTATION

House Bill No. 8155, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING THE RADIO AND TELEVISION FRANCHISE GRANTED TO PEC BROADCASTING CORPORATION UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8685, ENTITLED: 'AN ACT GRANTING PEC BROADCASTING CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, ESTABLISH, INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES', BY EXTENDING ITS TERM FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS”

By Representative Biron
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 8156, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR BICYCLE RIGHTS, CREATION OF LOCAL BIKEWAYS OFFICE (LBO), ESTABLISHING INFRASTRUCTURE IN RELATION THERETO AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villar
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 8157, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE ACCESSIBLE AND AFFORDABLE EARLY DETECTION

AND TIMELY INTERVENTION SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS”

By Representative Villar
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 8158, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CANCER MEDICINE AND TREATMENT ASSISTANCE FUND FOR INDIGENT AND UNDERPRIVILEGED FILIPINOS”

By Representative Villar
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 8159, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE INCLUSION OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP AS A SEPARATE SUBJECT IN THE JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULA OF THE K-12 PROGRAM”

By Representative Villar
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 8160, entitled:

“AN ACT SAFEGUARDING THE HEALTH OF FILIPINO MOTHERS AT THE TIME OF THEIR CHILDBIRTH, PROVIDING PROTECTIVE MECHANISMS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villar
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 8161, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 13 ARTICLE XVI OF REPUBLIC ACT 11054, ENTITLED 'AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ORGANIC LAW FOR THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 6734, ENTITLED “AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ORGANIC LAW OF THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO” AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT 9054, ENTITLED “AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN AND EXPAND THE ORGANIC ACT FOR THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO AND FIXING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE FIRST REGULAR ELECTION FOR THE BANGSAMORO GOVERNMENT” ’ ”

By Representative Romualdez (Ferdinand)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 1406, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION BY THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE ALLEGED HIT AND RUN INCIDENT WHICH RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF MAY ANN FARILLON SINGCORO”

By Representative Defensor (Michael)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1407, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ILLEGAL ARREST AND DETENTION OF AMANDA ECHANIS AND HER ONE-MONTH-OLD BABY IN CAGAYAN PROVINCE”

By Representatives Brosas, Zarate, Cullamat, Gaite, Castro (France) and Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message dated December 7, 2020, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on November 26, 2020 passed Senate Bill No. 1357, entitled:

“AN ACT REFORMING THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX AND INCENTIVES SYSTEM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 20, 22, 25, 27, 28, 29, 34, 40, 109, 116 AND 290 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND CREATING THEREIN NEW TITLE XIII, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture (Committee Report No. 633), re H.B. No. 8149, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A NEW FILIPINO GESTURE OF RESPECT, GOODWILL, AND PRAISE”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 7333

Sponsors: Representatives Romulo and Fernando
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Natural Resources (Committee Report No. 634), re H.B. No. 8150, entitled:

“AN ACT RECLASSIFYING AS MINERAL LAND A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN BARANGAY TALALANG, MUNICIPALITY OF BALBALAN, PROVINCE OF KALINGA, OPEN FOR DECLARATION AS A PEOPLE'S SMALL-SCALE MINING AREA, THEREBY EXCLUDING THE SAID LAND FROM THE COVERAGE OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10561 OR 'AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF KALINGA AS TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AREA (TDA)' ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 589

Sponsors: Representatives Barzaga and Mangaoang
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 635), re H.B. No. 8162, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING FEBRUARY 21 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CLARIN, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL, TO BE KNOWN AS 'CLARIN DAY' IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDATION ANNIVERSARY”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 7254

Sponsors: Representatives Villanueva (Noel) and Oaminal

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 636), re H.B. No. 8163, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 28 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUDELA, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL, TO BE KNOWN AS 'TUDELA DAY' IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDATION ANNIVERSARY”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 7255

Sponsors: Representatives Villanueva (Noel) and Oaminal

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

**BUSINESS FOR THE DAY:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 599
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 8005**

On successive motions of Rep. Juan Miguel Macapagal Arroyo, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 8005 contained in Committee Report No. 599 as submitted by the Committees on Rural Development, and Appropriations, institutionalizing the convergence strategy for sustainable rural development and providing the implementing mechanisms therefor; dispensed with the reading of the text of the measure without prejudice to its insertion into the records of the House, as copies thereof had been previously distributed to the Members; adopted the Explanatory Note of the Bill as the sponsorship remarks on the measure, upon motion of Representative Romualdo; 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 the same on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, the Chair suspended the session at 3:07 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:09 p.m., the session resumed.

**RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION
ON SECOND READING
OF HOUSE BILL NO. 8136**

On motion of Representative Romualdo, there being no objection, the Body resumed the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 8136 contained in Committee Report No. 625 as submitted by the Committees on Agriculture and Food, and Appropriations, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE COCONUT LEVY ASSETS AS A TRUST FUND, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND UTILIZATION, AUTHORIZING THE PRIVATIZATION AND MANAGEMENT OFFICE TO DISPOSE THE COCONUT LEVY ASSETS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COCONUT FARMERS AND THE

DEVELOPMENT OF THE COCONUT INDUSTRY.”

Representative Romualdo stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate. On his motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Wilfrido Mark M. Enverga, chairperson of the sponsoring Committee, to resume his sponsorship, and Rep. Arlene D. Brosas for her interpellation via Zoom teleconferencing.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Enverga, the Chair suspended the session at 3:10 p.m. to allow the Committee technical staff to take their seats.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:12 p.m., the session resumed.

On motion of Representative Romualdo, the Chair recognized Representative Brosas anew in the Zoom videoconference to interpellate the Sponsor.

**INTERPELLATION OF
REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS**

Representative Brosas’ initial concerns focused on the limited representation of coconut farmers in the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) governing board despite the fact that the subject coco levy funds amounting to billions of pesos came from the blood, sweat, and tears of the said farmers. Representative Enverga explained that the membership of the newly-reconstituted PCA board was limited to only 11 and that the Supreme Court ruled that the government must have the majority stake in the governing board.

She then expressed their proposal to create a council composed of 11 members, seven of whom would come from the small coconut farmers’ sector; questioned the farmers’ limited role in drafting policies for the Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan; and expressed concern that the 99-year period would be too long for them to enjoy their hard-earned money. In reply, the Sponsor informed his colleague that a Coconut Levy Advisory Board was included in the Bill, of which up to 15 farmer-members may be added and that the set period was a long-term solution that would increase investment opportunities and ensure that funds would not be depleted.

To Representative Brosas' succeeding questions about the Trust Fund Committee and the privatization of the coco levy fund, Representative Enverga assured her that the funds will be placed in low-risk investments; and the Bill's objective was to ensure the improvement of the lives of small coconut farmers and the long-term development of the coconut industry.

Representative Brosas, in ending her interpellation, said she was worried that small coconut farmers will again be deprived of the fruit of their sweat and blood that was stolen during the Marcos regime, and of genuine representation in all decisions thereon.

The Chair next recognized Rep. Ferdinand R. Gaité for his interpellation upon Representative Romualdo's motion.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE GAITE

Representative Enverga cited the rationale of the Bill in answer to the initial query of Representative Gaité before the two Members next discussed the importance of small coconut farmer representation in formulating policy on and managing the use of the coconut levy funds. Representative Enverga cited relevant provisions of the Bill including the definition of small coconut farmers; and explained that there was no clear distinction between small and big coconut farmers and enterprises in terms of representation in the United Coconut Association of the Philippines, Inc. (Cocofed), which used to manage the funds.

Representative Gaité stressed that based on social justice, the owners of the coconut levy fund should have more representation in the proposed coconut levy board. He expressed belief that the coconut farmers, having better knowledge and understanding of the industry, should represent the majority in the board; cited the previous version of the Bill filed by former Anakpawis Party-List representatives, providing for a small coconut farmers council that would democratize coconut farmers' participation; and opined that having only three farmer-members in the board was far from ideal.

