

## RECORD OF PLENARY PROCEEDINGS

NO. 2

Tuesday, July 28, 1998

### CALL TO ORDER

*At 4:00 p.m., Speaker Manuel B. Villar Jr. called the session to order.*

THE SPEAKER. The session is called to order.

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

THE SPEAKER. Everybody is requested to rise for the singing of the Philippine National Anthem.

*Everybody rose to sing the Philippine National Anthem.*

### PRAYER

THE SPEAKER. Everybody will please remain standing for a one-minute silent prayer and meditation.

*Everybody remained standing for the silent prayer.*

### ROLL CALL

THE SPEAKER. The Secretary General is directed to call the roll of the Members.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, *reading:*

Abad ..... Present  
 Abaya ..... Present\*  
 Abayon ..... Present  
 Abueg ..... Present  
 Acosta ..... Present  
 Adiong ..... Present  
 Aguinaldo ..... Present\*  
 Albano ..... Present  
 Almario ..... Present  
 Alvarez, Genaro Jr. M. . Present  
 Alvarez, Heherson T. .... Present  
 Alvarez, Pantaleon D. ... Present  
 Amatong ..... Present  
 Amin ..... Present

Andaya, Manuel G. .... Present  
 Andaya, Rolando Jr. G. . Present  
 Andaya, Vicente Jr. J. ... Present\*  
 Angara-Castillo ..... Present  
 Angping ..... Present  
 Antonino ..... Present  
 Apostol ..... Present  
 Aquino, Agapito A. .... Present  
 Aquino, Benigno III C. . Present  
 Arroyo ..... Present  
 Asistio ..... Present\*  
 Aumentado ..... Present\*  
 Bacani ..... Present\*  
 Baculio ..... Present

Badelles ..... Present  
 Banaag ..... Present  
 Barbers ..... Present  
 Barinaga ..... Present  
 Bascug ..... Present  
 Baterina ..... Present  
 Bautista ..... Present  
 Belmonte ..... Present\*  
 Beratio ..... Present  
 Bondoc ..... Present  
 Braganza ..... Present  
 Briones ..... Present  
 Bueser ..... Present\*  
 Bulut ..... Present  
 Bunye ..... Present  
 Cagas ..... Present  
 Calalay ..... Present  
 Candazo ..... Present  
 Cappleman ..... Present  
 Carloto ..... Present  
 Cayetano ..... Present  
 Cerilles ..... Present  
 Chipcco ..... Present  
 Cojuangco ..... Present  
 Cosalan ..... Present  
 Cruz ..... Present  
 Cruz-Ducut ..... Present\*  
 Cua ..... Present  
 Cuenco ..... Present  
 Datumanong ..... Present  
 Defensor ..... Present  
 Del Mar ..... Present  
 Dequiña ..... Present\*  
 Diaz ..... Present  
 Dilangalen ..... Present  
 Dominguez ..... Present  
 Duavit ..... Present  
 Dumpit ..... Present\*  
 Durano ..... Present  
 Duterte ..... Present  
 Dy ..... Present\*  
 Eballe ..... Present  
 Echiverri ..... Present  
 Enrile ..... Present  
 Ermita ..... Present\*  
 Escudero ..... Present  
 Espina ..... Present

Espinosa, Emilio Jr. R. . Present  
 Espinosa, Vida V. .... Present  
 Fajardo ..... Present  
 Falcon ..... Present\*  
 Fariñas ..... Present  
 Floirendo ..... Present  
 Fortuno ..... Present  
 Fua ..... Present  
 Fuentes ..... Present\*  
 Garcia, Enrique Jr. T. .... Present  
 Garcia, Manuel M. .... Present  
 Garin ..... Present  
 Golez ..... Present  
 Gonzales, Neptali II M. . Present  
 Gonzales, Rodolfo F. .... Present  
 Gonzalez, Jose Mari C. . Present  
 Gonzalez, Raul M. .... Present  
 Gordon ..... Present  
 Gullas ..... Present  
 Gunigundo ..... Present  
 Herrera, Efren T. .... Present  
 Herrera, Ernesto F. .... Present  
 Hizon ..... Present  
 Hofer ..... Present  
 Imperial ..... Present  
 Ipong ..... Present  
 Jaafar ..... Present  
 Jacob ..... Present  
 Jala ..... Present  
 Jaraula ..... Present  
 Joaquin ..... Present  
 Joson ..... Present  
 Kintanar ..... Present  
 Lagman-Luistro ..... Present  
 Lanot ..... Present\*  
 Lapus ..... Present  
 Lara ..... Present  
 Laurel ..... Present  
 Ledesma ..... Present  
 Leviste ..... Present  
 Liban ..... Present  
 Libanan ..... Present  
 Libarios ..... Present  
 Lim ..... Present  
 Lobregat ..... Present  
 Locsin ..... Present

\* Appeared after the roll call

|                                  |          |                                  |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|----------|
| Lopez, Emily R. ....             | Present* | Roman.....                       | Present  |
| Lopez, Ruy Elias C.....          | Present  | Romualdez.....                   | Present  |
| Lorenzo-Villareal .....          | Present  | Romualdo .....                   | Present  |
| Loreto-Go.....                   | Present  | Rosales.....                     | Present  |
| Lozada.....                      | Present* | Roxas.....                       | Present  |
| Macias.....                      | Present  | Salapuddin.....                  | Present  |
| Madrona.....                     | Present  | Salceda.....                     | Present* |
| Magtubo.....                     | Present  | Saludo.....                      | Present  |
| Maliksi.....                     | Present  | Sandoval, Federico II S. Present |          |
| Mangotara.....                   | Present  | Sandoval, Vicente A. ....        | Present  |
| Marañon.....                     | Present  | San Luis.....                    | Present  |
| Marcos.....                      | Present* | Sarenas.....                     | Present  |
| Martinez.....                    | Present  | Sarmiento, Angelito M. Present*  |          |
| Mendoza.....                     | Present  | Sarmiento, Rogelio M. ..Present* |          |
| Monfort.....                     | Present  | Seachon.....                     | Present  |
| Montemayor.....                  | Present  | Shahani.....                     | Present* |
| Montilla.....                    | Present  | Silos.....                       | Present  |
| Moreno.....                      | Present  | Silverio.....                    | Present  |
| Nachura.....                     | Present  | Singson.....                     | Present  |
| Nantes.....                      | Present  | Suarez.....                      | Present  |
| Navarro.....                     | Present  | Sumulong.....                    | Present* |
| Nepomuceno.....                  | Present  | Suplico.....                     | Present  |
| Nieva.....                       | Present  | Sy-Alvarado.....                 | Present  |
| Ocampo.....                      | Present* | Syjuco.....                      | Present  |
| Orola.....                       | Present* | Tammang.....                     | Present  |
| Ortega.....                      | Present  | Tañada.....                      | Present  |
| Osabel.....                      | Present  | Teodoro.....                     | Present  |
| Padilla.....                     | Present* | Teves.....                       | Present  |
| Pacz.....                        | Present  | Tilanduca.....                   | Present  |
| Palma Gil.....                   | Present  | Tuazon.....                      | Present  |
| Pancho.....                      | Present  | Tulagan.....                     | Present  |
| Paras.....                       | Present  | Unde.....                        | Present  |
| Parcon.....                      | Present  | Urro.....                        | Present  |
| Perez.....                       | Present  | Valera.....                      | Present  |
| Pichay.....                      | Present  | Veloso.....                      | Present  |
| Pilapil.....                     | Present  | Verceles.....                    | Present* |
| Plameras.....                    | Present  | Vergara.....                     | Present  |
| Ponce.....                       | Present  | Vicencio.....                    | Present  |
| Punzalan.....                    | Present  | Villanueva.....                  | Present  |
| Quimpo.....                      | Present  | Villar.....                      | Present  |
| Ramiro.....                      | Present  | Villarosa.....                   | Present  |
| Recto.....                       | Present* | Wacnang.....                     | Present  |
| Reyes, Edmundo Jr. O. Present    |          | Yapha.....                       | Present  |
| Reyes, Ramon M. ....             | Present  | Young.....                       | Present  |
| Rodriguez, Isidro Jr. S. Present |          | Zartiga.....                     | Present* |
| Rodriguez, Oscar S. ....         | Present* | Zubiri.....                      | Present  |

The House is in receipt of the official advice of absence of the following Members: Reps. Garcia (S.) Jr. and Jalosjos.

The Speaker is present.

The roll call shows that 184 Members responded to the call.

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Acting Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve the Journal of the previous session, that of Monday, the 27<sup>th</sup> of July.

\* Appeared after the roll call

THE SPEAKER. Is there any objection?

REP. GARCIA (M.). Mr. Speaker.

REP. LIBANAN. Mr. Speaker.

REP. GARCIA (M.). May I just inquire?

THE SPEAKER. The distinguished Gentleman from Davao City, the Honorable Manuel Garcia, is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (M.). Mr. Speaker, I am not objecting. I just want to thresh out something. Yesterday, it was announced - I do not know if this is correct - that those who voted for the Speaker numbered 171, those who voted for the Minority Floor Leader, 39; and those who voted for the Gentleman from Makati, 11. That is what I would like to find out. Is this the result of the voting yesterday?

THE SPEAKER. Will the Secretary General please look into the records?

The Acting Floor Leader is recognized.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker, I move for a one-minute suspension of the session.

THE SPEAKER. The session is suspended.

*It was 4:06 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 4:07 p.m., the session was resumed.*

THE SPEAKER. The session is resumed.  
The Secretary General is directed to respond.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Mr. Speaker, in reply to the query of the Gentleman from Davao City, the result of the voting yesterday is: 171 Members voted for Speaker Villar, 31 Members voted for Congressman Belmonte and 10 Members voted for Congressman Arroyo.

REP. GARCIA (M.). So, how many Members voted yesterday in the election of the Speaker?

THE SPEAKER. The Secretary General is requested to respond.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. The total number of Members who voted yesterday is 212.

REP. GARCIA (M.). When the roll was called yesterday, I think only 209 Members were present.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. There were 209 Members who responded to the roll call.

REP. GARCIA (M.). Did the three others who voted register their presence with the Secretary General so that their votes could be counted?

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. When the voting was held, the three other Members registered their votes.

REP. GARCIA (M.). Who were these three who voted after the roll was called?

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

THE SPEAKER. With the permission of the Gentleman on the floor, the session is suspended to give time for the Secretary General to go over the records.

*It was 4:10 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 4:23 p.m., the session was resumed.*

THE SPEAKER. The session is resumed.

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker, before we respond to the inquiry of the Gentleman from Davao City, may I ask that we recognize the Gentleman from Eastern Samar who wishes to make a correction to the Journal.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Gentleman from Eastern Samar, the Honorable Libanan, is recognized.

REP. LIBANAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

On page 8 of the Journal, Mr. Speaker, an asterisk appears after my name. And based on the legend on page 11, an asterisk after a Member's name means that he or she appeared after the roll call. Mr. Speaker, I would like to correct this matter, because I was here already even before the roll call.

THE SPEAKER. The Secretary General is directed to correct the records.

REP. LIBANAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. AQUINO (A.). Mr. Speaker.

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Gentleman from Makati is recognized.

REP. AQUINO (A.). Mr. Speaker, may I make a correction on my name as listed in the Journal. My name is AGAPITO A. AQUINO. My middle initial is A and not "S."

THE SPEAKER. The Secretary General is directed to make the necessary correction.

REP. AQUINO (A.). May I just add that on page 22, because of the way it is written, the sentence does not make sense. On line 7, on the right side of page 22, it was recorded that I said:

... the concept of reforming the Chamber as regards the matter of attendance, respect for the Minority and independence and initiative.

May I correct the last phrase to INDEPENDENCE OF CONGRESS AND INITIATIVES FROM THE HOUSE. This is in line with what I was saying. Most of the initiatives come from Malacañang rather than the House.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Secretary General is directed to make the necessary changes.

REP. AQUINO (A.). Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LORETO-GO. Mr. Speaker.

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Acting Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker, I understand that numerous Members have corrections, particularly with respect to their names and the districts, and/or the Jrs., IIs or the IIIs that are appended to their names. May I request our Members to make the corrections directly with the Secretariat so that we can proceed with the Order of Business.

Other than that, Mr. Speaker, I ask that the Lady from Leyte be recognized.

REP. LORETO-GO. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Lady from Leyte, the Honorable Loreto-Go, is recognized.

REP. LORETO-GO. I would like to make a correction on my name as recorded in the Journal, Mr. Speaker.

On page 11 of the Journal, my name appears as Ma. Catalina Lopez Go. My name is Ma. Catalina LORETO Go. Instead of "Lopez," it should be LORETO.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Secretary General is directed to make the change.

The Acting Floor Leader is recognized.

## SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker, may I ask for a suspension of the session, and may I request all of the Members who have corrections pertaining to name, district and other identifying – not marks (*Laughter*) – items pertaining to them to please proceed to the Secretary General so they can make the appropriate correction.

THE SPEAKER. The session is suspended.

*It was 4:27 p.m.*

## RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 4:29 p.m., the session was resumed.*

THE SPEAKER. The session is resumed.

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker, we will respond now to the inquiry of the Gentleman from the Second District of Davao City. By way of background, there are 208 congressional districts, four of which remain without Representatives due to nonproclamation of the winners of those elections. This leaves a balance of 204, Mr. Speaker, but a colleague passed away, the Honorable Percy Catane, leaving 203 districts with Representatives. Added to the 203 are the 13 Representatives from the party-list component of the House of Representatives. So, there is a total of 216 Representatives in the Eleventh Congress.

Yesterday, 214 Representatives were present and two were absent. Those absent were Representatives Jalosjos and Leviste. Of the 214 present, there was one abstention and one whose vote was not recorded since that person was out of the session hall during the voting conducted by the Secretariat. Thus, 212 Members voted in the election of the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

This 212 is broken down as follows: 171 for the honorable Speaker Manuel B. Villar Jr., 31 for the Honorable Feliciano R. Belmonte Jr. of the Fourth District of Quezon City and 10 for the Honorable Joker P. Arroyo of Makati.

In the Journal, five names had asterisks, but with the correction of the Gentleman from Eastern Samar, the Honorable Marcelino C. Libanan, only four Members came after the roll call. Regrettably, Mr. Speaker, one of those asterisks is not indicated and the Secretariat is unable to dig up the records to find out who came in late. So out of the four who came after the roll call, so far only three are identified and asterisks have been appended to their names. They are the Honorable Hernani Braganza, Ranjit Shahani and Carlos Cojuangco.

That is the response to the inquiry of the Gentleman from Davao City.

THE SPEAKER. Does that satisfy the Gentleman from Davao City?

REP. GARCIA (M.). I may be satisfied with the explanation and accept the same, Mr. Speaker, but we are raising

this because we are on our second day of session and we are encountering these problems where corrections have to be made. As a member of the opposition, I would like to announce on the floor that we cannot allow these. We will always keep our eyes open to show to the people that the opposition makes sure that everything is in order.

The other reason for my rising is that yesterday the Gentleman from Biliran corrected this figure "171." This is not 171 but 169 because the Secretariat counted the Gentleman from Bukidnon, Congressman Juan Miguel Zubiri, and the Gentleman from Malabon-Navotas as having voted for Representative Villar. Therefore, those two names should have been transferred to the list of those who voted for Congressman Belmonte. The results should be 33 for Congressman Belmonte and 169 for Congressman Villar.

THE SPEAKER. The Acting Floor Leader is recognized.

## SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker, may I request a one-minute suspension of the session since I am not aware of this development. I would like to consult with the Secretariat regarding these two stray votes.

THE SPEAKER. The session is suspended.

*It was 4:35 p.m.*

## RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 4:36 p.m., the session was resumed.*

THE SPEAKER. The session is resumed.

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker, may I invite our colleagues to turn to page 26, where the names of Representatives Zubiri and Sandoval are clearly marked under the list for Representative Belmonte. So, there was no double counting nor switching of votes.

Notwithstanding that, may I request from our colleagues a certain understanding for the work exhibited so far by the Secretariat, inasmuch as nearly 60 percent of the Members here in the House are new. There are new names and new faces. I think the Secretariat would be well in its place to request some understanding inasmuch as the association of names and faces still has to be established. We are only on our second day and they have committed to exert best efforts to prevent mistakes such as this from happening.

REP. GARCIA (M.). Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Gentleman from Davao City is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (M.). We adjourned our session yesterday at 6:00 p.m., so from 6:00 p.m. yesterday up to this morning, they should have had enough time since they are not new members of

the Secretariat. These people had been working for us probably since 1988. So, there is no excuse for them.

Anyway, the opposition will not allow these things to happen. We are here only on our second day but we see all these mistakes being committed. I think it will not be professional for them to submit a Journal if they do not make the necessary corrections.

We would like to announce again that the opposition, starting today until three years from now, will see to it that every day the Journal will be in accordance with what we have done the previous day.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Chair takes note of the comments of the Gentleman from Davao, and the Secretary General is directed

REP. ESPINA. Mr. Speaker, point of information.

THE SPEAKER. The distinguished Gentleman from Biliran, Honorable Gerardo Espina, is recognized.

REP. ESPINA. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

I stood because my name was mentioned by Congressman Manuel Garcia of Davao in connection with the tally of votes yesterday. I agree that there was no switching of votes nor was there any attempt to change who the Members wanted to vote for. If there was a mistake, it was an honest mistake of the Secretariat. This was what happened yesterday, Mr. Speaker.

After the announcement that Speaker Manuel Villar got 171 votes and that Honorable Feliciano Belmonte got 39, I was surprised because in the listing of the opposition, we knew that we could not get more than 32 names. I was surprised why Honorable Belmonte got 39. So, I immediately went to the Secretariat and asked for the names of those who voted for the Honorable Belmonte because the number was beyond our expectation. While I was asking the Secretariat for the names of those who voted, Congressman Ricky Sandoval came over to me and said that he would like to correct his vote because he did not vote for Congressman Villar but for Congressman Belmonte. And so it was corrected right there. Then later, Congressman Zubiri, through Congressman Ricky Sandoval, also corrected his vote and said he did not vote for Congressman Villar but for Congressman Belmonte. And since these corrections were done after the announcement of a definite number of votes for each of the candidates for Speaker, then it would follow that from 171 the vote would be 169. But I would repeat that there was no attempt to cheat, there was no attempt at "dagdag-bawas," there was no attempt at switching; it was an honest mistake of the Secretariat.

Thank you.

REP. ROXAS. Thank you. We thank the Gentleman from Biliran.

THE SPEAKER. The Secretariat is directed to improve its record keeping so that this will not happen again.

The Gentleman from Quezon City is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, before we proceed to the Reference of Business, I just like to ask the...

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker, may I ask for a suspension of the session.

THE SPEAKER. The session is suspended with the permission of the Gentleman on the floor.

*It was 4:41 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 4:42 p.m., the session was resumed.*

THE SPEAKER. The session is resumed.

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no other Members who wish to correct the Journal, I move for the previous question...

REP. FUENTEBELLA. Mr. Speaker, on page 13.

THE SPEAKER. The Gentleman from Camarines Sur is recognized.

REP. FUENTEBELLA. On page 13, item no. 5, the year "1960" should be replaced with 1860.

THE SPEAKER. The Secretary General is directed to reflect the necessary changes.

#### APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no other Members who have indicated their desire to correct the Journal, I move for the previous question, the approval of the Journal of yesterday, the 27<sup>th</sup> of July.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker, may I move that we proceed to the Reference of Business.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Gentleman from Quezon City is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Before we proceed to the Reference of Business, so that this question will not be moot, the Calendar of Business says that we have three items to take up, namely: the election of the Deputy

Speakers, the election of Secretary General and the election of Sergeant-at-Arms. While I do not object to the election of the Secretary General and the Sergeant-at-Arms, I think the minority is agreed that we will amend first the Rules which will affect the election of Deputy Speakers. But I will raise my objection at the proper time after the Reference of Business, with the concurrence of the Majority Floor Leader.

THE SPEAKER. The Acting Floor Leader will please respond.

