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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS
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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2420

Submitted by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture on 24 SEP 2012
Re : ~~House Bill No. 6582~~
Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5377.
Sponsors : Representatives Rosenda Ann Ocampo and Maria Carmen Zamora-Apsay

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Basic Education and Culture to which was referred House Bill No. 5377 introduced by Rep. Maria Carmen Zamora-Apsay, entitled:

“AN ACT
NATIONALIZING THE BANGO HIGH SCHOOL (COMPOSTELA
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX) LOCATED IN SITIO BANGO,
BARANGAY NGAN, COMPOSTELA, COMPOSTELA VALLEY
PROVINCE, INTO THE BANGO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

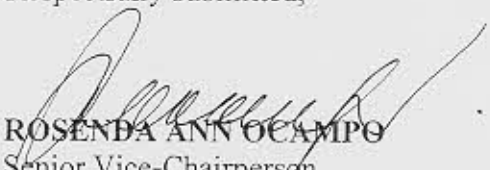
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has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. _____,
entitled:

“AN ACT
SEPARATING THE COMPOSTELA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL –
BANGO ANNEX IN SITIO BANGO, BARANGAY NGAN,
MUNICIPALITY OF COMPOSTELA, PROVINCE OF
COMPOSTELA VALLEY FROM THE COMPOSTELA NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BANGO
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 5377 with Representatives Maria Carmen Zamora-Apsay and Rosenda Ann Ocampo as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,


ROSENDA ANN OCAMPO
Senior Vice-Chairperson
Committee on Basic Education and Culture

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. **6582**
(In substitution of House Bill No. 5377)

Introduced by Representatives Maria Carmen Zamora-Apsay and Rosenda Ann Ocampo

AN ACT

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Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 SECTION 1. *Separation and Conversion into a National High School.* The
2 Compostela National High School – Bango Annex in Sitio Bango, Barangay Ngan,
3 Municipality of Compostela, Province of Compostela Valley is hereby separated from the
4 Compostela National High School and converted into an independent national high school to
5 be known as Bango National High School.
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7 SEC. 2. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* All personnel, assets, liabilities and
8 records of the Compostela National High School – Bango Annex are hereby transferred to
9 and absorbed by the Bango National High School.
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11 SEC. 3. *Appropriations.* The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in
12 the Department's program the operationalization of the Bango National High School, the
13 initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the
14 Compostela National High School – Bango Annex. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the
15 continued operation of the school shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
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17 SEC. 4. *Implementation.* The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and
18 regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.
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20 SEC. 5. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
21 the Official Gazette.
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23 *Approved,*

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House Bill No. 5377



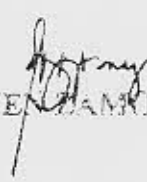
Introduced by Rep. Maria Carmen Zamora-Apsay

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Consistent with Article XIV, Section 1, of the Philippine Constitution which states that *"The state shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all,"* this bill seeks the nationalization of the Bango High School (Compostela National School Annex) in Sitio Bango, Barangay Ngan, Compostela, Compostela Valley Province.

The school, located about twenty (20) kilometers away from the poblacion, started admitting students during SY 2005-2006. It is currently operating as an annex of the Compostela National High School and is using the classroom building vacated by the elementary school in the sitio which resettled to a new site. Through the concerted efforts of the Department of Education, barangay officials, the municipal government and parents, a one-hectare lot donation was acquired as school site in 2009. For now, the local government units, benefactors and the parents/guardians are providing financial support to the high school until it is nationalized. Instructional materials, equipment and other teaching facilities are available for use. The teaching staff is now fully in place and four (4) elementary schools serve as feeder schools for the high school such that the enrollment two years back numbered about two hundred (200) students.

Approval of this bill is respectfully being sought.


MARIA CARMEN ZAMORA-APSAY

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House Bill No. 5377

Introduced by Rep. Maria Carmen Zamora-Apsay

AN ACT

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Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled.

SECTION 1. The Bango High School (Compostela National High School Annex) in Sitio Bango, Barangay Ngan, Compostela, Compostela Valley Province, is hereby nationalized, to be known as the Bango National High School.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Department of Education shall promulgate and issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 3. The amount necessary to carry out the implementation of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.