Representative Gaité then asked about the management of the coco levy trust fund, particularly on its privatization and the representation of coconut

farmers therein; and the Trust Fund Management Committee's process in approving funds. In reply, the Sponsor mentioned provisions for the empowerment of coconut farmer organizations and their cooperatives, coconut hub centers, and shared facilities program; and explained that income generated from assets will be returned to the trust fund.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 8136

On successive motions of Representative Romualdo, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate, there being no further 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.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Romualdo, the Chair suspended the session at 4:19 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:21 p.m. with Speaker Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco presiding.

REMARKS OF MAJORITY LEADER ROMUALDEZ (F.M.)

Upon resumption of session, Majority Leader Ferdinand Martin B. Romualdez stated that Speaker Velasco will administer the oath of office of Deputy Speaker Kristine Singson-Meehan.

OATH-TAKING OF DEPUTY SPEAKER SINGSON-MEEHAN

At this point, Deputy Speaker Singson-Meehan ascended the rostrum together with her family and took her oath of office before the Body, with Speaker Velasco administering her oath.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 4:23 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:25 p.m.

**REMARKS OF
MAJORITY LEADER ROMUALDEZ (F.M.)**

Upon resumption of session, Majority Leader Romualdez stated that Speaker Velasco will administer the oath of office of Deputy Speaker Bernadette "BH" Herrera-Dy.

**OATH-TAKING OF
DEPUTY SPEAKER HERRERA-DY**

At this point, Deputy Speaker Herrera-Dy ascended the rostrum with her family and members of the Party-List Coalition Foundation, Inc., and took her oath of office before the Body, with Speaker Velasco administering her oath.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 4:27 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:30 p.m. with Deputy Speaker Martinez presiding.

**BUSINESS FOR THE DAY:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 608
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 8065**

On motion of Representative Romualdo, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 8065 contained in Committee Report No. 608 as reported out by the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

“AN ACT IMPOSING TAXES ON OFFSITE BETTING ACTIVITIES ON LOCALLY LICENSED COCKFIGHTS AND DERBIES, AMENDING SECTION 125 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED.”

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Representative Romualdo, 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, Representative Romualdo stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate; and on his motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Joey Sarte Salceda, chairperson of the Committee on Ways and Means, for the sponsorship of the measure via Zoom videoconferencing.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Romualdo, the Chair suspended the session at 4:33 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:37 p.m.

**SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION
ON SECOND READING
OF HOUSE BILL NO. 8065**

On motion of Representative Romualdo, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 8065.

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Romualdo, the Chair recognized Representative Brosas on a question of personal and collective privilege via the Zoom platform.

**QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE
OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS**

Representative Brosas decried the fake news circulated by the National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC) and the Philippine News Agency on the alleged Comelec support for the petition to cancel the party-list registration of GABRIELA Women’s Party.

As she clarified that GABRIELA’s registration remains valid, Representative Brosas pointed out that they have already filed a motion for reconsideration to question NTF-ELCAC’s capacity to file a case and mentioned that the latter does not have delegated powers to do so as contained in Executive Order No. 70.

She said that the continued red-tagging and attacks against GABRIELA and the Makabayan bloc were clear attempts to remove women representation in Congress and to impede calls for genuine change and actions in addressing social issues; and stressed that GABRIELA, along with the people, will continue fighting for their rights against the oppressive acts of the President and his allies.

REFERRAL OF SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS

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

RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 8065

On further motion of Representative Romualdo, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 8065 contained in Committee Report No. 608 and reported by the Committee on Ways and Means, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPOSING TAXES ON OFFSITE BETTING ACTIVITIES ON LOCALLY LICENSED COCKFIGHTS AND DERBIES, AMENDING SECTION 125 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED.”

Representative Romualdo stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate and thereafter, the Chair recognized anew Representative Salceda to sponsor the measure.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE SALCEDA

Representative Salceda cited the Bill's aim to innovatively raise funds for the country by introducing a fiscal regime for offsite betting activities on locally-licensed cockfights and derbies, adding that the Bill's basic principle is to tax an untaxed activity.

After discussing how the regulation of sabong could boost the country's gross domestic product, he then proceeded to take up the features of the Bill, such as imposing a tax equivalent to five percent on the gross receipts; requiring gaming operators to specify offsite betting on locally licensed cockfights and derbies in the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) documentations; and mandating operators to directly remit tax payments to BIR.