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker, the Gentleman himself has a reservation to speak on the Order of Business for the Day after the reading of the Reference of Business. Accordingly, I move that we proceed to the Reference of Business.

THE SPEAKER. Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The Secretary General will read the Reference of Business.

#### REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

*The Secretary General read the following House Bills and Resolutions on First Reading, Messages from the President, and Communications, and the Speaker made the corresponding references*

#### BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 1, entitled:

"AN ACT CONSTITUTING A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO AMEND OR REVISE THE PRESENT CONSTITUTION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Aumentado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 2, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING THE SSS MANDATORY PROVIDENT FUND SYSTEM, THEREBY FURTHER AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTION 4, PARAGRAPH 2 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1161, AS AMENDED, BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8282"

By Representative Aumentado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 3, entitled:

"AN ACT ALLOWING THE USE OF ELECTION PROPAGANDA THROUGH MASS MEDIA AND THE POSTING OF CAMPAIGN MATERIAL DURING ELECTIONS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS EIGHTY-FIVE AND EIGHTY-SIX OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 881 AND SECTIONS

TEN AND ELEVEN OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED SIX THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY-SIX"

By Representative Aumentado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 4, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NATIONAL HEALTH CODE OF 1998"

By Representative Aumentado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 5, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE THIRD ENGINEERING DISTRICT IN THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL TO BE LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF UBAY, PROVINCE OF BOHOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Aumentado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 6, entitled:

"AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 198, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'PROVINCIAL WATER UTILITIES ACT OF 1973,' AS AMENDED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NOS. 768 AND 1479 AND EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 68"

By Representative Aumentado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 7, entitled:

"AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE HOUSING INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO OF THE PAG-IBIG FUND BY AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1752, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL LAW OF 1980,' AS AMENDED, BY PROVIDING FOR THE TWENTY (20)-YEAR CONTINUOUS CONTRIBUTIONS BY ITS MEMBERS, MANDATING GOVERNMENT GUARANTY FOR ITS LOAN BORROWINGS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Aumentado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 8, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE JCT (TER) CANDIJAY-MABINI-UBAY PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF MABINI AND UBAY, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL INTO A NATIONAL ROAD, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE

**MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT THEREOF"**

By Representative Aumentado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 9, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE PRESIDENT GARCIA PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PRESIDENT GARCIA, PROVINCE OF BOHOL INTO A NATIONAL ROAD, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT THEREOF"

By Representative Aumentado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 10, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE JCT (LIR) - TRINIDAD - BIEN UNIDO PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF TRINIDAD AND BIEN UNIDO, PROVINCE OF BOHOL INTO A NATIONAL ROAD, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT THEREON"

By Representative Aumentado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 11, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE JCT (LIR) - MAHAYAG (SAN MIGUEL) - DANA O - SAGBAYAN PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF SAN MIGUEL, DANA O AND SAGBAYAN, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL INTO A NATIONAL ROAD, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT THEREON"

By Representative Aumentado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 12, entitled:

"AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN, AMENDING SECTIONS 308 AND 309 OF CHAPTER 2, SECTIONS 423, 430, 433, 434 AND 435 OF CHAPTER 8, AND SECTIONS 436 AND 437 OF CHAPTER 9, TITLE V OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Teves

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 13, entitled:

"AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING KINDERGARTEN

EDUCATION AS PART OF THE COMPULSORY BASIC FORMAL EDUCATION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Teves

TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 14, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A PERIODIC REVIEW OF THE ECONOMY, EFFICIENCY AND VIABILITY OF GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND -CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS BY CONGRESS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Teves

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 15, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL INCENTIVES TO COUNTRYSIDE BUSINESS ENTITIES"

By Representative Teves

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 16, entitled:

"AN ACT TO ALLOCATE 20% OF THE REGISTRATION FEES OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS"

By Representative Teves

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 17, entitled:

"AN ACT MANDATING THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION (PRC) AND THE SUPREME COURT OF THE PHILIPPINES TO PUBLISH WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS AFTER THE RELEASE OF THE RESULT OF THE BOARD AND BAR EXAMINATIONS, THE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS OF SAID EXAMINATIONS IN AT LEAST THREE (3) MAJOR NEWSPAPERS OF NATIONAL CIRCULATION, AND ALLOWING THE BOARD AND BAR FLUNKERS OF ONE (1) TO TWO (2) SUBJECTS TO RETAKE ONLY THE SUBJECTS WHERE THEY FAILED"

By Representative Teves

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 18, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING TITLE II OF BOOK II OF THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES"

By Representative Teves

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

**House Bill No. 19, entitled:**

**"AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING SKILLS TRAINING AND RE-TRAINING"**

**By Representative Teves**

**TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**House Bill No. 20, entitled:**

**"AN ACT AMENDING TITLE I OF BOOK II OF THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, ENTITLED 'HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT'"**

**By Representative Teves**

**TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**House Bill No. 21, entitled:**

**"AN ACT TO GOVERN SAFEGUARD MEASURES TO BE TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO AN INCREASE IN THE IMPORTATION OF GOODS DIRECTLY RESULTING OUT OF THE OBLIGATIONS INCLUDING TARIFF CONCESSIONS UNDER THE WTO"**

**By Representative Teves**

**TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

**House Bill No. 22, entitled:**

**"AN ACT PROVIDING THE RULES FOR THE IMPOSITION OF AN ANTI-DUMPING DUTY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 301, PART 2, TITLE II, BOOK I OF THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7843, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

**By Representative Teves**

**TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

**House Bill No. 23, entitled:**

**"AN ACT LIBERALIZING BUSINESS IN THE RETAIL TRADE SECTOR OF THE PHILIPPINES, THEREBY REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1180, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

**By Representative Teves**

**TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY, THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT GENERATION**

**House Bill No. 24, entitled:**

**"AN ACT BROADENING THE SCOPE OF COMPLIANCE AND EXPANDING THE CONDUIT NETWORK FOR AGRI-AGRA CREDIT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 717, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE AGRI-AGRA LAW"**

**By Representative Teves**

**TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM AND THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

**House Bill No. 25, entitled:**

**"AN ACT TO PROTECT DOMESTIC INDUSTRIES FROM UNFAIR COMPETITION BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE PRESENCE OF PRODUCTION AND/OR EXPORT SUBSIDIES, AMENDING FOR THAT PURPOSE SECTION 302 ON COUNTERVAILING DUTY OF THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES"**

**By Representative Teves**

**TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

**House Bill No. 26, entitled:**

**"AN ACT REQUIRING THE INCLUSION OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP AS A SEPARATE SUBJECT IN THE HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM"**

**By Representative Teves**

**TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**House Bill No. 27, entitled:**

**"AN ACT MODIFYING THE DEFINITION OF A CONDOMINIUM UNIT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4726, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CONDOMINIUM LAW, TO APPLY TO INDUSTRIAL ESTATES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

**By Representative Teves**

**TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

**House Bill No. 28, entitled:**

**"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA FOR THE URBAN POOR"**

**By Representative Del Mar**

**TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION, THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS, AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**House Bill No. 29, entitled:**

**"AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL LIVELIHOOD DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL THEREBY INSTITUTIONALIZING THE LIVELIHOOD MOVEMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES"**

**By Representative Del Mar**

**TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, THE COMMITTEE ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**House Bill No. 30, entitled:**

**"AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DETENTION OF LIVE**

OR DEAD PATIENTS IN HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CLINICS ON GROUNDS FOR NONPAYMENT OF HOSPITAL BILLS OR MEDICAL EXPENSES"

By Representative Del Mar  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 31, entitled:

"AN ACT REQUIRING THE PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE (PCSO) TO SECURE THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT CONCERNED BEFORE THE FORMER CAN ESTABLISH AND OPERATE LOTTO WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE SAID LOCALITY, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED ELEVEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY-NINE, AS AMENDED"

By Representative Del Mar  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS

House Bill No. 32, entitled:

"AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF REAL ESTATE SERVICE IN THE PHILIPPINES"

By Representative Del Mar  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 33, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MORE RESPONSIVE AND COMPREHENSIVE REGULATION FOR THE PRACTICE OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERING IN THE PHILIPPINES, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 318"

By Representative Del Mar  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 34, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AND SPORTS, ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Del Mar  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 35, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING AND PROVIDING FOR FREE COLLEGE EDUCATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Del Mar  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND

CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 36, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FREE NUTRITION SNACK PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Del Mar  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 37, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CEBU FREE PORT, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Del Mar  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 38, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING METROPOLITAN CEBU, ESTABLISHING THE METROPOLITAN CEBU DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Del Mar  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 39, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 6 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6958, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'AN ACT CREATING THE MACTAN-CEBU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY, TRANSFERRING EXISTING ASSETS OF THE MACTAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND THE LAHUG AIRPORT TO THE AUTHORITY, VESTING THE AUTHORITY WITH POWER TO ADMINISTER AND OPERATE THE MACTAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND THE LAHUG AIRPORT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Del Mar  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 40, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7621, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'AN ACT CREATING THE CEBU PORT AUTHORITY, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING APPROPRIATION THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Del Mar  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION AND THE

## COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 41, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A LIGHT RAIL TRANSPORT (LRT) OR MONORAIL OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE MODERN MASS TRANSPORT SYSTEM IN CEBU CITY AND METRO CEBU, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Del Mar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 42, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FLY-OVER AT THE INTERSECTION OF M.J. CUENCO AVENUE AND GEN. MAXILOM AVENUE IN THE CITY OF CEBU, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Del Mar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 43, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FLY-OVER AT THE INTERSECTION OF SAN JOSE DE LA MONTAÑA AND M.J. CUENCO AVENUE IN THE CITY OF CEBU, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Del Mar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 44, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FLY-OVER AT THE INTERSECTION OF GEN. MAXILOM AVENUE CORNER GERARDO AVENUE IN THE CITY OF CEBU, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Del Mar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 45, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD FROM CEBU CITY, FIRST DISTRICT (NORTH) TO SECOND DISTRICT (SOUTH)"

By Representative Del Mar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 46, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DRAW/SWING BRIDGE FROM CEBU CITY TO SHELL ISLAND WITH A COASTAL ROAD CONNECTION FROM SHELL ISLAND TO MACTAN ISLAND (MUNICIPALITY OF CORDOVA), PROVINCE OF CEBU, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Del Mar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 47, entitled:

"AN ACT MAKING PRESCHOOL EDUCATION MANDATORY PART OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION IN PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Del Mar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 48, entitled:

"AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE FAMILY BY PROVIDING MORE TIME AND OPPORTUNITY FOR TOGETHERNESS"

By Representative Del Mar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 49, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING TAXPAYERS TAX CREDIT FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION TREES OF ALL KINDS AND PLANTS OF ECONOMIC VALUE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 234 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991"

By Representative Del Mar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 50, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FOOD SUBSIDY FOR THE POOR PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Del Mar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 51, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING ALL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AN ACROSS-THE-BOARD INCREASE OF SEVEN THOUSAND PESOS (P7,000.00) PER MONTH TO THE SALARY SCHEDULE UNDER JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 01 (S. 1994) TO BE IMPLEMENTED OVER A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS INITIALLY EFFECTIVE ON JANUARY 1, 1999 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS

THEREFOR"

By Representative Lanot  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 52, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE CLARIN SCHOOL OF FISHERIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CLARIN, PROVINCE OF BOHOL, INTO A FISHERY AND AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE TO BE KNOWN AS THE CLARIN INSTITUTE OF FISHERY AND AGRICULTURE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Aumentado  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 53, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE INCREASE OF THE AUTHORIZED CAPITAL STOCK OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION AND ORDAINING THE ENERGIZATION OF ALL BARANGAYS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBERED TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY-NINE, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION DECREE'"

By Representative Aumentado  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 54, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 1 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 22 BY EXEMPTING THEREFROM THE ISSUANCE OF ANY POSTDATED CHECK WITHOUT SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR CREDIT DRAWN AS A REQUIREMENT TO GUARANTEE A LOAN OR INSTALLMENT PAYMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Aumentado  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 55, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY LUBANG, MUNICIPALITY OF BUENAVISTA, PROVINCE OF BOHOL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE LUBANG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Aumentado  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 56, entitled:

"AN ACT CURTAILING THE ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES OF

RACKETEERS AND POWERFUL SYNDICATES IN THE PHILIPPINES"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 57, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SECURITY AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 58, entitled:

"AN ACT RE-NATIONALIZING DEVOLVED HEALTH SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Monfort  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 59, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND OCEANS, PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ON FISHERY MATTERS TO SAID DEPARTMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Monfort  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 60, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE INTO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES"

By Representative Monfort  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION, THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE FISHERIES INDUSTRY AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 61, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL FACILITY FOR RADIATION TECHNOLOGY AT THE PHILIPPINE NUCLEAR RESEARCH INSTITUTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Monfort  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 62, entitled:

"AN ACT STRENGTHENING MEDICAL ETHICS BY

REPEALING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 169, AS AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 212, WHICH REQUIRES ANY ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OF ANY HOSPITAL, MEDICAL CLINIC, SANITARIUM OR OTHER MEDICAL ESTABLISHMENTS OR ANY MEDICAL PRACTITIONER WHO HAS TREATED ANY PERSON FOR SERIOUS OR LESS SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURIES TO REPORT THE FACT OF TREATMENT"

By Representative Monfort

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL, POLITICAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS

House Bill No. 63, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE AUTOMATIC INCREASE BY TWENTY-FIVE PER CENTUM (25%) OF ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS OF ALL GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED HOSPITALS WITH SPECIFIC AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Monfort

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 64, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING REGULATORY POWERS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS OVER PUBLIC UTILITY AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE IN THE DELIVERY OF VITAL SERVICES LIKE WATER, POWER, TELEPHONE, TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE"

By Representative Vergara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 65, entitled:

"AN ACT TO REQUIRE HIGH-RISE STRUCTURES OR BUILDINGS OF SEVEN (7) STOREYS OR MORE IN HEIGHT TO INSTALL HELICOPTER LANDING FACILITIES AND OTHER SAFETY DEVICES FOR EMERGENCY AND RESCUE OPERATIONS, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Vergara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 66, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT IN EVERY BARANGAY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AN ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC HEALTH FIRST-AID AND EMERGENCY CLINIC THAT

WILL SERVE THE BARANGAY RESIDENTS FREE OF CHARGE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Vergara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 67, entitled:

"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A TESTING, TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTER FOR USERS AND DEPENDENTS OF PROHIBITED AND DANGEROUS DRUGS IN THE CITY OF BAGUIO, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Vergara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 68, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE FULL REPAIR, REHABILITATION, UPGRADING AND MODERNIZATION OF KENNON ROAD, A PRIMARY NATIONAL ARTERIAL HIGHWAY LOCATED IN THE CORDILLERA REGION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE PROJECT TO BE UNDERTAKEN UNDER THE EXPANDED BUILD-OPERATE-TRANSFER LAW"

By Representative Vergara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 69, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 4 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, KNOWN AS 'AN ACT TO MAXIMIZE THE CONTRIBUTION OF SENIOR CITIZENS TO NATION BUILDING, GRANT BENEFITS AND SPECIAL PRIVILEGES GRANTED TO SENIOR CITIZENS, PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATORS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Vergara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 70, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BARANGAY DEVELOPMENT AND LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT FUND TO ASSIST BARANGAYS IN UNDERTAKING DEVELOPMENT AND LIVELIHOOD PROJECTS, MOBILIZE COMMUNITY RESOURCES, AND DEVELOP THEIR CAPABILITIES FOR LOCAL GOVERNANCE, FOR OTHER PURPOSES, AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Vergara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 71, entitled:

"AN ACT UPGRADING THE CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION INTO A REGULAR REGION TO BE DENOMINATED AS THE CORDILLERA REGION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Vergara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 72, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING THE NORTH WIRE AND CABLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN, AND OPERATE BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE ISLAND OF LUZON, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Vergara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 73, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATED USE OF NATIONAL ROADS IN HIGHLY URBANIZED CITIES AND TOURIST DESTINATION AREAS OUTSIDE METRO MANILA TO ALLOW FOR LIMITED-HOURS LIGHT VEHICULAR PARKING ON ROADSIDE PORTIONS THEREOF, AMENDING SECTION 23 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 17, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PHILIPPINE HIGHWAYS ACT"

By Representative Vergara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 74, entitled:

"AN ACT TO EXCLUDE CERTAIN PORTIONS OF LOTS 1, 2 AND 3 FROM THE BAGUIO TOWNSITE RESERVATION AND FROM THE OPERATION OF PROCLAMATION NO. 10 DATED FEBRUARY 9, 1924, AND PROCLAMATION NO. 63 DATED AUGUST 6, 1925, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE FORBES PARK RESERVATION AND THE GOVERNMENT CENTER RESERVATION, RESPECTIVELY, ALL SITUATED IN THE CITY OF BAGUIO, ISLAND OF LUZON, AND TO DECLARE THE SAME OPEN TO DISPOSITION TO QUALIFIED APPLICANTS UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 730"

By Representative Vergara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 75, entitled:

"AN ACT DECLARING BURNHAM PARK IN BAGUIO CITY AS A NATIONAL PARK AND APPROPRIATING NATIONAL AID FUNDS FOR ITS CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT AS A WORLD-CLASS TOURISM AND PROMENADE FACILITY"

By Representative Vergara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 76, entitled:

"AN ACT LOWERING THE COSTS OF MEDICINES AND HEALTH CARE IN THE PHILIPPINES BY EXEMPTING THE SALE, IMPORTATION, PROCESSING, REPACKING OR MANUFACTURING OF: MEDICINES, PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS, MEDICAL, DENTAL AND HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT, AND RAW MATERIALS TO BE USED IN THE MANUFACTURE THEREOF FROM ALL DUTIES AND TAXES"

By Representative Roxas II

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 77, entitled:

"AN ACT BROADENING THE SCOPE OF COMPLIANCE AND EXPANDING THE CONDUIT NETWORK FOR AGRI-AGRA CREDITS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 717, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE AGRI-AGRA LAW"

By Representative Roxas II

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND THE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM

House Bill No. 78, entitled:

"AN ACT INCREASING THE INTERNAL REVENUE ALLOTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO SIXTY PERCENT (60%) AND PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL REPORTS OF ALLOCATION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 284 AND 285 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991"

By Representative Roxas II

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 79, entitled:

"AN ACT ALLOWING THE USE OF ELECTION PROPAGANDA THROUGH MASS MEDIA AND THE POSTING OF CAMPAIGN MATERIALS DURING ELECTIONS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS EIGHTY-FIVE AND EIGHTY-SIX OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 881 AND SECTIONS TEN AND ELEVEN OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED SIX THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY-SIX"

By Representative Roxas II

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 80, entitled:

"AN ACT REDUCING THE AMUSEMENT TAX ON

GROSS RECEIPTS FROM ADMISSION FEES OF THEATERS AND CINEMAS, FROM THIRTY PERCENT (30%) TO TEN PERCENT (10%), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991"

By Representative Roxas II  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 81, entitled:

"AN ACT EXEMPTING INTEREST INCOME FROM BONDS, DEBENTURES AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS ISSUED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS FROM THE TWENTY PERCENT (20%) FINAL TAX"

By Representative Roxas II  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 82, entitled:

"AN ACT MODIFYING THE DEFINITION OF A CONDOMINIUM UNIT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4726, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CONDOMINIUM LAW, AS AMENDED, TO APPLY TO INDUSTRIAL ESTATES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Roxas II  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 83, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PRE-NEED PLAN SECURITIES CODE"

By Representative Roxas II  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 84, entitled:

"AN ACT TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN CONSUMER PROTECTION BY AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7394, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CONSUMER ACT OF THE PHILIPPINES"

By Representative Roxas II  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 85, entitled:

"THE REVISED INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT"

By Representative Roxas II  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 86, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE ELECTIVE OFFICIALS RUNNING FOR ANY OFFICE OTHER THAN THE ONE WHICH THEY ARE HOLDING SHALL BE CONSIDERED *IPSO FACTO* RESIGNED UPON THE FILING OF THEIR CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE"