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COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

5 March 2012

HON. JOSEPH EMILIO A. ABAYA
Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Committee on Appropriations

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Dear Chairperson Abaya:

The Committee on Basic Education and Culture approved on 22 November 2011 the attached House Bill No. _____, entitled:

AN ACT

SEPARATING THE COMPOSTELA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – BANGO ANNEX IN SITIO BANGO, BARANGAY NGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF COMPOSTELA, PROVINCE OF COMPOSTELA VALLEY FROM THE COMPOSTELA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BANGO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

in substitution of House Bill No. 5377 with Representatives Maria Carmen Zamora-Apsay and Salvador H. Escudero III as authors thereof.

Considering that a proposed funding is provided for in Section 3 of the aforesaid bill, the Committee deemed it appropriate to refer the same to the Committee on Appropriations for comment and approval.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

SALVADOR H. ESCUDERO III
Chairperson

For the Chairperson:


MARIA JOSEFINA R. RICAFORT
Committee Secretary



Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila



HON. JOSEPH EMILIO A. ABAYA

*Congressman, 1st District, Cavite
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations*

September 6, 2012

HON. ROSENDA ANN OCAMPO

*Senior Vice-Chairperson
Committee on Basic Education & Culture*

Dear Senior Vice-Chairperson Ocampo:

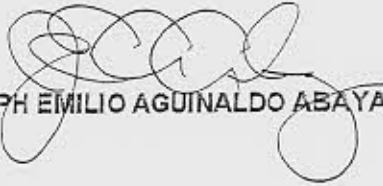
This refers to the following house bills/substitute bills on the establishment of national high school and school divisions as well as separation of national high school which were referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

1. **Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 286 - AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SCHOOLS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE PROVINCE OF COMPOSTELA VALLEY TO BE KNOWN AS SCHOOLS DIVISION OF COMPOSTELA VALLEY PROVINCE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;**
2. **House Bill No. 1594 - AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF NAGA, PROVINCE OF CEBU TO BE KNOWN AS THE LANAS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;**
3. **House Bill No. 1595 - AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PRIMARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CALAVERA IN THE CITY OF NAGA, PROVINCE OF CEBU TO BE KNOWN AS THE CALAVERA PRIMARY SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;**
4. **House Bill No. 1596 - AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PRIMARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CABUAN IN THE CITY OF NAGA, PROVINCE OF CEBU TO BE KNOWN AS THE CABUAN PRIMARY SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;**
5. **House Bill No. 2789 - AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DIVISION OF CITY SCHOOLS IN THE CITY OF TAGBILARAN, PROVINCE OF BOHOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;**
6. **House Bill No. 3866 - AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BANGKULASI, NAVOTAS CITY, TO BE KNOWN AS BANGKULASI NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;**
and

7. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 5377 - AN ACT SEPARATING THE COMPOSTELA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - BANGO ANNEX IN SITIO BANGO, BARANGAY NGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF COMPOSTELA, PROVINCE OF COMPOSTELA VALLEY FROM THE COMPOSTELA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BANGO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Please be informed that the Committee recommends the approval of the above mentioned bills without amendment.

Very truly yours,



JOSEPH EMILIO AGUINALDO ABAYA

Cc: Rep. Eduardo R. Gullas
Rep. Rene Lopez Relampagos
Rep. Tobias "Toby" M. Tiangco
Rep. Maria Carmen Zamora-Apsay

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COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE HELD ON NOVEMBER 22, 2011, 9:30 A.M., AT CONFERENCE ROOMS 3 & 4, RAMON V. MITRA JR BUILDING, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, QUEZON CITY

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Rep. Salvador H. Escudero III, called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m..

II. ROLL CALL

On motion by Rep. Pedro P. Romualdo, duly seconded, the Committee dispensed with the calling of the Roll.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 10 2011 MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION

On another motion by Rep. Romulado, duly seconded, the reading of the minutes of the October 10, 2011 meeting of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture was dispensed with and the same was considered approved.

IV. INITIAL DELIBERATION ON HOUSE BILL NO. 579, ENTITLED "ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8047, ENTITLED: 'AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF BOOK PUBLISHING INDUSTRY THROUGH THE FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A NATIONAL BOOK POLICY AND A NATIONAL BOOK DEVELOPMENT PLAN'", by Rep. Romualdo

In his sponsorship remarks, Rep. Romualdo explained that HB 579 was an upshot of the observations he made during the budget deliberation regarding the role of the National Book Development Board (NBDB) and the Department of Education (DepED) vis-à-vis the proliferation of textbooks containing errors. He stated that then Secretary Jesli Lapus created a Task Force which recommended several amendments to R.A. 8047 so that the NBDB can effectively pursue its mandate.