Subsequently, he discussed the Bill's implications and revenue impact, citing the projected ₱1.2 billion

in new annual revenues, as well as the support and involvement of other government agencies in the proposed tax implementation.

Thereafter, he underscored how House Bill No. 8065 is a common-sense solution that would tax and shed light on a gray area previously untaxed and unregulated; uphold powers of and provide a new source of revenues for the local government; protect the public with regulatory powers and disclosure requirements; and provide the government a new revenue stream to finance economic recovery. He then appealed to his colleagues for the immediate approval of the measure.

On motion of Rep. Rowena Niña O. Taduran, the Chair recognized Rep. Sharon S. Garin, vice-chairperson of the Committee on Ways and Means, for her sponsorship speech on House Bill No. 8065.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE GARIN (S.)

Mentioning the challenges brought about by the pandemic and recent typhoons, Representative Garin presented House Bill No. 8065 as a means to expedite economic recovery by regulating offsite betting activities on locally licensed cockfights and derbies without overstepping the powers of local government units (LGUs) and government gaming agencies. She then related that the lucrative sports of cockfighting could potentially aid national government programs with its billions of pesos generated income and huge network of sectors that provide employment.

As such, she stated that House Bill No. 8065 proposed to impose a five percent tax on gross receipts derived from offsite betting activities on locally licensed cockfights and derbies pursuant to Section 109 (e) of the National Internal Revenue Code (NIRC) of 1997; and that the supervision and regulation of cockfights will stay within the purview of the LGUs.

Thereafter, she called on her colleagues to support the passage of the measure as it would lead to additional economic and social benefits to the people.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 8065

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Romualdo, there being no objection, the Body

suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 8065.

**RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION
ON SECOND READING
OF HOUSE BILL NO. 7904**

On motion of Representative Romualdo, there being no objection, the Body resumed the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 7749 contained in Committee Report No. 524 as submitted by the Defeat COVID-19 Ad Hoc Committee, entitled:

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

Representative Romualdo stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate; and on his motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Junie E. Cua, chairperson of the Committee on Banks and Financial Intermediaries, to sponsor the measure; and Rep. France L. Castro to interpellate thereon, both via Zoom videoconferencing.

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

To the initial queries of Representative Castro, Representative Cua explained that the proposed measure will rehabilitate, not bail out, strategically important companies (SICs) experiencing temporary solvency issues due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Representative Castro next questioned the definition of SICs, the mechanisms in determining SICs, the appropriations allocated for micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in the Bill, and the amount utilized for MSMEs under Bayanihan 2. In reply, the Sponsor explained that the Bill appropriates funds only for the augmentation of the government financial institutions’ (GFIs) capital and that he will furnish her with data on the utilization of the MSMEs fund under Bayanihan 2.

As to the remaining savings from Bayanihan 1 Law, Representative Cua narrated the intervening events with regard to the changes made in the provisions for the funding of the Bill. He further explained that the large portion of the original

appropriation was included under Bayanihan 2, but that the remaining ₱10 billion was already included in the substitute GUIDE Bill.

Representative Castro then raised concern on certain provisions of the Bill that she deemed unconstitutional, particularly on the automatic appropriations coming from savings, to which the Sponsor gave assurance that these have already been amended in the substitute bill.

To Representative Castro’s succeeding questions on why the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) was not among the government agencies that will formulate the implementing rules and regulations (IRR) of the Bill, the Sponsor emphasized that the measure does not aim to engage in actual business activities, but rather to empower GFIs in helping MSMEs. Saying that DTI could still provide valuable inputs, the former expressed hope that DTI will be included at least in the drafting of IRR, to which Representative Cua agreed to keep an open mind thereon.

On motion of Representative Romualdo, the Chair recognized Representative Brosas for her interpellation through Zoom teleconferencing.

**INTERPELLATION OF
REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS**

At the outset, Representative Brosas opined that the government’s haphazard implementation of the lockdown, and not the COVID-19 pandemic per se, created the economic downturn of the MSMEs.