By Representative Gullas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 87, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING RETIREMENT BENEFITS TO ALL ELECTED OR APPOINTED BARANGAY OFFICIALS WHO HAVE RENDERED TWENTY OR MORE YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE IN THE BARANGAY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Cuenco  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 88, entitled:

"AN ACT TO PREVENT GRAFT AND CORRUPTION AND IMPROVE GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO THE PEOPLE BY CUTTING GOVERNMENT BUREAUCRATIC RED TAPE"

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

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By Representative Cuenco  
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By Representative Cosalan

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## House Bill No. 93, entitled:

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By Representative Cosalan

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## House Bill No. 94, entitled:

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By Representative Cosalan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## House Bill No. 95, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CEMENTING OF THE PROVINCIAL ROAD FROM BARANGAY AMBIONG TO BARANGAY TAWANG IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LA TRINIDAD, PROVINCE OF BENGUET, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Cosalan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## House Bill No. 96, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CEMENTING OF THE PROVINCIAL ROAD FROM BARANGAY SINIPSIP OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BUGUIAS TO BARANGAY AMPUSONGAN OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAKUN, BOTH OF THE PROVINCE OF BENGUET, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Cosalan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## House Bill No. 97, entitled:

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By Representative Cosalan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE

## House Bill No. 98, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CEMENTING OF THE BAGUIO-ITOGON NATIONAL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ITOGON, PROVINCE OF BENGUET, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Cosalan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## House Bill No. 99, entitled:

"AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF THE MADAYMEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KIBUNGAN, PROVINCE OF BENGUET TO THE CAMILO LUCABEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL"

By Representative Cosalan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE

## House Bill No. 100, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 30 (h) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE DILG ACT OF 1990 BY REDUCING THE HEIGHT REQUIREMENT TO QUALIFY FOR APPOINTMENT AS OFFICER OR MEMBER OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP)"

By Representative Cosalan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SECURITY

## House Bill No. 101, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CEMENTING OF THE BAGUIO-BOKOD-KABAYAN-ABATAN NATIONAL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF BOKOD, KABAYAN AND BUGUIAS, PROVINCE OF BENGUET, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Cosalan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## House Bill No. 102, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING A SEPARATE ENGINEERING DISTRICT IN THE LONE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF BENGUET, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Cosalan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 103, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CEMENTING OF THE ABATAN-CERVANTES NATIONAL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MANKAYAN, PROVINCE OF BENGUET, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Cosalan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 104, entitled:

"AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 291 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991,' AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Cosalan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 105, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE THIRTY-FIVE (35)-KILOMETER BAGUIO-ASIN-SAN PASCUAL NATIONAL-ASSISTED PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE CITY OF BAGUIO AND MUNICIPALITY OF TUBA, PROVINCE OF BENGUET, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Cosalan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 106, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE TADIANGAN VOCATIONAL SCHOOL AND SKILLS TRAINING CENTER AT TADIANGAN, TUBA, BENGUET TO BE KNOWN AS THE TADIANGAN VOCATIONAL SCHOOL AND SKILLS TRAINING CENTER"

By Representative Cosalan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 107, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE BENGUET SCHOOL OF ARTS AND TRADES IN BENGUET PROVINCE INTO A POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE TO BE KNOWN AS THE BENGUET POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Cosalan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 108, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING INCENTIVES TO HIGHLY SKILLED FORMER FILIPINO CITIZENS AND ALIENS, ESTABLISHING A COORDINATING COUNCIL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Cosalan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT, THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 109, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL AGRARIAN REFORM ADJUDICATION COMMISSION, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Montemayor

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 110, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION AND DISTRIBUTION OF MOISTURE METERS IN ALL COCONUT-PRODUCING BARANGAYS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Montemayor

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 111, entitled:

"AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF FOOD TECHNOLOGY IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Montemayor

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 112, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REPRESENTATION OF AGRARIAN REFORM TENANT-FARMER BENEFICIARIES, AGRICULTURAL AND MILL WORKERS IN THE SUGAR REGULATORY ADMINISTRATION BOARD, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 18"

By Representative Montemayor

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION

House Bill No. 113, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THREE SMALL FARMERS' REPRESENTATIVES IN THE NIA BOARD BY AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED THIRTY-SIX HUNDRED AND ONE, AS AMENDED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBERED FIVE-HUNDRED AND FIFTY-TWO AND FURTHER AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBERED TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO DATED

JULY 25, 1987 ENTITLED, 'AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION'"

By Representative Montemayor  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION

House Bill No. 114, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, DECLARING CERTAIN ACTS PROHIBITED, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Cojuangco  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 115, entitled:

"AN ACT TO INCLUDE THE PROVINCE OF ROMBLON AS A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7916, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE ACT OF 1995'"

By Representative Madrona  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 116, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MAHABANG BAYBAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN AGUSTIN, PROVINCE OF ROMBLON TO BE KNOWN AS THE MAHABANG BAYBAY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Madrona  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 117, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PROVINCE OF ROMBLON TO BE KNOWN AS THE SAN FERNANDO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Madrona  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 118, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MUSEUM IN THE PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON TO BE KNOWN AS THE BUKIDNON NATIONAL MUSEUM, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Acosta  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 119, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ENGINEERING DISTRICT IN THE FIRST DISTRICT OF BUKIDNON, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Acosta  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 120, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MIARAYON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MIARAYON, MUNICIPALITY OF TALAKAG, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Acosta  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 121, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SAN LUIS, MUNICIPALITY OF MALITBOG, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON TO BE KNOWN AS THE SAN LUIS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Acosta  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 122, entitled:

"AN ACT SEPARATING KINAWA HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY KINAWA, MUNICIPALITY OF LIBONA, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON FROM CROSSING LIBONA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE KINAWA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Acosta  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 123, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE DAMILAG POST SECONDARY AGRO-INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MANOLO FORTICH, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Acosta  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 124, entitled:

"AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL NUTRITION PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Acosta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 125, entitled:

"AN ACT TO MANAGE AND PROTECT CAVE RESOURCES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Acosta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 126, entitled:

"AN ACT FIXING AND DELINEATING THE SPECIFIC LIMITS OF FOREST LANDS AND NATIONAL PARKS, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Acosta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 127, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES AND THEIR HABITATS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Acosta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 128, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE COASTAL ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Acosta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 129, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL POLICY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Acosta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 130, entitled:

"AN ACT TO REVISE THE PHILIPPINE ENVIRONMENTAL CODE, DEFINING ITS SCOPE AND INTEGRATING ALL OTHER LAWS RELATIVE THERETO"

By Representative Acosta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY AND THE

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House Bill No. 131, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING THE MAGNA CARTA FOR DAYCARE WORKERS"

By Representative Durano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 132, entitled:

"AN ACT LEGISLATING AN INCREASE IN PUBLIC INVESTMENT ON PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN THE RURAL AREAS"

By Representative Durano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 133, entitled:

"AN ACT REQUIRING CITIES, MUNICIPALITIES AND BARANGAYS TO POST IN PUBLIC PLACES INFORMATION ON THE REVENUES COLLECTED, EXPENSES INCURRED AND THEIR CURRENT BUDGET"

By Representative Durano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 134, entitled:

"AN ACT PROHIBITING PERSONS WHO ACCEPT PAYMENTS FOR GOODS OR SERVICES FROM GIVING CHANGE THAT IS LESS THAN THE AMOUNT THAT IS DUE THE PAYER AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREOF"

By Representative Durano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 135, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROMOTION OF BIO-ORGANIC FARMING IN THE PHILIPPINES"

By Representative Montemayor

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 136, entitled:

"AN ACT TO AMEND SUBSECTION (C) OF SECTION SEVENTY-THREE AND SECTION SEVENTY-FOUR OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED SIX THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SEVEN, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM LAW OF 1988.' AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Monfort

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM

House Bill No. 137, entitled:

"AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR ELECTION OFFENSES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE XXII, SECTIONS 264 AND 265 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 881, OTHERWISE

**KNOWN AS THE OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES"**

**By Representative Monfort  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND  
ELECTORAL REFORMS**

**House Bill No. 138, entitled:**

**"AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 31 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7166, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SYNCHRONIZED NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS AND FOR ELECTORAL REFORMS, AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' TO INCLUDE HAZARD ALLOWANCE AND LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS AS ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ELECTION INSPECTORS AND OTHER OFFICIALS"**

**By Representative Monfort  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND  
ELECTORAL REFORMS AND THE COMMITTEE  
ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**House Bill No. 139, entitled:**

**"AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS TO GOVERNMENT HEALTH WORKERS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"**

**By Representative Monfort  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE  
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**House Bill No. 140, entitled:**

**"AN ACT UPGRADING THE SALARY GRADE OF NURSES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE COMPENSATION AND POSITION CLASSIFICATION ACT OF 1989, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR"**

**By Representative Monfort  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**House Bill No. 141, entitled:**

**"AN ACT FIXING THE MINIMUM SALARY GRADE OF GOVERNMENT DENTISTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED SIXTY-SEVEN AND FIFTY-EIGHT, ENTITLED 'AN ACT PRESCRIBING A REVISED COMPENSATION AND POSITION CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM IN THE GOVERNMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES'"**

**By Representative Monfort  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**House Bill No. 142, entitled:**

**"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MANDATORY APPOINTMENT OF DULY LICENSED SOCIAL WORKERS AS SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS FOR THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991"**

**By Representative Monfort  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**House Bill No. 143, entitled:**

**"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (SUCDA), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"**

**By Representative Monfort  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND  
CULTURE, THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT  
REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON  
APPROPRIATIONS**

**House Bill No. 144, entitled:**

**"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A POPULATION OFFICE IN ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND TRANSFERRING THE CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OVER EXISTING LOCAL POPULATION OFFICES TO THE COMMISSION ON POPULATION"**

**By Representative Monfort  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY  
RELATIONS AND THE COMMITTEE ON  
APPROPRIATIONS**

**House Bill No. 145, entitled:**

**"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY IN EVERY REGIONAL HOSPITAL/MEDICAL CENTER IN THE COUNTRY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"**

**By Representative Monfort  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE  
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**House Bill No. 146, entitled:**

**"AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL SUGAR DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THEREBY INSTITUTIONALIZING THE SUGAR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OF THE PHILIPPINES"**

**By Representative Monfort  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY  
AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**House Bill No. 147, entitled:**

**"AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE REHABILITATION OF THE PANAY RAILWAYS IN THE PROVINCES OF ILOILO AND CAPIZ AND THE EXPANSION OF ITS OPERATION TO THE PROVINCES OF AKLAN AND ANTIQUE IN THE ISLAND OF PANAY UNDER THE BUILD-OPERATE-AND-TRANSFER SCHEME"**

**By Representative Monfort  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND  
COMMUNICATIONS AND THE COMMITTEE ON  
APPROPRIATIONS**

House Bill No. 148, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE PASSI TRADE SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF PASSI, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, INTO A STATE COLLEGE TO BE KNOWN AS THE PASSI POLYTECHNIC STATE COLLEGE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Monfort

TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 149, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE DUEÑAS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DUEÑAS, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, INTO A COLLEGE TO BE KNOWN AS THE DUEÑAS POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Monfort

TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 150, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SALIHID NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SALIHID, MUNICIPALITY OF BAROTAC NUEVO, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, MAKING IT AS A BRANCH OF THE DON JOSE SUSTIGUER MONFORT MEMORIAL STATE COLLEGE IN BARANGAY JALAUD OF THE SAME MUNICIPALITY AND PROVINCE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Monfort

TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 151, entitled:

"AN ACT SEPARATING THE SAN ENRIQUE POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE DOMINADOR ABANG MEMORIAL EXTENSION HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ENRIQUE, PROVINCE OF ILOILO FROM THE SAN ENRIQUE POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ENRIQUE, ALSO OF THE SAME PROVINCE, AND CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE DOMINADOR ABANG MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Monfort

TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 152, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE POBLACION, MUNICIPALITY OF BAROTAC NUEVO, PROVINCE OF ILOILO TO BE KNOWN AS THE BAROTAC NUEVO COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Monfort

TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 153, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY NAZUNI, MUNICIPALITY OF DINGLE, PROVINCE OF ILOILO TO BE KNOWN AS THE NAZUNI SUMMIT COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Monfort

TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 154, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MOSTRO, MUNICIPALITY OF ANILAO, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Monfort

TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 155, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DUMANGAS, PROVINCE OF ILOILO TO BE KNOWN AS DUMANGAS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Monfort

TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 156, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PRIMARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BAYAN, PASSI CITY, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Monfort

TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 157, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE BADIANG, ANILAO-COMPO, SAN ENRIQUE PROVINCIAL ROADS IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO, INTO NATIONAL ROADS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Monfort

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 158, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL ROADS FROM DINGLE-DAIS-BONGLOY TO LIBO-O; CAMAMBUCAN-CAGAYUMAN-AGTATACAY-TULATULA-AN TO NAZUNI, TABUGON-ALEGRIA TO BUENAVISTA, AND TANGHAUAN TO SINIBA-AN, ALL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DINGLE, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, INTO NATIONAL ROADS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Monfort

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 159, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE POBLACION-SINIBA-AN AND CALICUANG-MATANGHARON-PATAG-BAROTAC NUEVO PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO INTO A NATIONAL ROAD, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Monfort

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 160, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE DUEÑAS-CALINOG PROVINCIAL ROAD PASSING THROUGH CARVASANA ROAD; PULANG LUPA-MALUSGOD-TINA ROAD, TINOCUAN-MARIBUYONG ROAD, AND THE DUEÑAS-SAN ENRIQUE ROAD ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Monfort

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 161, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL ROADS FROM DUEÑAS-POBLACION TO TIPOLO, TINOCO - AN - FUNDACION - PUROG - STO. NIÑO ANGARE TO DILA-AN, AND CALACA-AN TO BUGTONGAN, ALL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DUEÑAS, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, INTO

NATIONAL ROADS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Monfort

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 162, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE CARVASANA, CALINOG-CAPULING, DUEÑAS PROVINCIAL ROADS IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO, INTO NATIONAL ROADS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Monfort

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 163, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE LATERAL F-2 NIA ROAD FROM THE MAIN ROAD OF BARANGAY BOLILAO, PASSING THROUGH SITIO AGNOROK AND SITIO ALYAG OF BARANGAYS TAMBOILAN AND BOLILAO IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DUMANGAS, PROVINCE OF ILOILO INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Monfort

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 164, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL ROADS FROM P.D. MONFORT-TAMBOILAN-PALOC-BIGQUE-PALOC SO-OL TO CALLI, FROM POBLACION DUMANGAS-BACAY TO NALUOYAN PORT, FROM SAPAO-TALUSAN TO POBLACION DUMANGAS, AND FROM BANGGADACUTAN-ERMITA TO DUMANGAS COASTAL ROAD, ALL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DUMANGAS, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, INTO NATIONAL ROADS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Monfort

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 165, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE TAMBOILAN-PALOC SOOL, DUMANGAS PROVINCIAL ROADS IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO, INTO NATIONAL ROADS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Monfort

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON

## APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 166, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE ERMITA-ERMITA-CALIRO-PATLAD BARANGAY ROADS IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO, INTO NATIONAL ROADS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Monfort

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 167, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE POBLACION-BACAY-SAPAO BARANGAY ROADS IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO, INTO NATIONAL ROADS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Monfort

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 168, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE POBLACION-SAPAO-NALUOYAN-DACUTAN BARANGAY ROADS IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO, INTO NATIONAL ROADS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Monfort

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 169, entitled:

"AN ACT TO ORDAIN REFORMS IN THE ELECTRIC POWER SECTOR TO ENSURE THE TOTAL ELECTRIFICATION OF THE PHILIPPINES AND OPTIMAL PARTICIPATION OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN POWER GENERATION, TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Alvarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 170, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE NATIONAL LAND USE CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Alvarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS, THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 171, entitled:

"AN ACT TO PENALIZE RACKETEERS AND

CRIMINAL ENTERPRISES, PROHIBITING SUCH CRIMINAL ENTERPRISES AND RACKETEERS INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS FROM INFILTRATING, CONTROLLING OR OTHERWISE INFLUENCING PHILIPPINE COMMERCE"

By Representative Alvarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SECURITY AND THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EFFECTIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT

House Bill No. 172, entitled:

"AN ACT LIBERALIZING THE RETAIL TRADE BUSINESS REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1180, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Alvarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 173, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NEW POPULATION POLICY, STRENGTHENING THE COMMISSION ON POPULATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Alvarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 174, entitled:

"AN ACT TO REVISE THE PHILIPPINE ENVIRONMENTAL CODE, DEFINING ITS SCOPE AND INTEGRATING ALL OTHER LAWS RELATIVE THERETO"

By Representative Alvarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 175, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES AND THEIR HABITATS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Alvarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY, THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 176, entitled:

"AN ACT CONTROLLING THE DISCHARGE OF POLLUTANTS INTO OUR GULFS, BAYS, RIVERS, CREEKS, ESTEROS, DRAINAGE CHANNELS AND OTHER SIMILAR WATERWAYS, DECLARING CERTAIN ACTS UNLAWFUL, PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THERETO, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Alvarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 177, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION AND DISPOSAL OF BIO-MEDICAL WASTES, DECLARING CERTAIN ACTS UNLAWFUL, PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THERETO, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Alvarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 178, entitled:

"AN ACT STANDARDIZING CERTAIN GOVERNMENT CORPORATE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Alvarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 179, entitled:

"AN ACT REPEALING AUTOMATIC APPROPRIATIONS FOR DEBT SERVICE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, AMENDING THEREBY SECTION 26, CHAPTER 4, BOOK VI OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987'"

By Representative Lagman-Luistro

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 180, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA OF STUDENTS"

By Representative Lagman-Luistro

TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 181, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING NATURAL-BORN FILIPINO CITIZENS WHO HAVE LOST THEIR CITIZENSHIP CERTAIN RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES ALLOWED TO FILIPINO CITIZENS"

By Representative Verceles Jr.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 182, entitled:

"AN ACT INSTITUTING THE BOTIKA SA BARANGAY PROGRAM AND ESTABLISHING A BOTIKA SA BARANGAY IN EVERY BARANGAY NATIONWIDE FOR THE PURPOSE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Briones

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 183, entitled:

"AN ACT PENALIZING UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES AND COMBINATIONS IN RESTRAINT OF TRADE, CREATING THE FAIR TRADE COMMISSION,

APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Briones

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 184, entitled:

"AN ACT ALLOWING THE USE OF ELECTION PROPAGANDA THROUGH MASS MEDIA AND THE POSTING OF CAMPAIGN MATERIALS DURING ELECTIONS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS EIGHTY-FIVE AND EIGHTY-SIX OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 881 AND SECTIONS TEN AND ELEVEN OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED SIX THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY-SIX"

By Representative Briones

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 185, entitled:

"AN ACT BANNING CIGARETTES/CIGAR SMOKING IN CERTAIN PUBLIC PLACES AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF"

By Representative Briones

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 186, entitled:

"AN ACT DECLARING UNLAWFUL CERTAIN PRIVATE ARMED GROUPS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR"

By Representative Briones

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 187, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 202 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE, SO AS TO INCLUDE MALES IN THE DEFINITION OF PROSTITUTION"

By Representative Briones

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 188, entitled:

"AN ACT TO FOSTER LONG-TERM SOURCES OF DOMESTIC FINANCING BY PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO INDIVIDUALS TO INCREASE THEIR LONG-TERM SAVINGS"

By Representative Briones

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SAVINGS MOBILIZATION

House Bill No. 189, entitled:

"AN ACT PENALIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN IN ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE UNDERTAKING OR OCCUPATION WHICH IS CONSIDERED HAZARDOUS TO HIS/HER LIFE, SAFETY, HEALTH AND MORALS, OR WHICH

UNDULY INTERFERES WITH HIS/HER NORMAL DEVELOPMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Briones

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 190, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A SYSTEM OF ABSENTEE VOTING FOR QUALIFIED FILIPINOS ABROAD, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Briones