Rep. Romualdo expressed his firm belief that the government is not short of technical experts who could efficiently and effectively come up with doable policies to make the curriculum and content development of textbooks used by public schools comparable with private schools' textbooks. He further suggested that the government could likewise benchmark the system being used by the Philippine Science High School to allow students from regular high schools to have better curriculum offerings and/or invite private academic institutions to help strengthen the public school system's curriculum and materials content development.

Lastly, he commended the NBDB for its efforts to reach the masses through various projects like the "Tulaan sa Tren" and "Booklatan sa Bayan" and encouraged the promotion of reading to people who are no longer in school.

At this point, the Chair recognized Atty. Dominador Buhain, President Emeritus of the Philippine Educational Publishers' Association (PEPA), to comment on the proposal under HB 579. Atty. Buhain presented PEPA's initial position, as follows:

1. The amendment to Section 10 (e) of RA No. 8047, relating to commissioning of the development of textbooks and other instructional materials to duly accredited government and private institutions, is contrary to open competition and active participation of the private sectors publishers;
2. The provision relating to printing of textbooks on a regional basis upon favorable assessment that are available and duly accredited local printers which can meet the technical standards of the DepEd sets a limitation on printing. Atty. Buhain likewise question DepEd's expertise to set the standards, adding that such standards should be provided by the National Printing Office or other recognized private entities like the Philippine Printing Technical Foundation (PPTF) whose membership is nationwide;
3. The proposed commissioning of publishers and institutions under Sections 2, 3 and 4 of the bill could serve as a breeding ground for corruption and cartel, thus defeating the objectives and purposes for which RA 8047 was enacted. It could even be violative of the freedom of expression as embedded in the Constitution and the free flow of information enshrined in the Florence agreement; and
4. The proposal to provide additional personnel at the Instructional Materials Council Secretariat (IMCS) would add another bureaucratic layer in the IMCS and is tantamount to the restoring the Instructional Material Development Corporation (IMDC). The expansion and hiring of new personnel is likewise against the present administration's policy on bureaucratic streamlining.

In addition, Atty. Buhain cited that the intervention of World Bank to come up with contractual provisions in the loan agreement in the production of education materials for public schools ran counter to the provisions of RA 8047 and prevented DepEd from enforcing the provisions of RA 8047. Thus, regionalization and democratization as envisioned under RA 8047 did not materialize as book publishing bidding and distribution remained confined in Metro Manila. He further remarked that the NBDB failed to give teeth to the private agreement of textbook publishers to set a percentage discount policy to avoid cut throat competition, spiraling prices and hidden incentives.

Atty. Buhain then expressed PEPA's support to House Bill Nos. 666 and 706, which he said would address the industry's current challenges in terms of competition, pricing and distribution.

Thereupon, Rep. Escudero asked the resource persons what should be done in order to stimulate the book publishing industry. He lamented the fact that every year DepEd issues books with wrong grammar and information and it does not reflect well on a country who takes pride on the provision of quality of education. He surmised that the book publishing industry might have been controlled by a syndicate, which is highly probable according to Atty. Buhain, as RA 8047 does not give DepEd the power to police the industry.

NBDB Executive Director Andrea Passion-Flores stated, at the onset, that the NBDB recognizes both DepEd's dilemma in the development and evaluation of textbooks and the book publishers' desire to democratize the distribution of books to DepEd. She said that the Board could perhaps help the DepEd and the industry in striking a balance to solve these problems. She then asked clarification on the certain proposals under the bill such as the process of commissioning and accreditation of suppliers for them to be able to provide assistance to DepEd in sourcing suppliers that could provide quality textbooks.

On the Chair's query as to whether the NBDB had verified if DepEd wants to be assisted in the procurement process, Dir. Flores answered in the affirmative, adding that while there had been rifts between the DepEd and the NBDB in the past, the current Board, which has DepEd Usec. Francis Varela as an ex-officio member, has been conducting discussion with stakeholders as to how the current problems can be resolved.

Rep. Romualdo interjected that he is aware that the NBDB is against his proposal as it will further abate the powers of the agency. He shared his observation that whenever textbook errors are discovered, the DepEd gets the blame when in fact DepEd has nothing to do with the development and evaluation of these textbooks. He averred that this system is what his bill is trying to remedy. Rep. Escudero stated that another option is to make the DepEd Secretary the Chairman of the NBDB.

Dir. Flores reiterated the earlier statement of Rep. Romualdo that as the law stands, the NBDB, which has been in existence for 15 years, is more like a policy making body and has no actual authority to punish or sanction erring textbook suppliers. She added that if Rep. Romualdo will allow, the NBDB would also like to submit several proposals to improve the law.