The Members then discussed the criteria in determining businesses to be provided loan assistance, and the role of the Philippine Guarantee Corporation (PhilGuarantee) in the loan assistance programs for MSMEs.

Thereafter, Representative Brosas asked why there was no reserved allocation for MSMEs when the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) and Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) received allocations of ₱15 billion and ₱35 billion, respectively; and maintained that the provisions seemed biased in favor of allocating larger funds for the creation of the SHC. In reply, the Sponsor said that fixed allocations for MSMEs or SICs were not specified because the demand for loan is market-driven, and apologized for the confusion caused by changes in the committee report brought about by intervening circumstances. In this regard, Representative Brosas requested for a copy of the

substitute Bill in order for her to propound accurate questions.

Representative Brosas then asked about the Bill's provisions on LBP and DBP's joint ventures with private companies in order to incorporate a special holding company. She expressed the need to safeguard and guarantee public funds and public interest against that of big businesses.

Representative Cua stressed that the Bill contained only the basic policies for incorporating ARISE which was tasked to rehabilitate important businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. He said this was to avoid tying the hands of the country's financial managers; and pointed out that the implementing guidelines will include pertinent details and mechanics. Nevertheless, he explained (1) the criteria, limits, standards, and sunset provisions governing the joint venture process, investments, and financial exposure; and (2) the rationale for the perks and privileges of LBP, DBP, and ARISE and its investee-companies under a crisis or emergency.

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

On motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, there being no objection, the Body suspended consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 7749.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, the Chair suspended the session at 6:23 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 6:29 p.m. with Speaker Velasco presiding.

REMARKS OF MAJORITY LEADER ROMUALDEZ (F.M.)

At this juncture, Majority Leader Romualdez stated that Speaker Velasco will administer the oath of office to Deputy Speaker Divina Grace C. Yu.

OATH-TAKING OF DEPUTY SPEAKER YU

Subsequently, Deputy Speaker Yu, together with her family, ascended the rostrum and took her oath

of office before the Body, with Speaker Velasco administering her oath.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 6:31 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 6:31 p.m.

RATIFICATION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON HOUSE BILL NO. 7727

Upon resumption of session, on motion of Majority Leader Romualdez (F.M.), there being no objection, the Body considered and subsequently ratified through *viva voce* voting the Conference Committee Report on House Bill No. 7727 or the Fiscal Year 2021 General Appropriations Bill.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 6:32 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 6:41 p.m. with Deputy Speaker Martinez presiding.

CHANGE OF REFERRAL OF HOUSE MEASURES

On motion of Representative Nieto, there being no objection, the Body changed the referral of House Bill Nos. 8116, 8117, and 8161, from the Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms to the Committees on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms; Muslim Affairs; and Special Committee on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity.

CONTINUATION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 8065

On motion of Representative Nieto, there being no objection, the Body continued its consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 8065 contained in Committee Report No. 608 as submitted by the Committee on Ways and Means, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPOSING TAXES ON OFFSITE BETTING ACTIVITIES ON LOCALLY LICENSED COCKFIGHTS AND DERBIES, AMENDING SECTION 125 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED.”

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Nieto, the Chair recognized Representative Garin (S.) to sponsor the measure, and Representative Gaité for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE GAITE

Representatives Gaité and Garin (S.) discussed the nature of the LGUs' jurisdiction as regards regulating cockfighting, horseracing, and other forms of gambling; and the taxation and implementation of the aforementioned forms of gambling.

Ending his interpellation, Representative Gaité expressed concern on the scope of operations of cockfights and cockpits, and the assurance that bettors will not shoulder the tax to be imposed on the gross receipts.

INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER PADUANO

Recognized by the Chair on motion of Representative Nieto, Minority Leader Joseph Stephen “Caraps” S. Paduano sought clarification on the term “online platforms” as used in Section 125 of the measure, and proposed to include in the Bill the regulation of offsite betting stations in addition to online platforms.