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 191, entitled:

"AN ACT REQUIRING ALL DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES OF GOVERNMENT TO ESTABLISH ACCESS TO THE INTERNET, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Briones

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 192, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Briones

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 193, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING PROTECTION TO JOURNALISTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Briones

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 194, entitled:

"AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN DEVELOPING AND FINANCIALLY DISTRESSED HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS THROUGH THE EXTENSION OF SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE, PROVIDING FOR MECHANISMS OF IMPLEMENTATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Briones

TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 195, entitled:

"AN ACT TO REVISE THE PHILIPPINE ENVIRONMENTAL CODE, DEFINING ITS SCOPE AND INTEGRATING ALL OTHER LAWS RELATIVE THERETO"

By Representative Briones

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 196, entitled:

"AN ACT TRANSLATING ALL LAWS INTO THE NATIONAL LANGUAGE"

By Representative Candazo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 197, entitled:

"AN ACT REORGANIZING THE MOVIE AND TELEVISION REVIEW AND CLASSIFICATION BOARD, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Candazo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION

House Bill No. 198, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE AUTOMATIC RETENTION BY THE BARANGAY OF ITS SHARE OF FIFTY PERCENT (50%) IN THE COMMUNITY TAX COLLECTED BY SAID BARANGAY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 164 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991"

By Representative Candazo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 199, entitled:

"AN ACT TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN CONSUMER PROTECTION BY AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7394, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CONSUMER ACT OF THE PHILIPPINES"

By Representative Candazo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 200, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR UNIFORM RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES, PRESCRIBING PROCEDURES IN THE PROMPT PAYMENT THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Gonzales II

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 201, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING HIGHER COMPENSATION TO VICTIMS OF UNJUST IMPRISONMENT OR DETENTION AND VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIMES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 4 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7309, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Gonzales II  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND THE  
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 202, entitled:

"AN ACT DECLARING THE NATIONAL POLICY ON,  
AND ESTABLISHING THE PROGRAM  
FRAMEWORK ON MENTAL HEALTH,  
PROVIDING THE IMPLEMENTING MECHANISMS  
THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Gonzales II  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE  
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 203, entitled:

"AN ACT ALLOWING NATURAL BORN CITIZENS OF  
THE PHILIPPINES WHO HAVE LOST THEIR  
CITIZENSHIP TO RETAIN CERTAIN RIGHTS AND  
PRIVILEGES RESERVED FOR FILIPINO  
CITIZENS"

By Representative Gonzales II  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 204, entitled:

"AN ACT EXTENDING THE PERIOD TO SUBMIT A  
NATIONAL DIABETES PREVENTION AND  
CONTROL PLAN TO CONGRESS AND THE  
SECRETARY OF HEALTH, AMENDING FOR THE  
PURPOSE SECTION 9 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO.  
8191, ENTITLED 'AN ACT PRESCRIBING  
MEASURES FOR THE PREVENTION AND  
CONTROL OF DIABETES MELLITUS IN THE  
PHILIPPINES, PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION  
OF A NATIONAL COMMISSION ON DIABETES,  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Gonzales II  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE  
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 205, entitled:

"AN ACT INTEGRATING COOPERATIVE EDUCATION  
IN THE CURRICULUM OF TERTIARY  
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS THROUGH  
PARTNERSHIP AMONG THE INSTITUTIONS,  
STUDENTS, BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND  
AGRICULTURAL ENTITIES, AUTHORIZING THE  
APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS THEREFOR, AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Gonzales II  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND  
CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON  
APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 206, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 1 OF BATAS  
PAMBANSA BILANG 22, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS  
THE ANTI-BOUNCING CHECKS LAW"

By Representative Gonzales II  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 207, entitled:

"AN ACT DECLARING 9 FEBRUARY OF EVERY  
YEAR AS A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY IN  
THE CITY OF MANDALUYONG"

By Representative Gonzales II  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 208, entitled:

"AN ACT TO DEFINE AND PENALIZE CONSPIRACIES  
AND COMBINATIONS IN PUBLIC BIDDINGS,  
PREVENT ILLEGAL SCHEMES AND FRAUDS,  
ENSURE FAIRNESS AND FREE COMPETITION,  
AND SAFEGUARD THE INTEREST OF THE  
GOVERNMENT"

By Representative Gonzales II  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 209, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING THE ADDITIONAL  
RETIREMENT BENEFITS TO MEMBERS OF THE  
JUDICIARY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE  
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 910, AS AMENDED, AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Gonzales II  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND THE  
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 210, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS THIRTY-FOUR AND  
THIRTY-SIX, CHAPTER 12, TITLE III, BOOK IV OF  
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBERED 292,  
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE  
CODE OF 1987, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Gonzales II  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 211, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROCLAMATION OF  
ELECTED CANDIDATES WHEN NINETY  
PERCENT (90%) OF THE VOTES IN ANY  
PROVINCE, CITY OR MUNICIPALITY HAVE  
ALREADY BEEN CAST, AMENDING FOR THE  
PURPOSE SECTION 6 OF BATAS PAMBANSA  
BLG. 881, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE  
OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE OF THE  
PHILIPPINES"

By Representative Gonzales II  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND  
ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 212, entitled:

"AN ACT TO CLASSIFY THE FAKING OR  
FABRICATING, NEGOTIATING, TRANSACTING,  
CONVEYING OR MORTGAGING OF FAKE OR  
ILLEGALLY FABRICATED TORRENS

CERTIFICATES OF TITLE AS HEINOUS OFFENSE"  
By Representative Gonzales II  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 213, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE AND BENEFITS TO VOLUNTEER FIREMEN OF DULY RECOGNIZED FIRE BRIGADES OR CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS WHO DIE OR BECOME INCAPACITATED WHILE PROTECTING LIVES AND PROPERTIES DURING FIRES AND CONFLAGRATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Gonzales II  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SECURITY AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 214, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A REVISED ARCHITECTS ACT OF 1996, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 545, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF ARCHITECTURE IN THE PHILIPPINES'"

By Representative Gonzales II  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 215, entitled:

"AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SERVICE OF WARRANTS OF ARRESTS IN CERTAIN CASES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF"

By Representative Gonzales II  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

REP. APOSTOL. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

THE SPEAKER. The Gentleman from Leyte, the Honorable Apostol, is recognized.

REP. APOSTOL. Bills filed are being referred to the different committees but we have no Secretary General yet. I do not know who made these referrals. Second, we also have no Committee on Rules. We are not sure which committees are formed or not because we only have provisional Rules.

THE SPEAKER. The Acting Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday we adopted the Rules of the Tenth Congress provisionally until such time that the Eleventh Congress can promulgate its Rules. We have manifested that it will take perhaps four to six weeks before all suggestions and all refinements to the new set of Rules of the Eleventh Congress are completed.

So, Mr. Speaker, inasmuch as we have adopted *in toto* the Rules of the Tenth Congress, the referrals of the bills filed would

be to those same committees that are already existing pursuant to the Rules. Once the committees are constituted and the Members are so qualified, then they will begin work on these matters.

REP. APOSTOL. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Honorable Apostol is recognized.

REP. APOSTOL. According to the provisional Rules, referral of bills to the different committees is the duty of the Committee on Rules. I do not know who made these referrals, Mr. Speaker. We do not have a Secretary General nor a Committee on Rules. Again, we will be going according to practice and precedents. But there is no practice and precedent here.

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Acting Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. ROXAS. We do have a Secretary General because, pursuant to general parliamentary laws and as established in yesterday's session, the Secretary General continues to hold office until his successor shall have been elected.

We are merely in the process of referring to the various committees the business that has been accumulating with the Secretariat since July 1, 1998.

Effectively, all of these bills will be in the "in tray" or "in box" of these committees once the members and the officers thereof shall have been elected on the floor.

REP. APOSTOL. Mr. Speaker, I will not belabor this matter. I am just asking because this should be clarified. So I am submitting this matter to the discretion of the Speaker.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker, may I ask for a one-minute suspension of the session.

THE SPEAKER. The session is suspended.

*It was 5:34 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 5:36 p.m., the session was resumed.*

THE SPEAKER. The session is resumed.

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker, may I ask that the Secretary General be directed to continue reading the Reference of Business.

THE SPEAKER. The Secretary General is directed to continue reading the Reference of Business.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, *reading:*

## House Bill No. 216, entitled:

"AN ACT ALLOWING A FARMER-BENEFICIARY TO MORTGAGE HIS RIGHT TO THE LAND AWARDED TO HIM FOR A PERIOD OF TWO (2) YEARS WITHOUT LOSING HIS SECURITY OF TENURE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION TWENTY-SEVEN OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED SIXTY-SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SEVEN, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM LAW OF 1988,' AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Gonzales II  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM

## House Bill No. 217, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE ALLOTMENT (IRA) TO, AND AUTHORIZING ITS AUTOMATIC RETENTION BY, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 285 AND 286 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991,' AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Gonzales II  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

## House Bill No. 218, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SOLDIER'S MEMORIAL MONUMENT IN THE RIZAL PARK, AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Gonzales II  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## House Bill No. 219, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A GRANT OF REWARD TO INFORMERS OF VIOLATIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7080 AND/OR REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1379, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Gonzales II  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## House Bill No. 220, entitled:

"AN ACT TO PENALIZE CERTAIN VIOLATIONS THAT ENDANGER THE SAFETY OF THE VESSEL AND ITS CARGO AND PASSENGERS"

By Representative Gonzales II  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

## House Bill No. 221, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 68 OF THE BATAS

PAMBANSA BLG. 881, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES"

By Representative Gonzales II  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

## House Bill No. 222, entitled:

"AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE, MANUFACTURE, ACQUISITION, SALE, AND DEPLOYMENT OF LANDMINES AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THEREFOR"

By Representative Gonzales II  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SECURITY

## House Bill No. 223, entitled:

"AN ACT EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF ACTS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST ANY WOMAN BY AN EMPLOYER, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE OF THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED"

By Representative Gonzales II  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

## House Bill No. 224, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE 1998 CODE OF GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRACTS, PROCUREMENT OF SUPPLIES, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT, DISPOSAL OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTIES, AND CONSULTANCY AND GENERAL SERVICES CONTRACTS"

By Representative Gonzales II  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## House Bill No. 225, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING THE MANILA BAY AREA COMMISSION, DEFINING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## House Bill No. 226, entitled:

"AN ACT ENCOURAGING THE CONSTRUCTION, ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF PRIVATE PORTS IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

## House Bill No. 227, entitled:

"AN ACT REGULATING HARBOR PILOTAGE

SERVICES AND THE CONDUCT OF HARBOR PILOTS IN ALL PORTS IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION

House Bill No. 228, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING TAX AND DUTY EXEMPTION PRIVILEGES FOR THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE THROUGH ITS PNP SERVICE STORE SYSTEM"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 229, entitled:

"AN ACT REORGANIZING THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 230, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MANILA BAY BRIDGE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 231, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CIRCUMFERENTIAL HIGHWAY AROUND THE MANILA BAY AREA, INTERLINKING THE COASTAL TOWNS THEREOF, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 232, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A WEEKLY PAYMENT OF SALARIES FOR GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE EMPLOYEES"

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

House Bill No. 233, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FREE MEDICAL SERVICES TO FILIPINO VETERANS AND RETIRED GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL IN GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND -OPERATED HOSPITALS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Golez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 234, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 235, entitled:

"AN ACT VESTING TO THE COURT OF APPEALS AND THE SUPREME COURT THE POWER TO REVIEW ACQUITTALS IN CRIMINAL CASES PUNISHABLE BY *RECLUSIO PERPETUA* OR HIGHER, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 236, entitled:

"AN ACT PROHIBITING THE CONSTRUCTION OF GOLF COURSE FACILITIES WITHIN AND ALONG URBAN CENTERS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 237, entitled:

"AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED THIRTY-EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE, ENTITLED 'AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CORPS IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF ITS OFFICERS AND ENLISTED PERSONNEL, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES'"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE

House Bill No. 238, entitled:

"AN ACT DEFINING THE RIGHTS OF VICTIMS OF CRIME, ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF VICTIMS OF CRIME UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EFFECTIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 239, entitled:

"AN ACT REQUIRING DUTY AND TAX FREE SHOPS ESTABLISHED AND OPERATED BY THE PHILIPPINE TOURISM AUTHORITY TO REMIT ONE PERCENT (1%) OF ITS GROSS RECEIPTS TO THE HOST LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON  
APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 240, entitled:

"AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING ARTICLE 81 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AS AMENDED BY SECTION 24 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7659 BY LIMITING THE WAITING PERIOD IN CARRYING OUT CAPITAL PUNISHMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 245, entitled:

"AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE MANDATORY ROAD WORTHINESS INSPECTION OF VEHICLES TEN YEARS OLD AND ABOVE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 241, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING AN ANTI-KIDNAPPING AND BANK ROBBERY UNIT UNDER THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION GROUP OF THE PNP, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 35 (b) (4) OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED SIXTY NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SECURITY AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 246, entitled:

"AN ACT APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED MILLION PESOS (P 100,000,000.00) FOR THE IMMEDIATE CAPTURE, PROSECUTION AND CONVICTION OF THE TOP TEN MOST WANTED KIDNAP-FOR-RANSOM LORDS AND DRUG LORDS IN THE COUNTRY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SECURITY AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 242, entitled:

"AN ACT REQUIRING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO SET ASIDE NOT LESS THAN FIVE PERCENT (5%) OF THE TOTAL REVENUE FROM REGULAR SOURCES OF THE PRECEDING YEAR AS LUMP SUM APPROPRIATION TO FINANCE REFORESTATION PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 324 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1990"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 247, entitled:

"AN ACT CONSERVING, PROMOTING AND POPULARIZING THE NATION'S HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE AND RESOURCES, AS WELL AS ARTISTIC CREATIONS BY EXACTING A PERFORMANCE FEE FROM FOREIGN PERFORMERS AND ALLOCATING THE PROCEEDS THEREOF TO THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON CULTURE AND ARTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 243, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE DR. ARCADIO SANTOS HIGH SCHOOL INTO DR. ARCADIO SANTOS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF PARAÑAQUE, METRO MANILA, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 248, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GARBAGE RECYCLING CENTER IN BARANGAY VITALEZ, PARAÑAQUE CITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 244, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 1 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1519 PROVIDING FOR THE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES IN PARAÑAQUE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND

House Bill No. 249, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE LOCAL MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 250, entitled:

"AN ACT REDEFINING THE THIRD LEVEL POSITIONS IN THE CAREER CIVIL SERVICE"

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

House Bill No. 251, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL SEAFARERS  
ADMINISTRATION, PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS  
AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND  
EMPLOYMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON  
APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 252, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC SALE OF SHARES  
IN THE DISPOSITION OF GOVERNMENT  
CORPORATIONS UNDER THE PRIVATIZATION  
PROGRAM"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT  
ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 253, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 20 OF PRESIDENTIAL  
DECREE NUMBERED 1638, AS AMENDED BY  
PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBERED 1650,  
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ARMED FORCES  
OF THE PHILIPPINES RETIREMENT LAW"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE

House Bill No. 254, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE  
PHILIPPINE MERCHANT MARINE OFFICERS  
LAW"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND  
COMMUNICATIONS

House Bill No. 255, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 9 OF REPUBLIC ACT  
NUMBERED THIRTY HUNDRED AND NINETEEN,  
AS AMENDED, ENTITLED 'ANTI-GRAFT AND  
CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT'"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 256, entitled:

"AN ACT PROHIBITING THE PRACTICE OF  
OFFERING, GIVING OR ATTEMPTING TO GIVE  
OR OFFER, OR ACCEPTING A KICKBACK IN ANY  
KIND OF COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS, AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 257, entitled:

"AN ACT TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF PATRONS OF  
COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS, PROVIDING  
COMPULSORY INSURANCE COVERAGE IN THE  
EVENT OF DEATH, DISABILITY OR INJURY, AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND  
SECURITY

House Bill No. 258, entitled:

"AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL  
DECREE NUMBERED SEVEN HUNDRED AND  
SIXTY, AS AMENDED, BY CONTINUING THE  
BAREBOAT CHARTERING PROGRAM, AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND  
COMMUNICATIONS

House Bill No. 259, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR BARANGAY  
EMPOWERMENT, AMENDING VARIOUS  
PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
CODE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 260, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF THE  
SPECIAL PROSECUTOR FOR DANGEROUS  
DRUGS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND THE  
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 261, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 25 (d) OF  
PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBERED SIXTEEN  
HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT, OTHERWISE KNOWN  
AS THE AFP MILITARY AND SEPARATION  
DECREE OF 1979, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE

House Bill No. 262, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6981,  
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'WITNESS  
PROTECTION SECURITY AND BENEFIT ACT,'  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 263, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING EMERGENCY LINES,  
PRESCRIBING THEIR USE, PROVIDING  
PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF, AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND  
SECURITY AND THE COMMITTEE ON  
APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 264, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF  
FIRE PROTECTION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND  
SECURITY AND THE COMMITTEE ON  
APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 265, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING FREE MEDICAL TREATMENT  
TO SENIOR AND DIFFERENTLY-ABLED FILIPINO  
CITIZENS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE  
COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 266, entitled:

"AN ACT REQUIRING DOMESTIC CARRIERS TO  
INSURE THEIR PASSENGERS, AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND  
COMMUNICATIONS

House Bill No. 267, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 484 (a) OF REPUBLIC  
ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 268, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF  
REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED FOUR HUNDRED  
NINETY-THREE, ENTITLED 'AN ACT TO  
PROHIBIT THE USE OR CONFERRING OF  
MILITARY OR NAVAL GRADES OR TITLES BY  
OR UPON PERSONS NOT IN THE SERVICE OF  
THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES OR  
THE PHILIPPINE CONSTABULARY, TO  
REGULATE THE WEARING, USE,  
MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF INSIGNIAS,  
DECORATIONS AND MEDALS, BADGES,  
PATCHES AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS  
PRESCRIBED FOR THE SAID ARMED FORCES OR  
CONSTABULARY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE

House Bill No. 269, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 4 (b) OF REPUBLIC  
ACT NUMBERED NINETY-FIVE, AS AMENDED  
BY REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED EIGHT

HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE AND REPUBLIC ACT  
NUMBERED SIXTY-THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-  
THREE AND FURTHER AMENDED BY  
PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBERED TWELVE  
HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR, ENTITLED 'AN ACT TO  
INCORPORATE THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL RED  
CROSS'"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 270, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED  
SEVENTY-SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY-NINE,  
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'AN ACT TO IMPOSE  
THE DEATH PENALTY ON CERTAIN HEINOUS  
CRIMES,' AMENDING FOR THAT PURPOSE THE  
REVISED PENAL CODE, AS AMENDED, OTHER  
SPECIAL PENAL LAWS, INCLUDING  
COMMONWEALTH ACT NUMBERED FOUR  
HUNDRED AND EIGHT, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS  
'THE ARTICLES OF WAR,' AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 271, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ANTITRUST PENALTIES"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 272, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR INCENTIVES AND OTHER  
BENEFITS TO GOVERNMENT TELECOM-  
MUNICATION WORKERS, PROVIDING FUNDS  
THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 273, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN ACCELERATED  
ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES  
MODERNIZATION PROGRAM"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND  
THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 274, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL CELLULAR  
AND WIRELESS TELEPHONE PROGRAM"

By Representative Golez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND  
COMMUNICATIONS

House Bill No. 275, entitled:

"AN ACT DEFINING THE CRIME OF STALKING,  
PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Golez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 276, entitled:

"BANK PROTECTION ACT OF 1998"

By Representative Golez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SECURITY AND THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EFFECTIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT

House Bill No. 277, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTION TEN OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBERED NINE HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED 'ESTABLISHING A PROBATION SYSTEM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES'"

By Representative Golez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 278, entitled:

"AN ACT STRENGTHENING POLICE SUPERVISION OVER THE OPERATION OF PRIVATE DETECTIVE, WATCHMAN OR SECURITY GUARD AGENCIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE 'THE PRIVATE SECURITY AGENCY LAW' AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Golez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 279, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED SIXTY-FIVE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-NINE, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'ANTI-CARNAPPING ACT OF 1992'"

By Representative Golez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 280, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7183, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'AN ACT REGULATING THE SALE, MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION, AND USE OF FIRECRACKERS AND OTHER PYROTECHNIC DEVICES,' AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Golez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 281, entitled:

"AN ACT PROHIBITING ANY PRIVATE FIRM WHOSE FORMER OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE IS HOLDING A POSITION OF POWER, PRESTIGE, OR INFLUENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT, FROM ENTERING INTO ANY KIND OF BUSINESS RELATION, CONTRACT OR TRANSACTION,

WHETHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, WITH THE GOVERNMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Golez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 282, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OVERSEAS WORKERS BANK, PROVIDING INCENTIVES THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Golez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 283, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MUSEUM FOR WOMEN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Golez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE, THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 284, entitled:

"AN ACT PROHIBITING ANY RECLAMATION PROJECT IN MANILA BAY AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF"

By Representative Golez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 285, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AUTOMATIC ASSUMPTION OF THE NEXT HIGH RANKING OFFICIAL IN CASES OF TEMPORARY VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF THE LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 46 SUBPARAGRAPH (d) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991"

By Representative Golez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 286, entitled:

"AN ACT DEVOLVING FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES FROM THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE CHAPTER IV INCLUDING SECTIONS 53 TO 59 OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED 6975, AND AMENDING PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED 7160"

By Representative Roxas II

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 287, entitled:

"AN ACT REORGANIZING THE GUARANTEE FUND FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

(GFSME), RENAMING IT AS THE GFSME CORPORATION, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Roxas II

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES, THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE GENERATION OF A MILLION SMALL ENTERPRISES

House Bill No. 288, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING TAX EXEMPTION FOR GOODS, COMMODITIES, VEHICLES, EQUIPMENT OR MATERIALS DONATED BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, PRIVATE ENTITIES OR INDIVIDUALS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, ITS DEPARTMENTS, BUREAUS, AGENCIES, INSTRUMENTALITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Roxas II

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 289, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING THE BUREAU OF SPECIAL EDUCATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS, PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS, DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Roxas II

TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 290, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE TERMS, CONDITIONS AND LICENSING REQUIREMENT OF REGIONAL OR AREA HEADQUARTERS, REGIONAL OPERATING HEADQUARTERS AND REGIONAL WAREHOUSES OF MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 226, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE OMNIBUS INVESTMENTS CODE OF 1987"

By Representative Roxas II

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY, THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES, AND THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 291, entitled:

"AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A NATIONAL FACILITATION SERVICE NETWORK THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OFFICE IN EVERY PROVINCE, KEY CITIES AND OTHER STRATEGIC

AREAS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY"

By Representative Roxas II

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 292, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING CHAPTER II, SECTION 11, PARAGRAPH THREE (3) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7916, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE ACT OF 1995, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Roxas II

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 293, entitled:

"AN ACT REGULATING THE ADVERTISING INDUSTRY IN ORDER TO PROTECT CONSUMERS, PROMOTE THE GENERAL WELFARE, AND ENCOURAGE ADVERTISING WHICH UPHOLDS TRUTH AND INCULCATES IN OUR PEOPLE DESIRABLE MORAL VALUES AND CULTURAL TRADITIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Roxas II

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 294, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MAXIMUM USE OF PHILIPPINE FLAG VESSELS AND AIR CARRIERS, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBERED EIGHT HUNDRED AND NINETY-FOUR, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED 'REQUIRING GOVERNMENT OFFICES, AGENCIES, INSTRUMENTALITIES AND GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR -CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, PERSONS AND ENTITIES ENJOYING TAX EXEMPTION, INCENTIVES OR SUBSIDY FROM THE GOVERNMENT TO UTILIZE IN INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION THE SERVICES OF THE PHILIPPINE FLAG AIR CARRIER AND SHIPPING LINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Roxas II

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 295, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY IN EVERY REGIONAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER OF THE GOVERNMENT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Roxas II

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 296, entitled:

"AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DOMESTIC SHIPPING INDUSTRY"

By Representative Roxas II

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS AND THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 297, entitled:

"THE SECURITIES REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT ACT"

By Representative Roxas II

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 298, entitled:

"AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PHILIPPINE COCONUT AUTHORITY, REAFFIRMING THE COCONUT LEVIES AS PUBLIC FUNDS, INCREASING THE SMALL COCONUT FARMERS' PARTICIPATION IN, AND THEIR BENEFITS FROM, THE COCONUT INDUSTRY, AND BOLSTERING THE INDUSTRY'S DEVELOPMENT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBERED FOURTEEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY-EIGHT, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED COCONUT INDUSTRY CODE"

By Representative Montemayor

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 299, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN EXPANDED REPRESENTATION OF SMALL GRAINS FARMERS IN THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY COUNCIL AND AN INCREASE IN THE PER DIEMS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 6 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBERED SEVENTEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Montemayor

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION

House Bill No. 300, entitled:

"AN ACT STRENGTHENING COOPERATIVES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED SIXTY-NINE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-EIGHT, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'COOPERATIVE CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES'"

By Representative Montemayor

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVES DEVELOPMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

REP. MONTEMAYOR. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Honorable Montemayor is recognized.

REP. MONTEMAYOR. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker. On Section 21 of the Rules we have provisionally adopted, the Cooperatives Committee is listed as a standing or regular committee. But the referral just made mentions it as a special committee. So may I know if this was just an oversight or have we already amended the Rules?

THE SPEAKER. The Acting Floor Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker, may I ask for a one-minute suspension of the session?

THE SPEAKER. The session is suspended.

*It was 5:50 p.m.*

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 5:51 p.m., the session was resumed.*

THE SPEAKER. The session is resumed.

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker, upon checking with the Secretariat, I found out that there was a misutterance. Indeed, the Cooperatives Committee is a standing committee so the word "Special" is not operative in this sense. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. I hope that satisfies the Honorable Montemayor.

May we ask the Secretariat to continue.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, *reading:*

House Bill No. 301, entitled:

"AN ACT TO CONSERVE, DEVELOP, AND PROMOTE THE COCONUT TREE, AND TO DECLARE IT AS A NATIONAL TREE"

By Representative Montemayor

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 302, entitled:

"AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE, PROTECT AND ASSIST SMALL-SCALE MINERS, PROMOTE, STRENGTHEN, AND INSTITUTIONALIZE THE SMALL-SCALE MINING INDUSTRY, AND PROVIDE FOR ITS EFFICIENT REGULATION"

By Representative Montemayor

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 303, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED EIGHT HUNDRED AND FORTY-EIGHT, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'COCONUT PRESERVATION ACT OF 1994' FOR THE PURPOSE OF DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON

**THE CUTTING OF COCONUT TREES UNTIL THE YEAR 2001"**

By Representative Montemayor  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

**House Bill No. 304, entitled:**

"AN ACT DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO NULLIFY TITLES OVER LANDS NOT YET CLASSIFIED AS ALIENABLE AND DISPOSABLE AT THE TIME OF THE ISSUANCE OF SAID TITLES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Montemayor  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

**House Bill No. 305, entitled:**

"AN ACT EXPANDING THE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION ON THE SETTLEMENT OF LAND PROBLEMS AND TRANSFERRING IT TO THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 561 AND EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292"

By Representatives Montemayor and Zartiga  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION

**House Bill No. 306, entitled:**

"AN ACT TO RECLASSIFY THE MANGABUL RESERVATION IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAYAMBANG, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN, INTO ALIENABLE AND DISPOSABLE LAND OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN FOR THE PURPOSE OF REDISTRIBUTING THE SAME TO THE BONA FIDE AND LONG-TERM FARMERS/OCCUPANTS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Montemayor  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

**House Bill No. 307, entitled:**

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER AND DATE OF ELECTION OF SECTORAL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE LOCAL SANGGUNIAN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Montemayor  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS AND THE COMMITTEE ON PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION

**House Bill No. 308, entitled:**

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COCONUT SEEDLING NURSERY IN EVERY COCONUT-PRODUCING BARANGAY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Montemayor  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**House Bill No. 309, entitled:**

"AN ACT EXPANDING COUNTRYSIDE CREDIT THROUGH COOPERATIVE BANKS AND ENCOURAGING THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATIVE BANKS BY AMENDING CHAPTER XIII OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6938, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE COOPERATIVE CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Montemayor  
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVES DEVELOPMENT

**House Bill No. 310, entitled:**

"AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS BY AMENDING PARAGRAPHS (C), (J) AND (P) OF ARTICLE 241 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Montemayor  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

**House Bill No. 311, entitled:**

"AN ACT TO INSTITUTE COASTAL AND FORESHORE LAND REFORM"

By Representative Montemayor  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

**House Bill No. 312, entitled:**

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL INFIRMARY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF STA. MARGARITA, PROVINCE OF SAMAR TO BE KNOWN AS THE STA. MARGARITA MUNICIPAL INFIRMARY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Tuazon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**House Bill No. 313, entitled:**

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COTTAGE INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PANGSANGJAN, PROVINCE OF SAMAR, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Tuazon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**House Bill No. 314, entitled:**

"AN ACT TO CLASSIFY THE FAKING OR FABRICATING, NEGOTIATING, TRANSACTING, CONVEYING OR MORTGAGING OF FAKE OR ILLEGALLY FABRICATED TORRENS CERTIFICATES OF TITLE AS HEINOUS OFFENSE IF COMMITTED BY A SYNDICATE OR IN LARGE SCALE"

By Representative Tuazon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 315, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COTTAGE INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF STO. NIÑO, PROVINCE OF SAMAR, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Tuazon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 316, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COTTAGE INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGAPUL-AN, PROVINCE OF SAMAR, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Tuazon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 317, entitled:

"AN ACT STRENGTHENING WATER POLLUTION CONTROL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE 'MARINE POLLUTION DECREE OF 1976'"

By Representative Tuazon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 318, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE TIBURCIO TANCINCO MEMORIAL INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN CALBAYOG CITY INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE TIBURCIO TANCINCO MEMORIAL STATE UNIVERSITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Tuazon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE, THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 319, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL INFIRMARY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JORGE, PROVINCE OF SAMAR TO BE KNOWN AS THE SAN JORGE MUNICIPAL INFIRMARY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Tuazon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 320, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FIVE (5) BED CAPACITY MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATUGUINAO, PROVINCE OF SAMAR TO BE KNOWN AS THE MATUGUINAO MUNICIPAL

HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Tuazon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 321, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TEN (10) BED CAPACITY MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF STO. NIÑO, PROVINCE OF SAMAR TO BE KNOWN AS THE STO. NIÑO MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Tuazon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 322, entitled:

"AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE GANDARA DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GANDARA, PROVINCE OF SAMAR, FROM TWENTY-FIVE (25) BEDS TO FIFTY (50) BEDS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Tuazon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 323, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FIVE (5) BED CAPACITY MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PAGSANGJAN, PROVINCE OF SAMAR TO BE KNOWN AS THE PAGSANGJAN MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Tuazon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 324, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FIVE (5) BED CAPACITY MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGAPUL-AN, PROVINCE OF SAMAR TO BE KNOWN AS THE TAGAPUL-AN MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Tuazon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 325, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NUTRITION CENTER BUILDING FOR DAGUM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY DAGUM, CALBAYOG CITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Tuazon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND

HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON  
APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 326, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REHABILITATION, REPAIR AND/OR IMPROVEMENT OF THE 17.3 KILOMETERS CAGSUMJE-CURRY ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF STA. MARGARITA, PROVINCE OF SAMAR, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Tuazon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 327, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TWO (2) STOREY TEN (10) CLASSROOM HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING FOR STA. MARGARITA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF STA. MARGARITA, PROVINCE OF SAMAR, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Tuazon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 328, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A THREE CLASSROOM PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING IN BARANGAY BACJAO, MUNICIPALITY OF ALMAGRO, PROVINCE OF SAMAR, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Tuazon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 329, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE CLARENCIO CALAGOS MEMORIAL SCHOOL OF FISHERIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF STA. MARGARITA, SAMAR INTO A STATE COLLEGE TO BE KNOWN AS THE CLARENCIO CALAGOS MEMORIAL STATE COLLEGE OF FISHERIES AND MARINE SCIENCES, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Tuazon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 330, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING THAT ANOTHER PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION AND REVIEW SHALL BE AVAILABLE FROM RESOLUTIONS OF DISMISSAL PROMULGATED BY THE CITY, PROVINCIAL OR STATE PROSECUTORS"

By Representative Tuazon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 331, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE SALARY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE RENDERED AT LEAST TWENTY (20) YEARS OF CONTINUOUS GOVERNMENT SERVICE SHALL BE ADJUSTED TO ONE SALARY GRADE HIGHER"

By Representative Tuazon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 332, entitled:

"AN ACT INCREASING THE MONTHLY HONORARIA OF BARANGAY CAPTAINS, COUNCILMEN, TREASURERS AND SECRETARIES, LIKEWISE GRANTING MONTHLY HONORARIA TO BARANGAY TANODS AND MEMBERS OF LUPONG TAGAPAMAYAPA, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Tuazon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 333, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING TESTIMONIAL ELIGIBILITY TO HOLDERS OF CAREER EXECUTIVE SERVICE (CES) POSITIONS WHO HAVE NOT OTHERWISE BEEN GRANTED ELIGIBILITY AS CES OFFICERS"

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

House Bill No. 334, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COTTAGE INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATUGUINAO, PROVINCE OF SAMAR, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Tuazon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 335, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COTTAGE INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALMAGRO, PROVINCE OF SAMAR, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Tuazon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 336, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COTTAGE INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TARANGNAN, PROVINCE OF SAMAR, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Tuazon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY  
AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 337, entitled:  
"AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE  
DOMESTIC SHIPPING INDUSTRY"

By Representative Tuazon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND  
COMMUNICATIONS AND THE COMMITTEE ON  
WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 338, entitled:  
"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE  
JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM, AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Tuazon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND THE  
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 339, entitled:  
"AN ACT CREATING THE SAMAR PROVINCE  
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, AND PROVIDING  
FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Tuazon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND  
THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 340, entitled:  
"AN ACT CONVERTING THE COMMONWEALTH  
HIGH SCHOOL IN QUEZON CITY INTO A STATE  
POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE TO BE KNOWN AS  
THE COMMONWEALTH STATE POLYTECHNIC  
INSTITUTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR"

By Representative Liban  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND  
CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON  
APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 341, entitled:  
"AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE MANDATORY AND  
PERIODIC DRUG TESTING UNDER THE  
SUPERVISION OF THE DANGEROUS DRUGS  
BOARD, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Liban  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE  
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 342, entitled:  
"AN ACT EXEMPTING SAVINGS DEPOSITS  
AMOUNTING TO FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS  
(P50,000.00) OR LESS FROM WITHHOLDING TAX,  
AMENDING SECTION 21 (C) (1) OF THE  
NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE  
THEREBY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Liban  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 343, entitled:  
"AN ACT REPEALING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE  
NUMBERED NINE HUNDRED AND FORTY AND  
RESTORING TO QUEZON CITY THE TITLE OF  
CAPITAL CITY OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Liban  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 344, entitled:  
"AN ACT LEGALIZING JUETENG AND PROVIDING  
FOR THE CREATION OF THE LOTTERY  
CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Liban  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND  
AMUSEMENTS

House Bill No. 345, entitled:  
"AN ACT EXEMPTING THE FAMILY HOME FROM  
REAL ESTATE TAX"

By Representative Liban  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 346, entitled:  
"AN ACT TO CLASSIFY THE FAKING OR  
FABRICATING, NEGOTIATING, TRANSACTING,  
CONVEYING OR MORTGAGING OF FAKE OR  
ILLEGALLY FABRICATED TORRENS  
CERTIFICATES OF TITLE AS HEINOUS OFFENSE"

By Representative Liban  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 347, entitled:  
"AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE OVERSEAS  
WORKERS BANK, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Liban  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL  
INTERMEDIARIES

REP. GOLEZ. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The distinguished Gentleman from  
Parafiaque is recognized.

REP. GOLEZ. Mr. Speaker, on page 67 of the Order of  
Business, House Bill No. 279 is referred to the Committee on  
Justice. This bill is an amendment to the Anti-Carnapping Act of  
1992. Carnapping being a major public order problem, I think  
this bill is better referred to the Committee on Public Order.

I therefore move that we change the referral of House Bill  
No. 279 from the Committee on Justice to the Committee on  
Public Order and Security.

THE SPEAKER. The Acting Floor Leader will please  
respond.

REP. ROXAS. We have no objection, Mr. Speaker. I move

that the Secretariat be directed to change the referral.

REP. GOLEZ. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The Secretary General is directed to implement the amendment.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, *reading*:

House Bill No. 348, entitled:

"AN ACT REORGANIZING THE MOVIE AND TELEVISION REVIEW AND CLASSIFICATION BOARD, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Liban

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION

House Bill No. 349, entitled:

"AN ACT WHICH SEEKS TO PRIORITIZE INVESTMENTS IN PRIMARY EDUCATION OVER SECONDARY AND TERTIARY EDUCATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Liban

TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

THE SPEAKER. The session is suspended.

*It was 6:02 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 6:04 p.m., the session was resumed.*

THE SPEAKER. The session is resumed.

The Secretary General will please continue.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, *reading*:

House Bill No. 350, entitled:

"AN ACT ALLOWING GOVERNMENT LAWYERS TO RENDER FREE LEGAL SERVICE TO INDIGENT CHARGED WITH A CRIME/CRIMES"

By Representative Liban

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 351, entitled:

"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PUBLIC HOSPITAL WITH A FIFTY (50)-BED CAPACITY IN THE SECOND DISTRICT OF QUEZON CITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Liban

#### TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 352, entitled:

"AN ACT IMPOSING STIFFER PENALTIES FOR ILLEGAL GAMBLING"

By Representative Liban

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 353, entitled:

"AN ACT TO REGULATE THE SHOWING OF VIOLENT SCENES AND EVENTS OVER TELEVISION AND THEREAFTER, PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES REGARDING VIOLATION THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Liban

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS

House Bill No. 354, entitled:

"AN ACT INSTITUTING A PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Liban

TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 355, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TO CHILDREN OF PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) OFFICERS IN ANY STATE UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE"

By Representative Liban

TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 356, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING A SEPARATE ENGINEERING DISTRICT IN THE SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT IN QUEZON CITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Liban

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 357, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TANDANG SORA, SECOND DISTRICT OF QUEZON CITY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE TANDANG SORA HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Liban

TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND

CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON  
APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 358, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A CONTINUING  
CHARTERING PROGRAM"

By Representative Liban

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND  
COMMUNICATIONS

House Bill No. 359, entitled:

"AN ACT DECLARING THE AREAS ALONG THE  
BANKS OF THE PASIG RIVER A NON-  
FACTORY/NON-INDUSTRIAL ZONE"

By Representative Liban

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 360, entitled:

"AN ACT DEFINING AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR  
THE CRIME OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE"

By Representative Liban

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 361, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE COMPUTER  
LITERACY PROGRAM AS MANDATORY IN ALL  
PUBLIC AND STATE OWNED SCHOOLS AT THE  
SECONDARY LEVEL, AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES"

By Representative Liban

TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND  
CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON  
APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 362, entitled:

"AN ACT BANNING CIGAR AND CIGARETTE  
SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES, AND IMPOSING  
PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF"

By Representative Liban

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 363, entitled:

"AN ACT TO AMEND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8042,  
ENTITLED 'AN ACT TO INSTITUTE THE  
POLICIES OF THE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT  
AND ESTABLISH A HIGHER STANDARD OF  
PROTECTION AND PROMOTION OF THE  
WELFARE OF MIGRANT WORKERS, THEIR  
FAMILIES AND OVERSEAS FILIPINOS IN  
DISTRESS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Liban

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 364, entitled:

"AN ACT UPGRADING THE EAST AVENUE MEDICAL  
CENTER, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR,  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Liban

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE  
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 365, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
A SENIOR CITIZENS ASSISTANCE CENTER IN  
EVERY MUNICIPALITY AND CITY, AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Liban

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY  
RELATIONS AND THE COMMITTEE ON  
APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 366, entitled:

"AN ACT DECLARING THE REMAINING AREA OF  
34,112 SQUARE METERS IN BARANGAY TAMBO,  
MUNICIPALITY OF PARAÑAQUE AS ALIENABLE  
AND DISPOSABLE AND SETTING IT ASIDE FOR  
THE HOUSING NEEDS OF THE CAMP CLAUDIO  
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC."