Atty. Buhain averred that while there may be truth to the claim of Dir. Flores that the NBDB is only a policy making body, RA 8047 has penalty provisions which support the contention that the NBDB could be a regulatory body as well. He said that this is the reason why PEPA had been presenting legislative proposals similar to HB Nos. 666 and 706, which would give more teeth to NBDB but unfortunately these measures were not acted upon by Congress.

Rep. Escudero urged the stakeholders to take the initiative in proposing amendments if they perceive some defects in a certain law, adding that by leaving it untouched means that they are enjoying the law. He expressed his disappointment that 15 years after the enactment of the RA 8047, the key players had not made a dent in the book industry and that textbook problems, especially those concerning the distribution of resources to far-flung areas, has not been fully addressed. He put forward a suggestion for DepEd and NBDB to meet and come up with solutions to these problems.

Dr. Nenita Sta. Romana-Cruz, the newly-appointed Chairperson of the NBDB, informed the Body that in her three-week stint with NBDB, the Board had close communication with DepEd Secretary Armin Luistro. She stated that the Board is aware of the problems in our education system and gave assurance that the Board, under her leadership, will continue to work closely with DepEd.

Rep. Escudero underscored the urgency for NBDB to come up with suggested solutions and present them to Secretary Luistro. He then recognized Mr. Maximo Gomez, President of CNE Publishing who reported on the past projects initiated by PEPA and current legislative proposals aimed at addressing the problems of the book publishing industry such as the creation of a Book City, adoption of uniform discounting scheme to avoid cut throat competition among publishers and distributors, continued protection of intellectual creation and strict implementation of the Intellectual Property Code and the need to have compulsory licensing agreement between educational institutions and publishers as regards copyrighted books and other materials.

Atty. Buhain added that PEPA has also filed a legislative proposal for the stability of curriculum. He noted that curriculum changes each time there is a change in government administration and this disrupts the development of book. He stated that it takes three (3) years to develop a book and another three (3) years to ascertain the impact of the books to students. He also cited that the development of materials has

not reached desired protection due to the changes in curriculum everytime a new secretary is appointed. He maintained that PEPA has not been remiss in coming up with measures that would revitalize the book publishing industry. Rep. Escudero countered that PEPA's proposals should be directed towards the improvement of the book publishing law and not on administrative matters such as curriculum content.

Rep. Sigfrido R. Tinga asked the book publisher's stand on electronic content or publishing. He noted that the discussion revolved around the traditional set-up when there is already a fundamental shift towards the electronic delivery of content. He opined that it would be to the disadvantage of students if the government would give in to the request to put the curriculum at a standstill as it totally contradicts the timely delivery of information. He then requested that succeeding deliberations regarding the book industry should take into account the electronic means of delivering content.

In connection to Rep. Tinga's statements, Dr. Diosdada Boiser, PEPA Board Secretary, informed the Body that the publishing industry has started using this new means of delivering content and that the PEPA Board had been sitting down with some institutions already like De La Salle Greenhills, St. Paul- Pasig, and Silliman University Foundation, for the utilization of the said technology. She clarified, however, that while they are encouraging educational institutions to avail of this new technology, they cannot mandate everyone to use it because of the cost.

Accordingly, Dir. Sta. Romana- Cruz cited that in addition to the software, the cost to acquire the hardware is also quite prohibitive but some schools are already requiring their students to invest in their own tablets to be able to keep up with this new technology.

At this point, Rep. Padilla moved to suspend consideration of the bill. Rep. Romualdo asked the stakeholders to submit to the Committee their respective position papers in one week for NBDB to make their final recommendation in two weeks. The Chair then instructed the NBDB to submit their recommendations on or before December 7, 2011. He tasked Rep. Romualdo to see to it that the said deadline is complied with.

V. INITIAL DELIBERATION ON HOUSE BILL NOS. 666 AND 706, BOTH ENTITLED: "AN ACT ADOPTING PRICE MAINTENANCE AND UNIFORM DISCOUNTING SCHEME IN BOOK TRADE WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENSURING AFFORDABLE, ACCESSIBLE AND QUALITY-LADEN TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER RELATED EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FOR PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS", by Reps. Ejercito, and R. Rodriguez and M. Rodriguez, respectively

The Committee deferred consideration of House Bill Nos. 666 and 706 due to the absence of the authors.