Regarding Minority Leader Paduano’s query on the regulation of the five-percent commission for operators and agents, Representative Garin explained that the measure proposes to regulate only the calculation of taxes and not the business operation itself; and that she and other members of the committee would gladly support any form of regulation proposal from the Minority.

The Members then discussed the role of the Games and Amusements Board as a regulatory body in the proposed measure, and the taxes as regards the winnings of the bettor.

Thereupon, Minority Leader Paduano said that at the proper time, he would propose amendments which he hoped would be accepted by the Sponsor.

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Nieto, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on House Bill No. 8065.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 7:21 p.m. upon motion of Representative Nieto.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 7:24 p.m.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 8065

On motion of Rep. Wilter “Sharky” Wee Palma II, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 8065.

PRIVILEGE HOUR

With leave of the House, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body declared a Privilege Hour and thereafter, the Chair recognized Representative Nieto for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE NIETO

Representative Nieto spoke about a House resolution which he would file to recover the original copies of the Katipunan documents which were personally handwritten by Messrs. Andres Bonifacio, Emilio Jacinto, Pio Valenzuela and other officials of the Katipunan, and which are currently in the custody of the *Archivo General Militar de Madrid* in Spain. As he narrated how these documents were confiscated by the Spaniards during the colonial period, he highlighted the importance of recovering the cultural artifacts of the country that symbolized the history of its people and one that could be inherited by future generations.

He then presented to the Body scanned copies of said documents which were given to the National Historical Commission of the Philippines

by the Spanish Embassy in 2012. As such, Representative Nieto called on his colleagues to support the resolution directing the Philippine government, through diplomatic efforts of the Department of Foreign Affairs, to take further steps to recover and preserve the aforementioned documents from the *Archivo Militar General de Madrid* in Spain and expressed hope that the Philippine government would convey the same to the Spanish government.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE NIETO

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Thereafter, the session was suspended at 7:35 p.m. upon motion of Representative Palma.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 8:01 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 8065

On motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body resumed the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 8065 contained in Committee Report No. 608 as submitted by the Committee on Ways and Means, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPOSING TAXES ON OFFSITE BETTING ACTIVITIES ON LOCALLY LICENSED COCKFIGHTS AND DERBIES, AMENDING SECTION 125 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED.”

On subsequent motion of Representative Palma, the Chair recognized Representative Garin (S.) to sponsor the same through Zoom videoconferencing.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE PALMA

Representative Palma manifested the intention of Rep. Cristal L. Bagatsing through a letter to be made coauthor of House Bill No. 8065.

The Chair duly noted the manifestation of Representative Palma.

PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

On motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the period of amendments. There being no committee amendments, on successive motions of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to consider individual amendments; and thereafter, the Chair recognized Minority Leader Paduano for his individual amendments.

AMENDMENTS OF MINORITY LEADER PADUANO

As proposed by Minority Leader Paduano and accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body approved the amendments on pages 1-3, Section 1, on the amendment to Section 125 of the National Internal Revenue Code.

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no other 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. 8065, AS AMENDED

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 8065, as amended, through *viva voce* voting.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 349 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 6656

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Nieto, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 6656 contained in Committee Report No. 349 as submitted by the Committee on Appropriations.

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

“AN ACT EXTENDING THE AVAILABILITY OF THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2021, AMENDING FOR

THE PURPOSE SECTION 60 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11465, ENTITLED 'AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FROM JANUARY ONE TO DECEMBER THIRTY-ONE, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES'."

As copies thereof had been previously 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.

Upon motion of Representative Nieto, the Chair recognized Representative Palma to sponsor the measure.

SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE PALMA

Representative Palma moved that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be made as the sponsorship speech of the measure. There being no objection, the Body approved the motion.

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

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

PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

On further motion of Representative Nieto, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the period of amendments.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

On motion of Representative Nieto, there being no objection, the Body adopted the amendments to House Bill No. 6656 as contained in Committee Report No. 349.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Nieto, the Chair suspended the session at 8:10 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 8:14 p.m.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6656

Upon Representative Nieto's motion, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6656.