By Representative Golez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 367, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A ONE HUNDRED-BED  
CAPACITY DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF  
PARAÑAQUE, METRO MANILA, TO BE KNOWN  
AS THE PARAÑAQUE DISTRICT HOSPITAL,  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Golez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE  
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 368, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GARBAGE RECYCLING  
CENTER IN BARANGAY MOONWALK,  
PARAÑAQUE CITY, AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Golez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY AND THE  
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 369, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GARBAGE RECYCLING  
CENTER IN BARANGAY SAN ANTONIO,  
PARAÑAQUE CITY, AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Golez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY AND THE  
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 370, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GARBAGE RECYCLING  
CENTER IN BARANGAY SAN DIONISIO,  
PARAÑAQUE CITY, AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Golez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY AND THE  
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 371, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GARBAGE RECYCLING  
CENTER IN BARANGAY SAN ISIDRO,  
PARAÑAQUE CITY, AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Golez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY AND THE  
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 372, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GARBAGE RECYCLING  
CENTER IN BARANGAY SAN MARTIN DE  
PORRES, PARAÑAQUE CITY, AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Golez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY AND THE  
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 373, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GARBAGE RECYCLING  
CENTER IN BARANGAY STO. NIÑO,  
PARAÑAQUE CITY, AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Golez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY AND THE  
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 374, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GARBAGE RECYCLING  
CENTER IN BARANGAY SUN VALLEY,  
PARAÑAQUE CITY, AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Golez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY AND THE  
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 375, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GARBAGE RECYCLING  
CENTER IN BARANGAY TAMBO, PARAÑAQUE  
CITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Golez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY AND THE  
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 376, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GARBAGE RECYCLING  
CENTER IN BARANGAY MERVILLE,  
PARAÑAQUE CITY, AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Golez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY AND THE  
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 377, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GARBAGE RECYCLING

CENTER IN BARANGAY MARCELO GREEN,  
PARAÑAQUE CITY, AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Golez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY AND THE  
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 378, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GARBAGE RECYCLING  
CENTER IN BARANGAY LA HUERTA,  
PARAÑAQUE CITY, AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Golez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY AND THE  
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 379, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GARBAGE RECYCLING  
CENTER IN BARANGAY DON GALO,  
PARAÑAQUE CITY, AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Golez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY AND THE  
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 380, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GARBAGE RECYCLING  
CENTER IN BARANGAY DON BOSCO,  
PARAÑAQUE CITY, AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Golez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY AND THE  
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 381, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GARBAGE RECYCLING  
CENTER IN BARANGAY BF HOMES,  
PARAÑAQUE CITY, AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Golez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY AND THE  
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 382, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GARBAGE RECYCLING  
CENTER IN BARANGAY BACLARAN,  
PARAÑAQUE CITY, AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Golez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY AND THE  
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 2, entitled:

"RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE URGENT  
NEED OF EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF THE

'DECADE FOR SAFE MOTHERHOOD' FROM 1998 TO 2008 TO BE KNOWN AS THE 'DECADE FOR SAFE MOTHERHOOD AND CHILD CARE' AND TO IMPLEMENT SUCH OBJECTIVE, DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO UPDATE ITS PRESENT PROGRAM AND SET UP ANOTHER MULTI-SECTORAL TASK FORCE AND UNDERTAKE SUCH CONCRETE PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES AS ARE NECESSARY TO ATTAIN THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF SAFE MOTHERHOOD AND CHILD CARE IN THE COUNTRY"

By Representative Monfort  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Resolution No. 3, entitled:

"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE GOVERNOR OF THE BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS, OR THE MONETARY BOARD TO SUBMIT A PERIODICAL AND/OR QUARTERLY, SEMI-ANNUAL OR ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Monfort  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Resolution No. 4, entitled:

"RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE REPORTED THREATS AND PRESSURES ON REGIONAL TRIAL COURT JUDGE ELIODORO UBIADAS OF OLONGAPO RTC IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF THE TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER IN FAVOR OF SBMA CHAIRMAN, RICHARD GORDON"

By Representative Gonzalez (R.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Resolution No. 5, entitled:

"RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO GRANT EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO ALL ITS MEMBERS IN THE CHAIRMANSHIPS OF STANDING AS WELL AS SPECIAL COMMITTEES"

By Representative Andaya (M.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 6, entitled:

"RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE PHILIPPINES' REPRESENTATIVES TO THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION (WTO) TO PURSUE THE OFFICIAL RECTIFICATION OF THE ERRORS IN THE MINIMUM ACCESS VOLUME (MAV) OF PORK "

By Representative Montemayor  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Resolution No. 7, entitled:

"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE REPORTED WIDESPREAD CIRCUMVENTION OR DISREGARD OF AGRARIAN LAWS, IMPLEMENTING RULES, AND ORDERS AND DECISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM AND THE DAR ADJUDICATION BOARD"

By Representative Montemayor  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM

House Resolution No. 8, entitled:

"RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE URGENT NEED FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE JALOUR RIVER MULTIPURPOSE IRRIGATION PROJECT, PHASE II, IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO AND IN ORDER TO ENSURE EXPEDITIOUS ACTION THEREON, URGE THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO A BUILD-OPERATE-AND-TRANSFER SCHEME WITH ACCREDITED CONTRACTORS"

By Representative Monfort  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Resolution No. 9, entitled:

"RESOLUTION CONVENING A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO REENGINEER THE CONSTITUTION"

By Representative Verceles Jr.  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

House Resolution No. 10, entitled:

"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEES ON APPROPRIATIONS AND AGRICULTURE AND FOOD TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION; INTO THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY CONCERNING THE IMPORTATION OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, PARTICULARLY ON THE TARIFF TREATMENT AND THE UTILIZATION OF EARNINGS OF SAID IMPORTATIONS"

By Representative Montemayor  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Resolution No. 11, entitled:

"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEES ON APPROPRIATIONS AND ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6758 (COMPENSATION AND POSITION

CLASSIFICATION ACT OF 1989) WITH EMPHASIS ON THE RECLASSIFICATION OF THE POSITION OF MUNICIPAL AGRICULTURAL OFFICER FROM SALARY GRADE 24 TO 20, WHICH IS A POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF EXISTING POLICIES"

By Representative Montemayor

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Resolution No. 12, entitled:

"RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE STATUS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE-NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY PROJECT SELF-RELIANCE AS A PROJECT AND THOSE OF THE PARTICIPATING COOPERATIVES, AND IDENTIFY REMEDIAL STEPS THAT CAN BE TAKEN TO IMPROVE THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROJECT AND PROMOTE ITS REPLICATION IN AS MANY AREAS OF THE COUNTRY AS POSSIBLE"

By Representative Montemayor

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Resolution No. 13, entitled:

"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE PROBLEM OF HUNDREDS OF FARMERS IN THE FORMER 'CAMP GREGG MILITARY RESERVATION' IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAYAMBANG, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN, WHO HAVE OCCUPIED/CULTIVATED THE AREA FOR DECADES AND HAVE RECEIVED CERTIFICATES OF LAND TRANSFER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM BUT NOW FACE EVICTION AND DEMOLITION OF THEIR HOMES BY PARTIES HOLDING TITLES TO THE PROPERTY"

By Representative Montemayor

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM

House Resolution No. 14, entitled:

"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LEASE BACK PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6657, AS AMENDED, AND THE ISSUES ARISING FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS ISSUED THEREUNDER BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM, AND THE CONDITION OF FARMER-BENEFICIARIES AFFECTED THEREBY"

By Representative Montemayor

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM

House Resolution No. 15, entitled:

"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE COMPLAINTS OF SMALL FARMERS IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF TUPI, POLOMOLOK, AND TAMPAKAN, ALL IN SOUTH COTABATO, REGARDING THE DESTRUCTION OF THEIR FARMS AND DAMAGE TO THE ENVIRONMENT ALLEGEDLY CAUSED BY THE FARMING METHODS USED BY DOLE PHILIPPINES, INC. IN ITS PINEAPPLE PLANTATION IN THESE MUNICIPALITIES"

By Representative Montemayor

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Resolution No. 16, entitled:

"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON ECOLOGY, HEALTH, AGRARIAN REFORM, AND AGRICULTURE AND FOOD TO JOINTLY CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPACT OF THE WIDESPREAD CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF GOLF COURSES ON THE ENVIRONMENT, THE HEALTH, WATER AND FOOD SECURITY OF THE FILIPINO PEOPLE, AND THE TENURIAL SECURITY AND LIVELIHOOD OF FARMERS"

By Representative Montemayor

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Resolution No. 17, entitled:

"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEES ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND JUSTICE TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE MYSTERIOUS AND HIGHLY QUESTIONABLE DEATH OF FARMER BALBINO FERNANDEZ WHILE UNDER TACTICAL INTERROGATION BY AGENTS OF THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND THE REPORTEDLY ILLEGAL ARREST AND TORTURE OF FARMERS GELITO BAUTISTA AND RUBEN BALAGUER IN CONNECTION WITH THE MURDER OF PAUL AND MICHAEL QUINTOS IN MAMBURAO, MINDORO OCCIDENTAL LAST DECEMBER 13, 1997"

By Representative Montemayor

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL, POLITICAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Resolution No. 18, entitled:

"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD AND THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM TO JOINTLY CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CONDITION OF THE IFUGAO RICE TERRACES WITH THE END IN

VIEW OF RECOMMENDING POLICIES AND REMEDIAL MEASURES FOR THEIR PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION"

By Representative Montemayor  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD AND THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Resolution No. 19, entitled:

"RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO MAKE AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE FAILURE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO ENFORCE ITS ORDERS PARTICULARLY IN THE MATTER OF VIOLATION OF PD NO. 1586 AND ITS IMPLEMENTING RULES BY LABRADOR DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND STA. LUCIA REALTY DEVELOPMENT NO. 1586 TO GIVE MORE POWERS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES"

By Representative Liban  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Resolution No. 20, entitled:

"RESOLUTION URGING HIS EXCELLENCY, PRESIDENT JOSEPH E. ESTRADA, TO ISSUE A PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION TRANSFERRING OWNERSHIP OF 57.7 HECTARES OF LAND OF THE MT. MAKILING FOREST RESERVE PRESENTLY OCCUPIED BY THE BOY SCOUTS OF THE PHILIPPINES TO SAID ORGANIZATION TO BE USED AS ITS PERMANENT TRAINING AND CAMPING SITE"

By Representative Liban  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Resolution No. 21, entitled:

"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PROPOSED DEMOLITIONS OF INFORMAL OCCUPANTS IN THE SECOND DISTRICT OF QUEZON CITY WITH THE AIM AND VIEW OF ADOPTING POLICY ON DEMOLITION AND PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH THE DULY ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DISTRICT AND WITH THE FAMILIES AFFECTED THEREBY"

By Representative Liban  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 22, entitled:

"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF

LEGISLATION, ON THE PROPOSED PHONE METERING SYSTEM"

By Representative Liban  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

House Resolution No. 23, entitled:

"RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY TO WAIVE INTEREST AND PENALTY CHARGES FOR AWARDEES OF LOTS AT BARANGAY CAPRI, QUEZON CITY, METRO MANILA"

By Representative Liban  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 24, entitled:

"RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE APPARENT DISHONESTY, UNETHICAL CONDUCT, UNPROFESSIONALISM, INEFFICIENCY AND INEFFECTIVENESS OF THE INCUMBENT DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE AND SPORTS (DECS) REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION, AND TO RECOMMEND APPROPRIATE MEASURES THERETO"

By Representative Liban  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT

House Resolution No. 25, entitled:

"RESOLUTION URGING THE TWO WATER CONCESSIONAIRES, MANILA WATER COMPANY AND MAYNILAD WATER SERVICES, INC., TO EXPEDITE OR ACCELERATE THE REPAIR OF WATER LEAKS AND REDUCE ILLEGAL CONNECTIONS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS TO MAKE AVAILABLE MORE WATER TO THE CONSUMERS"

By Representative Teves  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Resolution No. 26, entitled:

"RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS AND THE NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY TO CONSIDER THE USE OF THE EVG WIRE MESH TECHNOLOGY AND SIMILAR TECHNOLOGIES IN THEIR VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL CONSTRUCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Aumentado  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND

HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING  
AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 27, entitled:

"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND HEALTH TO EXAMINE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE USE OF SCIENTIFICALLY VALIDATED MEDICINAL PLANTS AS A MAJOR STRATEGY TO MAKE MEDICINES MORE AFFORDABLE TO THE PUBLIC, AS WELL AS THE POTENTIAL OF MEDICINAL PLANTS PROCESSED INTO DOSAGE FORMULATIONS (TABLETS, CAPSULES, ETC.) AS A MAJOR VALUE-ADDED EXPORT PRODUCT, GIVEN THE EXPANDING WORLD MARKET FOR HERBAL MEDICINES"

By Representative Lara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Resolution No. 28, entitled:

"RESOLUTION OF BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS CALLING FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO, OR REVISION OF, THE CONSTITUTION OF THE PHILIPPINES"

By Representative Jaraula

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

House Resolution No. 29, entitled:

"RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE PHILIPPINES"

By Representative Laurel IV

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

House Resolution No. 30, entitled:

"RESOLUTION URGING THE NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION (NEA) TO IMMEDIATELY HOLD DISTRICT ELECTIONS FOR THE DAVAO DEL NORTE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE (DANECO), SETTING THE DATE THEREOF TO CHOOSE ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS"

By Representative Sarmiento

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Concurrent Resolution No. 2, entitled:

"CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROVIDING THAT THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HOLD A JOINT SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CALLING A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION"

By Representative Vergara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL  
AMENDMENTS

House Concurrent Resolution No. 3, entitled:

"CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONCURRING WITH PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 773 DATED 17 NOVEMBER 1970 ENTITLED 'EXCLUDING FROM THE BAGUIO TOWNSITE RESERVATION AND FROM THE OPERATION OF PROCLAMATION NO. 10 DATED 9 FEBRUARY 1924 AND PROCLAMATION NO. 63 DATED AUGUST 1925' WHICH ESTABLISHED THE FORBES PARK RESERVATION AND THE GOVERNMENT CENTER RESERVATION, RESPECTIVELY, ALL SITUATED IN THE CITY OF BAGUIO, ISLAND OF LUZON, CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE LAND EMBRACED THEREIN AND DECLARING THE SAME OPEN TO DISPOSITION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE PUBLIC LAND ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3092 WHICH AMENDED SECTION 1826 OF THE REVISED ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OR, AS MAY BE APPLICABLE, UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 730"

By Representative Vergara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Concurrent Resolution No. 4, entitled:

"CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION, PRINCIPALLY TO CONSIDER A CHANGE IN THE SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT FROM PRESIDENTIAL TO PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM"

By Representative Gullas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5, entitled:

"CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF SENATORS BY REGION; CHANGING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND ELECTIVE LOCAL OFFICIALS FROM THREE (3) YEARS TO FOUR (4) YEARS, AND THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE VICE-PRESIDENT FROM SIX (6) TO FOUR (4) YEARS WITH REELECTION FOR ANOTHER TERM, AND INCREASING THE CAPITAL OF FOREIGN INVESTORS IN CORPORATIONS OR ASSOCIATIONS ESTABLISHED IN THE PHILIPPINES"

By Representative Gullas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

MALACAÑANG  
MANILA

June 26, 1998

The Honorable  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Batasan Pambansa Bldg. Complex  
Quezon City

Gentlemen and Ladies of the House:

I am returning herewith, without my signature, enrolled House Bill No. 10392, entitled:

**"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE IN THE PROVINCE OF AURORA, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

The enrolled measure seeks to create a Special Ecozone (SEZ) in the Province of Aurora.

Among the salient provisions of the aforesaid Bill are:

(i) Sec. 4 (c) which provides that firms operating in Aurora Special Ecozone SEZ shall be subject to an eight (8%) percent final tax on net income in lieu of all national and local taxes, and

(ii) Sec. 17 which provides that incentives, powers, privileges, exemptions and immunities granted to Aurora SEZ shall also be granted to the Subic, Clark, Cagayan, Zamboanga City SEZs and other SEZs created under the PEZA Charter, and those granted to the latter shall be extended to the former.

All concerned departments and agencies (DOF, NEDA, PEZA and DBM) recommended the veto of enrolled House Bill No. 10392.

While DOF endorses the use of net income as tax base, it considers the eight percent (8%) rate provided in Sec. 4 (c) quite low compared to the five percent (5%) rate based on gross income, imposed on existing ecozone firms. This will result to a distortion in the income tax system especially between firms located within and outside the economic zones.

For its part, NEDA recognizes the importance of developing SEZs in support of the government's thrust to decentralize industrial development away from the capital region. However, a separate legislation on the creation of the SEZ in Aurora Province is no longer necessary. Under RA 7916 (The PEZA Law) the SEZ may be established through a Presidential Proclamation delineating the metes and bounds of the SEZ and direct action by PEZA.

PEZA submits that the enactment of a new legislation creating a government operated ecozone is contrary to its policy of encouraging private sector initiative. The government should merely administer the incentives and institute control and security measures in SEZs.

DBM shares the view of PEZA and likewise recommends veto of the measure.

Finally, the creation of a separate authority to manage and operate the proposed Aurora Province SEZ would be inconsistent with the established policy to streamline the

bureaucracy.

Considering the foregoing, and even while I fully recognize the laudable intent of the measure, I am constrained to veto enrolled House Bill No. 10392.

I wish to thank the Honorable Members of Congress, especially the members of the concerned committees, for their efforts in drafting and approving the Bill.