VI. INITIAL DELIBERATION ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2839, ENTITLED "AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF BEHAVIORAL ASSESSMENT IN PRE-SCHOOL AND PRIMARY EDUCATION, by Reps. Co, Batocabe and Garbin

At the outset, Rep. Rodel Batocabe explained that the primary objective of House Bill No. 2839 is to institutionalize a behavioral assessment in pre-schools and primary schools. He stated that in earlier times, children with behavioral problems were merely sent to the principal's office and/or subjected to certain disciplinary measures as a consequence for misbehaving. At present, however, there have been studies conducted and it had been found out that there are different kinds of learning and behavioral

disorders like ADD and ADHD and with the help of the available tools and interventions, our educators would be able to properly address the educational needs of these children.

On the Chair's query as to how the assessment system will be carried out, Rep. Batocabe replied that the guidance counselor in every school would administer the test to ascertain whether the children has any learning or behavioral disability.

On another query by Rep. Tinga whether the bill would also look at the children's ability based on the Multiple Intelligence Theory, Rep. Batocabe replied in the negative but added that it can be considered in the testing to get the different skills of children.

Rep. Teves then informed the Body that most municipalities now have schools for kids with special concerns. One problem, however, is that parents do not normally admit that their child has special concern and refuse to put them in these special schools. Rep. Batocabe interjected that our society has been evolving and parents, especially those in the urban areas, are beginning to be open-minded about this problem.

Since there is no other resource person around, the Committee decided to defer consideration of the bill. The Chair asked for the presence of a more credible DepEd representative in the next deliberation while Rep. Batocabe suggested that representatives from the Psychological Association of the Philippines be invited to give their inputs to the bill as well.

VII. DELIBERATION ON LOCAL SCHOOL BILLS

Upon motion by Rep. Padilla, duly seconded, the Committee approved the following measures subject to amendment and style to conform with the standard format set by the Committee:

A. Establishment of Schools

1. House Bill No. 1371 - Punta Flecha National High School, by Rep. Cerilles
2. House Bill No. 1593 - Naalad National High School, by Rep. Gullas
3. House Bill No. 2068 - Emilio J. Estipona National High School, by Rep. Ungab
4. House Bill No. 2496 - Concepcion National High School, by Rep. A. Alvarez
5. House Bill No. 4811 - Mababang Baybay National High School, by Rep. Bravo
6. House Bill No. 5252 - Pugad National High School, by Rep. Sy-Alvarado
7. House Bill No. 5288 - Patag National High School, by Rep. Ramos

B. Separation and Conversion into National High Schools

1. House Bill No. 2696 - Bacolod City National High School, by Rep. A. Golez
2. House Bill No. 3570 - Kiwalan National High School, by Rep. V. Belmonte
3. House Bill No. 3616 - Angeles City National Tech/Voc and Skills Training High School, by Rep. Lazation
4. House Bill No. 4019 - San Antonio National high School, by Rep. Dayanghirang
5. House Bill No. 4616 - Poblacion National High School, by Rep. Biazon
6. House Bill No. 4927 - Eugenio V. Amores Memorial National High School, by Rep. Aumentado
7. House Bill No. 5328 - Lurisa National High School, by Rep. Unabia
8. House Bill No. 5373 - Concepcion National High School, by Rep. Flores
9. House Bill No. 5377 - Bango National High School, by Rep. Zamora-Apsay
10. House Bill No. 5386 - Bulo National High School, by Rep. Agyao
11. House Bill No. 5389 - F. S. Catanico National High School, by Rep. R. Rodriguez

Meanwhile, due to the sensitivity attached to renaming of schools and the absence of the author, Rep. A. Alvarez, the Committee deferred consideration of House Bill No. 3011, which changes the name of Gaudencio Abordo National High School in Barangay Bulawit in Linapacan, Palawan to Bulawit National High School.

VIII. OTHER MATTERS

In view of the fact that a lot of local bills had been approved by the House of Representatives and transmitted to the Senate, Rep. Maximo Dalog asked the Chair how the Committee and the respective proponents would be able to facilitate the passage of these bills before the end of the 15th Congress. The Chair assured him that he is in constant communication with his Senate counterpart and that he was given assurance that the Senate will act on the said measures.

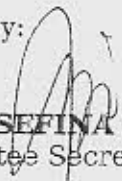
IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m..

Prepared by:


MARILOU F. DE GUZMAN
Supervising Legislative Staff Officer II

Noted by:


MA. JOSEFINA R. RICAFORT
Committee Secretary


REP. SALVADOR H. ESCUDERO III
Chairperson