REFERRAL OF HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1197

In accordance with the Rules Governing Inquiries in Aid of Legislation, on motion of Representative Nieto, there being no objection, the Body approved to refer House Resolution No. 1197, on the implementation of the housing project in Purok 6, Lam-an, Ozamiz City, Misamis Occidental, and the alleged violations in the demolition of houses and eviction of the residents while the Philippines is under state of calamity, to the to the Committee on Housing and Urban Development.

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

On another motion of Representative Nieto, there being no objection, the Body approved to include as additional coauthors of House Bill Nos. 2378, 7700, 8065, 8083, 8097, 8140, 8145, 8111, 7952, 8118, 8130, 6664, 8131, 8132, 8133, 8139, 8146, 8147, and 8148, the names of Members contained in the list to be submitted by the Committee on Rules.

RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6656

On motion of Representative Nieto, there being no objection, the Body resumed the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6656 contained in Committee Report No. 349 as submitted by the Committee on Appropriations, entitled:

"AN ACT EXTENDING THE AVAILABILITY OF THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2021, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 60 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11465, ENTITLED 'AN ACT

APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FROM JANUARY ONE TO DECEMBER THIRTY-ONE, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES'."

AMENDMENT BY SUBSTITUTION

Pursuant to Section 107 of the Rules of the House, on motion of Representative Nieto, there being no objection, the Body approved to amend by substitution the entire House Bill No. 6656 as contained in Committee Report No. 349 with the contents of the substitute Bill, copies of which had been distributed earlier to the Members.

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no further amendments, on motion of Representative Nieto, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of amendments.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6656, AS AMENDED

On motion of Representative Nieto, there being no objection, the Body approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 6656, as amended, through *viva voce* voting.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Nieto, the Chair suspended the session at 8:19 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION


The session resumed at 8:19 p.m.

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 14, 2020.

It was 8:20 p.m. of Wednesday, December 9, 2020.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.


MARK LLANDRO "DONG" L. MENDOZA
Secretary General

Approved on December 14, 2020.

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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 December 7, 2020:

1. House Bill No. 852

Herrera-Dy	Gorriceta	Go (E.C.)	Acosta
Dalipe	Barzaga	Yap (V.)	Adiong
Siao	Dujali	Acosta-Alba	Abueg-Zaldivar
Zubiri	Garcia (V.)	Bautista-Bandigan	Biazon
Garcia (J.E.)	Tan (A.)	Arbison	Suarez (A.)
Mariano-Hernandez	Mangaoang	Abunda	Nava
Arenas	Ouano-Dizon	Sinsuat	Tejada
Aguinaldo	Lagon	Dimaporo (M.K.)	Matugas

2. House Bill No. 7660

Zubiri	Garcia (V.)	Acosta-Alba	Abueg-Zaldivar
Garcia (J.E.)	Tan (A.)	Bautista-Bandigan	Biazon
Mariano-Hernandez	Mangaoang	Arbison	Suarez (A.)
Arenas	Ouano-Dizon	Abunda	Nava
Aguinaldo	Lagon	Sinsuat	Tejada
Gorriceta	Go (E.C.)	Dimaporo (M.K.)	Matugas
Barzaga	Yap (V.)	Acosta	
Dujali	Guico	Adiong	

3. House Bill No. 8080

Garcia (J.E.)	Tan (A.)	Bautista-Bandigan	Biazon
Mariano-Hernandez	Mangaoang	Arbison	Suarez (A.)
Arenas	Ouano-Dizon	Abunda	Nava
Aguinaldo	Lagon	Sinsuat	Tejada
Gorriceta	Go (E.C.)	Dimaporo (M.K.)	Matugas
Barzaga	Yap (V.)	Acosta	
Dujali	Guico	Adiong	
Garcia (V.)	Acosta-Alba	Abueg-Zaldivar	

4. House Bill No. 7835

Arenas	Mangaoang	Bautista-Bandigan	Abueg-Zaldivar
Aguinaldo	Ouano-Dizon	Arbison	Biazon
Gorriceta	Lagon	Abunda	Suarez (A.)
Barzaga	Go (E.C.)	Sinsuat	Nava
Dujali	Yap (V.)	Dimaporo (M.K.)	Tejada
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