Very truly yours,

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

cc: Hon. Neptali A. Gonzales  
Senate President  
Manila

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter of Undersecretary Frumencio A. Lagustan, Office of the President, dated June 11, 1998, transmitting two (2) copies of Republic Act No. 8651 which was approved and signed on June 10, 1998 by His Excellency, President Fidel V. Ramos, entitled:

**"AN ACT CONVERTING THE ADIONG MEMORIAL POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DITSAAN-RAMAIN, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL SUR, INTO A STATE COLLEGE TO BE KNOWN AS THE ADIONG MEMORIAL STATE COLLEGE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"**

TO THE ARCHIVES

Letter of Undersecretary Frumencio A. Lagustan, Office of the President, dated June 22, 1998, transmitting two (2) copies of Republic Act No. 8657 which lapsed into law without the signature of the President, in accordance with Article VI, Section 27 (1) of the Constitution, entitled:

**"AN ACT GRANTING THE TRANSPACIFIC BROADCAST GROUP INTERNATIONAL, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, ESTABLISH, INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS FOR THE RECEPTION AND TRANSMISSION OF MESSAGES WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES"**

TO THE ARCHIVES

Letter of Undersecretary Frumencio A. Lagustan, Office of the President, dated June 23, 1998, transmitting two (2) copies each of Republic Act No. 8658 and Republic Act No. 8659 which were approved and signed on June 22, 1998 by His Excellency, President Fidel V. Ramos, as follows:

Republic Act No. 8658, entitled:

**"AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF**

VICENTE SOTTO MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER, LOCATED IN CEBU CITY, FROM FOUR HUNDRED (400) TO EIGHT HUNDRED (800) BED CAPACITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"; and

Republic Act No. 8659, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CENTRAL VISAYAS STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND TECHNOLOGY OUT OF THE INTEGRATION OF THE BOHOL AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BILAR, THE BOHOL SCHOOL OF ARTS AND TRADES IN THE CITY OF TAGBILARAN, THE BOHOL SCHOOL OF FISHERIES IN COGTONG IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CANDIJAY, THE CLARIN SCHOOL OF FISHERIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CLARIN AND THE CALAPE NATIONAL SCHOOL OF FISHERIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALAPE, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

TO THE ARCHIVES

Letter of Undersecretary Frumencio A. Lagustan, Office of the President, dated June 25, 1998, transmitting two (2) copies each of the following Republic Acts which lapsed into laws without the signature of the President, in accordance with Article VI, Section 27 (1) of the Constitution, as follows:

Republic Act No. 8660, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PAPAYA, TINGLOY, BATANGAS, TO BE KNOWN AS THE PAPAYA HIGH SCHOOL"

Republic Act No. 8661, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY JAYBANGA, LOBO, BATANGAS, TO BE KNOWN AS THE JAYBANGA HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

Republic Act No. 8662, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE LAS SALINAS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY LAS SALINAS, IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOAY, PROVINCE OF BOHOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

Republic Act No. 8663, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY KAUSWAGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF TRINIDAD, PROVINCE OF BOHOL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE KAUSWAGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL,

AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

Republic Act No. 8664, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY LAMPANUSAN, MUNICIPALITY OF KALILANGAN, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON, TO BE KNOWN AS THE LAMPANUSAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

Republic Act No. 8665, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NANAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY NANAN, MUNICIPALITY OF PAYAO, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

Republic Act No. 8666, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE DON BENITO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF POZORRUBIO, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN, INTO AN AGRO-INDUSTRIAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE DON BENITO AGRO-INDUSTRIAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

Republic Act No. 8667, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE BARANGAY HIGH SCHOOL AT BARANGAY SALVACION, BAYUGAN, AGUSAN DEL SUR, INTO A NATIONAL GOVERNMENT-FUNDED SECONDARY SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE SALVACION NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

Republic Act No. 8668, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE MANSILINGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF BACOLOD, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, INTO AN AGRO-INDUSTRIAL HIGH SCHOOL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE MANSILINGAN AGRO-INDUSTRIAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

Republic Act No. 8669, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE OF PALAWAN IN BARANGAY SIBALTAN, EL NIDO, PALAWAN, INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS SIBALTAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

Republic Act No. 8670, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY NATUNUAN SOUTH, SAN PASCUAL, BATANGAS, TO BE KNOWN AS THE FRANCISCO G. PEREZ MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

Republic Act No. 8671, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE CABILOAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOAC, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN, INTO AN AGRO-INDUSTRIAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE CABILOAN AGRO-INDUSTRIAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

Republic Act No. 8672, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE AMAMPEREZ NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLASIS, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN, INTO AN AGRO-INDUSTRIAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE AMAMPEREZ AGRO-INDUSTRIAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, and

Republic Act No. 8673, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE BARANGAY DARAT HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PINILI, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE, INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE PINILI NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL"

TO THE ARCHIVES

Letter of Undersecretary Frumencio A. Lagustan, Office of the President, dated June 26, 1998, transmitting two (2) copies each of the following Republic Acts which lapsed into laws without the signature of the President, in accordance with Article VI, Section 27 (1) of the Constitution, as follows:

Republic Act No. 8674, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING THE BONGAO NATIONWIDE TELEPHONE SYSTEM, INCORPORATED, A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, ESTABLISH, INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE LOCAL EXCHANGE NETWORK IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BONGAO, PROVINCE OF TAWI-TAWI"

Republic Act No. 8675, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING THE MATI TELEPHONE CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, ESTABLISH, INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE LOCAL

EXCHANGE NETWORK IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL"

Republic Act No. 8676, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING THE WESTERN MISAMIS ORIENTAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC., (WEMORTELCO) A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, ESTABLISH, INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE LOCAL EXCHANGE NETWORK IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF CLAVERIA, JASAAN, VILLANUEVA, TAGOLOAN, ALUBIJID, EL SALVADOR, GITAGUM, INITAO, LAGUINDINGAN, LIBERTAD, LUGAIT, MANTICAO, NAAWAN AND OPOL, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL"

Republic Act No. 8677, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING THE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS OF THE PHILIPPINES, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, ESTABLISH, INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE WIRE AND/OR WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES"

Republic Act No. 8678, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING THE SEAR TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, ESTABLISH, INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE WIRE AND/OR WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS IN THE PHILIPPINES"

Republic Act No. 8679, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING THE CORDOVA NEWS NETWORK, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES"

Republic Act No. 8680, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING THE MULTIPOINT BROADCASTING NETWORK, INCORPORATED, A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES"

Republic Act No. 8681, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING THE SULTAN KUDARAT ISLAMIC ACADEMY FOUNDATIONS, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO STATIONS ANYWHERE IN THE

## PHILIPPINES"

Republic Act No. 8682, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING THE VTV CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN COMMERCIAL RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

Republic Act No. 8683, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING THE QUIRINO BROADCASTING CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS IN THE PROVINCE OF QUIRINO"

Republic Act No. 8684, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING THE VOM BROADCASTING CORPORATION, A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES"

Republic Act No. 8685, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING THE PEC BROADCASTING CORPORATION, A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, ESTABLISH, INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES"

Republic Act No. 8686, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING THE MOUNTAIN VIEW COLLEGE OF SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A RADIO STATION IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VALENCIA, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON"; and

Republic Act No. 8687, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING THE WESTWIND BROADCASTING CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS IN THE VISAYAS AND MINDANAO"

TO THE ARCHIVES

Letter of Roberto B. Bautista, Director, Office of the President, dated July 1, 1998, transmitting two (2) copies each of Republic Act No. 8688 which was approved and signed on June 27, 1998 by His Excellency, President Fidel V. Ramos, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE CEBU STATE COLLEGE INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS

THE CEBU NORMAL UNIVERSITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"  
TO THE ARCHIVES

Letter of Honorable Jose C. Policarpio Jr., Presidential Adviser on Legislative Affairs, Office of the President, dated July 6, 1998, transmitting two (2) copies each of the following Republic Acts which lapsed into laws without the signature of the President, in accordance with Article VI, Section 27(1) of the Constitution, as follows:

Republic Act No. 8689, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING DIGITAL BROADCASTING CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO TELEVISION STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES"; and

Republic Act No. 8690, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING THE SANTOS TELEPHONE CORPORATION, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, ESTABLISH, INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE LOCAL EXCHANGE NETWORK IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF CALAUAG, LOPEZ, TAGKAWAYAN, GUINAYANGAN, PROVINCE OF QUEZON, THE MUNICIPALITY OF STA. ELENA, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES NORTE, AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAJAYJAY, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA"

TO THE ARCHIVES

Letter of Honorable Jose C. Policarpio Jr., Presidential Adviser on Legislative Affairs, Office of the President, dated July 6, 1998, transmitting two (2) copies each of the following Republic Acts which lapsed into laws without the signature of the President, in accordance with Article VI, Section 27(1) of the Constitution, as follows:

Republic Act No. 8691, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING THE MASAWA BROADCASTING CORPORATION (MBC) A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES"; and

Republic Act No. 8692, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING THE ZAMBALES BROADCASTING AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO STATIONS ANYWHERE IN THE PHILIPPINES"

TO THE ARCHIVES

**Report on the Implementation of Republic Act No. 7721 pursuant to Section 13 of Republic Act No. 7721, entitled "An Act Liberalizing the Entry and Scope of Operations of Foreign Banks in the Philippines and for other Purposes"**

**TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES**

**Monthly Progress Report of the National Irrigation Administration - Bohol Irrigation Project, Stage II as of March 31, 1998**

**TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD**

**Acceptance of legislative franchises by the Nation Broadcasting Corporation, RMC Telecommunications Consultants, Inc., Transpacific Broadcast Group International, Inc., Independent Telephone Company Inc., and Hi-Frequency Telecommunications, Inc.**

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**Acceptance of legislative franchises by the Exodus Broadcasting Company Inc., Southern Telecommunications Company Inc., Samartel, Inc., Digital Entertainment Corporation, Atlocom Wireless System, Inc. and General Telephone System**

**TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES**

**1992-1996 Audit Report on the North Danao Mining Corporation (NDMC)**

**TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**1995 Audit Report on the Cadiz City Water District, Cadiz City, Negros Occidental**

**TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**1995-1996 Audit Report on the National Sugar Refineries Corporation (NASUREFCO)**

**TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**1995 and 1996 Audit Report on the National Trucking and Forwarding Corporation**

**TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**1996 Audit Reports on the Miag-ao Water District, Miag-ao, Iloilo; the Philippine Veterans Investment Development Corporation; and the Philippine Import-Export Corporation**

**TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**1996 and 1997 Audit Report on the Hinigaran Water District, Hinigaran, Negros Occidental**

**TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**1997 Audit Reports on the Basilan State College, Zamboanga State College of Marine Sciences and Technology, Western Mindanao State University, Public Estates Authority, Philippine Convention of Visitors Corporation, Philippine International Trading Corporation, National Development Company, Food**

**Terminal Inc., National Electrification Administration, Philippine National Lines, PNOC Shipping and Transport Corporation, Philippine Cotton Corporation, UP-NDC Basilan Plantations, Inc., Asean Copper Products, Incorporated, Laguna Lake Development Authority, National Tobacco Administration, Cottage Industry Technology Center, Bases Conversion Development Authority, Philippine Tourism Authority, National Stevedoring and Lighterage Corporation, First Causte Industrial Estate, Inc., and National Library**

**TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**1997 Annual Audit Report on the status of the AFP Modernization Act Trust Fund (AFPMATF) and the AFP Modernization Program**

**TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE**

**Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 8550, entitled "The Philippine Fisheries Code of 1998"**

**TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE FISHERIES INDUSTRY**

**A presentation of the MWSS Privatization by Dr. Angel L. Lazaro, Administrator, MWSS**

**TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS**

**Request of Digital Entertainment Corporation to rectify printing error in Republic Act No. 8611, particularly Section 13**

**TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES**

**Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Circular Numbered 167, Series of 1998, dated May 20, 1998**

**TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES**

**Presidential issuances received by the Secretariat of the House of Representatives, as follows:**

**Memorandum Orders Numbered 474, 476 and 482;**

**Memorandum Circular Numbered 173;**

**Proclamations Numbered 1197 to 1199, 1201 to 1203, 1205, 1207, 1208, 1210 to 1212, 1216 to 1218, 1222 and 1225**

**TO THE ARCHIVES**

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#### **ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS**

**Rep. Raul M. Gonzalez for House Bills No. 56 and 703.**

**Rep. Leviste for House Bill No. 56.**

**Rep. Rolex T. Sulpico for House Bills No. 26, 30, 56, 58, 66, 87, 89, 90, 229, 263 and 275 and House Resolution No. 7.**

**Rep. Joy Young for House Bills No. 47, 48, 89, and 91.**

**Rep. Ariel A. Zartiga for House Bill No. 28.**

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#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

*At 6:29 p.m., the Chair suspended the session.*

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#### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

*At 6:30 p.m., the session was resumed.*

THE SPEAKER. The session is resumed.

RECONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL  
OF THE JOURNAL

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker, may I move for the reconsideration of approval of the Journal yesterday as the Secretariat has received some other information, and so that we may correct one or two other pieces of information contained therein.

THE SPEAKER. Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker, the Secretariat is in receipt of information from the office of the Gentleman from the Fourth District of Negros Occidental, the Honorable Carlos Cojuangco, that he was not late in yesterday's session. So may I ask the Secretary General to correct the Journal accordingly.

THE SPEAKER. The Secretary General is directed to correct the Journal.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. ROXAS. There being no other corrections, Mr. Speaker, I move for the approval of the Journal, as corrected.

THE SPEAKER. Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The Journal of yesterday's session, as corrected, is approved.

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we continue with the organization of the House through the election of the Deputy Speakers. Accordingly, I move that we open the period of nomination for Deputy Speakers.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Gentleman from the Third District of Quezon City is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I raised a while ago an objection to the Calendar of Business for the Day. We agreed yesterday that the Rules would be adopted provisionally so that we could be guided in the proceedings in the coming sessions.

Mr. Speaker, may I reiterate the motion of Rep. Roxas based on page 28 of the Journal, to wit:

Rep. Roxas reiterated his motion for the provisional adoption of the Rules of the Tenth Congress to govern the proceedings until such time that the Eleventh Congress can promulgate its own Rules.

Mr. Speaker, the minority wanted that only certain provisions be adopted because we want to propose some amendments to the Rules so as to fit the perspective of the leadership of the House, particularly to reform not only the committees but also certain positions.

Section 10, Rule III, of the provisional Rules or the Rules of

the Tenth Congress provides that the duties and powers of the Deputy Speakers are limited only to three. Experience from the Tenth Congress has shown that the Deputy Speakers have limited duties delegated to them by the Speaker. With that, we believe that we do not need three Deputy Speakers in this Chamber.

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Acting Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. ROXAS. The remarks of the Gentleman are in the nature of a motion to amend the Rules. If that is his desire, then I move that we proceed to vote on his motion to amend the Rules.

But before we do so, may I manifest on the floor that there was no such agreement. I am not aware of any person he referred to earlier in his remarks. I certainly am not aware as to who the Gentleman from Quezon City was conversing with when he arrived at that agreement. There was no such agreement that the election of the Deputy Speakers would be deferred until such time as the Members may decide to amend the Rules to provide for only one Deputy Speaker. Notwithstanding that and if that is the desire of the Gentleman from Quezon City, he is entirely within his rights to move for an amendment to the Rules. It is so provided in the Rules.

May I ask for a one-minute suspension of the session.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

THE SPEAKER. The session is suspended.

*It was 6:34 p.m.*

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 6:38 p.m., the session was resumed.*

THE SPEAKER. The session is resumed.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Gentleman from Quezon City is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, for point of reference, I would like to inquire regarding a situation wherein we have already elected three Deputy Speakers but, in the future, the House amends the Rules and allows only one Deputy Speaker. What will be the situation in the Chamber then?

THE SPEAKER. The Acting Floor Leader will please respond.

REP. ROXAS. If the House adopts an amendment to the Rules that provides for only one Deputy Speaker, then the House

will move accordingly and elect only one Deputy Speaker or Speaker Pro Tempore. But our present Rules provide for three Deputy Speakers, so my motion was to continue with the organization of the House through the election of the Deputy Speakers as provided in the Rules.

REP. DEFENSOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ROXAS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I move that we proceed to the election of the Deputy Speakers and accordingly open the nominations for the same. I have here, Mr. Speaker, reservations to render nominating speeches.

And may I just ask for a one-minute suspension of the session to ensure that these Members are in fact on the floor.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

THE SPEAKER. The session is suspended.

*It was 6:40 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 6:49 p.m., the session was resumed.*

THE SPEAKER. The session is resumed.

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we proceed to the election of the Deputy Speakers.

THE SPEAKER. Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we proceed to the nomination and ask that we recognize the Honorable Eleandro Jesus Madrona from the Lone District of Romblon for his nomination speech.

THE SPEAKER. The distinguished Gentleman from the Lone District of Romblon, the Honorable Madrona, is recognized.

#### NOMINATION SPEECH OF REP. MADRONA

REP. MADRONA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, my dear colleagues: I rise today to speak of a man we know will soon be one of our Deputy Speakers, who will bring to the fore the sovereign hopes and aspirations of our brethren from the northern part of our country, the Island of Luzon.

In all the positions of power and responsibility that he occupied, his talents have always exceeded his duties and his offices had always been inadequate to contain his merits and qualifications. With his management skills, accumulated wisdom and robust vision for our country, he is well equipped to help steer the House through the years ahead as shown by his competence displayed during the Ninth and Tenth Congresses

wherein he often acted as Presiding Officer and Acting Floor Leader.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and privilege to nominate for the position of Deputy Speaker the distinguished Gentleman from the Second District of Palawan, the Honorable Alfredo Amor Abueg Jr.

Thank you.

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Acting Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. ROXAS. May I request that we recognize the distinguished Gentleman from the First District of Cavite, the Honorable Plaridel Abaya.

THE SPEAKER. The distinguished Gentleman from the First District of Cavite, the Honorable Abaya, is recognized.

#### REMARKS OF REP. ABAYA SECONDING THE NOMINATION

REP. ABAYA. Mr. Speaker and distinguished colleagues, it is a great honor for me to second the nomination of a man who will be one of the next Deputy Speakers of this House, with the monumental task of leading and redirecting our country to the path of progress and prosperity.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to second the nomination for Deputy Speaker of our colleague, Honorable Alfredo Amor E. Abueg Jr., from the Second District of Palawan.

THE SPEAKER. The Acting Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Gentleman from Zamboanga City, the Honorable Celso Lobregat.

THE SPEAKER. The distinguished Gentleman from the Lone District of Zamboanga City, the Honorable Celso Lobregat, is recognized.

#### NOMINATION SPEECH OF REP. LOBREGAT

REP. LOBREGAT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure, distinct privilege and honor of this humble Representation from Zamboanga City, which is the pride of Mindanao, to nominate the gracious Lady from the Second District of South Cotabato, Congresswoman Daisy Avance-Fuentes, for the position of Deputy Speaker.

Congresswoman Fuentes represents South Cotabato which is the heart of Mindanao. It is time to give greater voice to Mindanao in these hallowed halls. More than just geographic constituency, Congresswoman Avance-Fuentes represents the Filipino woman for this decade and for the coming millennium. It is time to share leadership in these hallowed halls with the Filipino woman who comprises half of the population of the Philippines.

By her own right, Congresswoman Avance-Fuentes deserves this nomination. She has distinguished herself in the Ninth and Tenth Congresses as an able, upright and fearless legislator whose track record is beyond compare. If I may be allowed to say so, despite great pressure even from the highest power of the land and ignoring numerous threats on her very life and family, this gentle but fearless woman from South Cotabato, together with two other lady Representatives from Mindanao, Congresswoman Luwalhati Antonino from the First District of South Cotabato and then Congresswoman, now Mayor, Ma. Clara Lobregat of Zamboanga City, relentlessly stood for the rights of millions of Mindanaoans in the fight against forced inclusion in the undemocratic and ill-conceived Southern Philippines Council for Peace and Development (SPCPD).

Perhaps, it is not inappropriate to quote one great citizen of this world, an erstwhile parliamentarian, who once said in another time and another place: "Never have so many owed so much to so few."

In the largest scheme of things, more than just a living example of a Filipino woman, Representative Daisy Fuentes has time and again championed Filipino dignity and the rights of every Filipino – man, woman and child. Hence, today this humble Representation from Zamboanga City urges his colleagues to herald a historic benchmark in the annals of Philippine legislature by electing Congresswoman Daisy Avance-Fuentes as the first Filipino woman to serve as Deputy Speaker – a Deputy Speaker who will serve the Eleventh Congress and our Republic with duty, honor and country embedded in her mind and inflamed in her heart.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. *(Applause)*

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker,

THE SPEAKER. The Acting Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. ROXAS. To embody unity in the island of Mindanao, I ask that we recognize the Gentleman from the First District of Maguindanao, the Honorable Didagen Dilangalen, who shall second the nomination.

THE SPEAKER. The distinguished Gentleman from the First District of Maguindanao, the Honorable Didagen Dilangalen, is recognized.

#### SPEECH OF REP. DILANGALEN SECONDING THE NOMINATION

REP. DILANGALEN. Mr. Speaker and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives, Assalamu Alaikum Warahmatullahi Taalah Wabarakatuh. Peace be upon all of you and good evening.

It is my distinct honor and privilege to second the nomination of a colleague from Mindanao who, I think, can ably represent Mindanao as Deputy Speaker of this august Body. Mindanao is on the road to recovery after over a quarter of a century of war and devastation. Mindanao therefore necessitates able representation in this august Assembly to accelerate its fast-track development through relevant economic, social and political

legislations especially with the signing of the formal peace agreement between the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) and the government, and considering the ongoing peace talks with the other secessionist group which is the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF). There is therefore an urgent necessity that the Deputy Speaker for Mindanao be equipped with the necessary knowledge to meet the compelling needs of the time, namely, the forging of just, honorable and lasting peace in Mindanao and the corresponding programs for the accelerated social and economic recovery of the South. I firmly believe this honorable Body can effectively address these concerns, more so, if guided by a leader who has full grasp of the social, political and economic conditions obtaining in the area. Nothing is more appropriate than choosing as Deputy Speaker for Mindanao, one who can readily meet the challenges of the times with vigor, determination and utmost sincerity.

With these as the main concerns, it is therefore my honor and privilege to second the nomination of the honorable Lady from the Second District of South Cotabato, Congresswoman Daisy Avance-Fuentes, for the position of Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives for Mindanao.

Assalamu Alaikum Warahmatullahi Taalah Wabarakatuh.  
Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker, I ask that we recognize the honorable Gentleman from the Second District of Cebu Province, the Honorable Simeon Kintanar, who shall nominate another candidate.

THE SPEAKER. The distinguished Gentleman from the Second District of Cebu, the Honorable Kintanar, is recognized.

#### NOMINATION SPEECH OF REP. KINTANAR

REP. KINTANAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I am a new Member of this House and being a first timer, I am very happy that I rise for the first time to do a very pleasant task. The Gentleman that I will be nominating is somebody that I have known professionally for 25 years.

For 10 years he had been governor of the Province of Cebu —the only person who served that long. During this time, he was the chairman of the regional development council of Region VII and was responsible for guiding a very important project – the Central Visayas Regional Project. Perhaps, it was during his time that the now popular buzzword "people empowerment" really started. This is because during his time and because of his projects, this Gentleman was able to champion the cause of the hilly land farmers, the miserable fishermen and the forest dwellers. He was able to provide the kind of environment that enabled them to learn how to govern and to organize themselves, and to provide for their own livelihood in Central Visayas.

In fact, as I was his consultant, it was also during this time that he brought me along to many barangays all over the region doing his very exciting "harana sa barangay."

For the information of the Members of this august Body, this Gentleman that I am nominating is not only very good in legislation, but he can really literally serenade the farmers and the fishermen. We will give a sample later.

As a Congressman, he served for 33 months during the Seventh Congress and for six years during the Ninth and Tenth Congresses. During this period, he put up 22 national high schools in the Second District of Cebu and completed the construction of five sports and cultural complexes.

As a legislator, during the Tenth Congress, he principally authored at least 18 laws and filed 133 bills, 28 of which were of national significance.

His qualities are well known in our province. He is very competent and diligent. He is always dedicated. But to this Representation, the most important is, in spite of all his achievements, he is very low-key and self-effacing to a fault.

My distinguished colleagues, it is my privilege and honor to nominate this evening a person who we respect and love in the Province of Cebu, the Honorable Eduardo R. Gullas of the Second District of Cebu.

Thank you. *(Applause)*

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker, I ask that we recognize the distinguished Gentleman from Cebu City north, the Honorable Raoul Del Mar.

THE SPEAKER. The distinguished Gentleman from the First District of Cebu City, the Honorable Del Mar, is recognized.

#### SPEECH OF REP. DEL MAR SECONDING THE NOMINATION

REP. DEL MAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker and esteemed colleagues, I am most honored to second the nomination of the Honorable Eduardo R. Gullas as Deputy Speaker for the Visayas.

As I was approaching the rostrum, Congressman Gullas gestured that I should make my nomination speech short, not exceeding one minute. Of course, in the process, he was practically asking me to forgo my mentioning his long list of qualifications and accomplishments.

I am nominating a man who is known to most of us here. To his colleagues in the Visayas in this Congress, he comes easily as the most qualified and the most senior, not in age but in years of dedicated legislative service, having served as a legislator for 11 years, a career that started in the Seventh Congress from 1969 to this Eleventh Congress.

His legislative record speaks of a brilliant and exemplary work as a legislator and all the virtues that go with it.

On top of his impressive legislative record, he also distinguished himself in the executive department as an outstanding governor of the Province of Cebu for 10 years, as well as a member of the seven-man executive committee in which he served as vice-president for three years, from 1981 to 1984.

In closing, let me just state that I will always remember what I have been told by my colleagues—that whenever they use the terms “honorable” and “gentleman” to address Congressman Gullas as a Member of Congress, they use them in the most sincere way to capture the essence of the man: honorable and a gentleman in his public and private life.

Again, it is my pleasure to second the nomination of the Gentleman as Deputy Speaker, an honor that is richly deserved.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and esteemed colleagues.

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker, the Secretariat has just received information that another Gentleman from the Second District of Iloilo wishes to second the nomination of the Honorable Eduardo Gullas.

THE SPEAKER. The distinguished Gentleman from the Second District of Iloilo, the Honorable Augusto Syjuco, is recognized.

#### REMARKS OF REP. SYJUCO SECONDING THE NOMINATION

REP. SYJUCO. Mr. Speaker, it is a distinct honor and a great privilege to second the nomination of the Gentleman from the First District of Cebu, the Honorable Eduardo Rivero Gullas. Congressman Gullas, as mentioned earlier, had served as governor of the Province of Cebu for 10 years, and he has served for over 11 years as a distinguished Member of Congress. Congressman Gullas' humility is exceeded only by his vast experience, his proven capability, his doubtless integrity and his indefatigable dedication. I know that the Honorable Gullas will serve and will do great honor to the House of Representatives, and he will be a most outstanding Representative from the Visayan region. Ginadayaw ko si Congressman Gullas and I second his nomination.

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker, no other Member has made a reservation. I understand that the Gentleman from Davao City wishes to address the Body.

THE SPEAKER. The Gentleman from Davao City is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (M.). Mr. Speaker, the two Gentlemen and the Lady from Mindanao truly deserve to be the Deputy Speakers for the three regions. But since the Honorable Abueg represents Palawan, the Honorable Daisy Fuentes represents Mindanao, the Honorable Gullas represents Cebu, and the Speaker comes from Metro Manila, I am proposing that we get someone from Northern and Central Luzon to represent Luzon. I have in mind the Lady from Aurora, Congresswoman Bellafior Angara-Castillo.

Maybe we should have four instead of three so that all the main islands would really be properly represented.

THE SPEAKER. The Acting Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker, if the Gentleman from Davao City wishes to nominate the Lady from Aurora for the position, then he is entitled to do so. Regrettably, our Rules only provide for three Deputy Speakers. If we follow the suggestion of the Gentleman from Quezon City to reduce the number of Deputy Speakers to one or if we follow the suggestion of the Gentleman from Davao City to increase the number of Deputy Speakers to

five or maybe even 12, at the appropriate time, there will be room for four, if not five, six, seven, eight, nine, or 10 Deputy Speakers. However, at the moment, there is only room for three Deputy Speakers.

I understand that the Lady from Aurora wishes to be recognized.

THE SPEAKER. The Lady from Aurora is recognized.

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the Gentleman from Davao for nominating this Representation to the position of Deputy Speaker for Luzon. However, I am not interested in the position not because I do not want to serve the House but because I think the three nominees deserve to be elected as Deputy Speakers of the House.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. *(Applause)*

THE SPEAKER. The Gentleman from Davao City is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (M.). Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

During the last Tenth Congress, we had for the first time three Deputy Speakers. We had a problem then because when Rep. Raul Daza was elected as the sole Speaker Pro Tempore during the Ninth Congress, he felt that he was the most senior of the three Deputy Speakers. So when we elected the two other Deputy Speakers representing Luzon and Mindanao in the persons of Reps. Hernando Perez and Simeon Datumanong, respectively, there was a problem on seniority. My question is: As we now nominate these three candidates, and I am sure there will be no opponents, how will we rank them? Will it be ladies first – meaning, Rep. Fuentes as Deputy Speaker 1? Or, shall we rank them by age? I do not know who is older. *(Laughter)* I am asking because we may have the same problem as we experienced in the last Congress. Rep. Raul Daza insisted that he was Deputy Speaker 1, the Senior Deputy Speaker.

Maybe, we can propose this matter to the Speaker and for the Body to consider it. Who will we consider as the most senior of the three in terms of taking over in case the Speaker decides to give the function or duties to any of the Deputy Speakers?

THE SPEAKER. The Acting Floor Leader will please respond.

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker, our Rules do not provide for the position of Senior Deputy Speaker. In fact, Rule III, Section 9, simply says:

There shall be three Deputy Speakers who shall be elected in the same manner as the Speaker.

Moreover, Mr. Speaker, in the event that there is a vacancy in the position of Speaker, the Rules say that one of the Deputy Speakers, as the Members may choose by a majority vote among themselves, shall likewise assume the duties and powers of the Speaker until a new Speaker is elected and qualified. Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, it contemplates only a temporary situation, in the event of death or resignation or vacancy in the

Office of the Speaker, until the Body in plenary session decides who will be the Speaker. There is no position of Deputy Speaker, which I am sure our distinguished colleague from Maguindanao will now confirm.

THE SPEAKER. The Gentleman from the First District of Bohol, Rep. Ernesto Herrera, is recognized.

REP. HERRERA (E.F.). Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ESPINA. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Gentleman from Biliran is recognized.

REP. ESPINA. I agree with the information provided by the Acting Floor Leader that there is no provision in the Rules that ranks the three Deputy Speakers and neither is there a provision that states that there shall be a Deputy Speaker for Luzon, for the Visayas and for Mindanao. I was wondering why the nominations mentioned the region or the island where these three Deputy Speakers are to be elected. Because if they are to be elected to represent Mindanao, then I dare say that I will not participate because I am not from Mindanao. I believe it would be wrong for all Members coming from other provinces and other regions to participate in the election of the Deputy Speaker that will represent a particular portion of the country.

So I suggest that we correct and, perhaps, delete from the nomination the mention of Deputy Speaker for Mindanao, Deputy Speaker for Luzon and Deputy Speaker for the Visayas. Then later on, through an arrangement with the Speaker, we may assign particular functions to each Deputy Speaker. But definitely, we should not elect a Deputy Speaker for Mindanao, for the Visayas, or for Luzon, because such cannot be found in the Rules of the House.

REP. DATUMANONG. Mr. Speaker, point of clarification.

REP. ESPINA. Maybe later, the Speaker can make the arrangement as what former Speaker De Venecia did. We elected three Deputy Speakers and then the Speaker made arrangements: "Ikaw ang bahala sa Mindanao; ikaw ang bahala sa Visayas; ikaw ang bahala sa Luzon." But putting on record that they are nominated as Deputy Speaker for Mindanao, as Deputy Speaker for the Visayas and as Deputy Speaker for Luzon, I believe, is wrong and violates the Rules of the House as provisionally adopted.

REP. DATUMANONG. Mr. Speaker.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

THE SPEAKER. With the permission of the Gentlemen on the floor, the session is suspended.

*It was 7:15 p.m.*

## RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 7:16 p.m., the session was resumed.*

THE SPEAKER. The session is resumed.

REP. DATUMANONG. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The distinguished Gentleman from the Second District of Maguindanao, Rep. Simeon Datumanong, is recognized.

REP. HERRERA (E.F.). Mr. Speaker, I think I was recognized earlier.

THE SPEAKER. Yes, Rep. Ernesto Herrera is recognized first.

REP. DATUMANONG. Mr. Speaker, I am willing to yield to the Gentleman from Bohol but with the reservation that immediately after him, I will be recognized.

THE SPEAKER. We thank the Gentleman for the gesture.

REMARKS OF REP. HERRERA (E.F.)  
SECONDING THE NOMINATION

REP. HERRERA (E.F.). Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would just like to put on record that I would like to second the nomination of Rep. Eduardo Gullas. Mr. Speaker, may I be allowed to submit a written explanation of why I would like to second the nomination.\*

Briefly, let me state that Representative Gullas is an embodiment of a very competent leader. He is very experienced and well-educated. He is one leader who can really inspire and who has the capacity to lead, Mr. Speaker.

With that, Mr. Speaker, thank you.

THE SPEAKER. The statement of the Gentleman from Bohol is noted.

REP. DATUMANONG. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Gentleman from Maguindanao is recognized.

REP. DATUMANONG. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I sought recognition, first, because I have a point of information to convey to the august Chamber, and, second, because my name was mentioned by our colleague, the Gentleman from Davao City.

Mr. Speaker, on the matter of the position of Deputy Speaker, under the Rules of the House of the Tenth Congress there is a provision for Deputy Speakers. There was an initial proposal for the creation of three Deputy Speaker positions to take the place of the Speaker Pro Tempore and to represent each of the main regions of the country, namely: Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao. Specifically, it was provided in the first

proposal that this be the arrangement, but the Gentleman from the then Lone District of Makati rose to say that the reference to Deputy Speaker for Luzon, for the Visayas and for Mindanao should be removed and instead the three Deputy Speakers should be just Deputy Speakers and any of them could be as good as the other two. There was no such position as Senior Deputy Speaker. It only happened that our colleague, then the honorable Rep. Raul Daza, served as Speaker Pro Tempore of the Ninth Congress and he thought that he should receive a certain degree of seniority. So, once in a while he would refer to himself as the Senior Deputy Speaker to which we did not object, not because it was the truth but because there was nothing that could harm the arrangement of the position of Deputy Speaker in the House anyway. But the truth of the matter is, there is no such thing as Senior Deputy Speaker, or as the Gentleman from Davao City would like it, No. 1 Deputy Speaker, No. 2 Deputy Speaker and No. 3 Deputy Speaker. All the three Deputy Speakers are of the same rank although they are supposed to represent the regions of Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao, respectively, in order that no one region should be left out in the leadership of the House.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. SYJUCO. Mr. Speaker.

REP. BATERINA. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Chair takes note of the comments of the Gentleman from Maguindanao.

REP. SYJUCO. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Gentleman from Iloilo is recognized.

REP. BATERINA. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Honorable Baterina is recognized.

REP. BATERINA. May I know the parliamentary situation now, Mr. Speaker?

THE SPEAKER. The Acting Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker, we are now in the midst of nominating the Deputy Speaker and we have been somewhat sidetracked by this discussion which I believe may be healthy for the House Members themselves, so that they will know the background as to why the position of Speaker Pro Tempore became Deputy Speakers, in fact, three Deputy Speakers. We are in the process of nominating the three Deputy Speakers.

REP. BATERINA. As a continuation, Mr. Speaker, the statement of the former Deputy Speaker Datumanong is a voluntary statement or a point of information to the House. Is that correct?

REP. ROXAS. That is correct, Mr. Speaker.

\* Not available as of press time.

REP. BATERINA. May I just say as an afterthought that the statement of former Deputy Speaker Datumanong is correct, because one cannot regionalize talent.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ROXAS. Thank you.

REP. SYJUCO. Point of clarification and information, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Gentleman from Iloilo is recognized.

REP. SYJUCO. Mr. Speaker, I wish to respond to the remarks made by the Gentleman from Biliran. While I do not disagree with the main points that he brought out, on the other hand, I would like to remind the Gentleman from Biliran that in the past deliberative body in which he and I participated in the 1971 Constitutional Convention, there were vice-presidents for Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao, respectively. If the Gentleman from Biliran will remember, both he and this Representation ran as candidates for vice-president for Luzon.

The point of clarification that I would like to make is, as early as 1971 it seemed to be a good idea to have an equitable distribution of responsibilities among the three regions. As I understand now, this tradition has been followed in the past Congress. So, I would like my friend, the Gentleman from Biliran, to please consider that electing Deputy Speakers is indeed an equitable way of distributing shared responsibilities.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ESPINA. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Gentleman from Biliran is recognized.

REP. ESPINA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I fully agree with the Gentleman, my colleague in the 1971 Con-Con, that it is the most equitable way of distributing influence, authority, power and whatever. But it is neither here nor there. The point now is, are we following the Rules in the present election of Deputy Speakers? I am for electing as many Deputy Speakers. But whatever it is, the Rule says, three Deputy Speakers without mentioning Mindanao, Visayas or Luzon. I believe there should be an arrangement between the Speaker and the three Deputies.

So, I would appeal to the Members that in voting for these three, let us disregard whether they are from Mindanao, the Visayas, or Luzon, and perhaps later let the Speaker assign their particular responsibilities or jurisdictions.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Acting Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker, the issue has been well ventilated and I am sure the entire membership has benefited from the discussion. Nonetheless, we are in the process of

nomination. Since no other Member has stood up nor made a reservation to nominate any other candidate, I move that we close the period of nomination.

THE SPEAKER. Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The Gentleman from Camarines Sur is recognized.

REP. FUENTEBELLA. If we are now in the process of continuing the procedure on the voting, may I be allowed to raise a parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

There are three positions which are being considered by the House right now and there are only three nominees. According to the Rules, the three Deputy Speakers shall be elected in the same manner as the Speaker. My first question is: What is the required number of votes in order to elect the Deputy Speakers?

THE SPEAKER. The Acting Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. ROXAS. Majority, in the same manner as the Speaker.

REP. FUENTEBELLA. Majority of all the Members. Is that correct?

REP. ROXAS. That is correct, Mr. Speaker.

REP. FUENTEBELLA. In that case, how many exactly?

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. ROXAS. May I ask for a one-minute suspension of the session so that we may ascertain what constitutes the majority.

THE SPEAKER. The session is suspended for one minute.

*It was 7:26 p.m..*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 7:27 p.m., the session was resumed.*

THE SPEAKER. The session is resumed.

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker, the number is 109.

REP. FUENTEBELLA. All right. My next question is: How are we going to vote? There are three candidates. Are we going to vote for the three simultaneously or are we going to vote for each candidate individually?

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker, considering that there are only three candidates for the three positions, then presumably they are elected by acclamation unanimously.

REP. FUENTEBELLA. Supposing somebody stands up, I do not think we can elect by acclamation, because the Rule says the election should be by *viva voce* voting and, therefore, every Member of the House must be called to stand up and elect individually each candidate for Deputy Speaker.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. ROXAS. May I ask for a one-minute suspension of the session, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The session is suspended.

*It was 7:28 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 7:30 p.m., the session was resumed.*

THE SPEAKER. The session is resumed.

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Acting Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. ROXAS. The Gentleman from Biliran has an appropriate solution which is acceptable.

REP. FUENTEBELLA. Mr. Speaker, I still have the floor.

THE SPEAKER. The Gentleman from the Third District of Camarines Sur is recognized.

REP. FUENTEBELLA. With due respect to my colleague from Biliran, I am raising this inquiry to avoid any question on the technicality of the election of officers of the House, particularly the Deputy Speakers, considering that we have approved the provisional Rules yesterday and we are violating them on the second day.

I am raising this question to know the position of the House with respect to the election of the three Deputy Speakers. After all, I know that there will be no other nominations nor would other candidates interested in the position, except for, I think, the Gentleman from Bulacan, Congressman Ricardo Silverio. I am just raising this parliamentary inquiry to make a clarification and to establish a precedent on this particular aspect.

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker,

THE SPEAKER. The Acting Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker, there has been no violation of the Rules. The fact that there are only three positions and three candidates, effectively the House is unanimous in its stand. There is a motion for the unanimous election of the two Gentlemen and the Lady. So, there was no violation nor has there been an attempt to violate the Rules.

Nonetheless, I move that the Gentleman from Biliran be

allowed to make a manifestation.

REP. SILVERIO. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Gentleman from Bulacan is recognized.

REP. SILVERIO. While I was sitting at the back, I heard my name mentioned by the Gentleman from Camarines Sur. Mr. Speaker, I am not interested in being elected as one of the Deputy Speakers as he alleged I am.

However, I would like to comment. Since there are three nominees and there are no objections to the nomination of the three, I move that we adopt their nomination by acclamation.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Gentleman from Biliran is recognized.

REP. ESPINA. Mr. Speaker, I have a privileged motion. But before that the problem is this: Under the Rules, the three Deputy Speakers are to be elected in the same manner as the Speaker is. And what is the manner by which the Speaker is to be elected? First, that he shall be elected by the majority of all the Members. Second, that the manner of voting should be by *viva voce*. There are three of them and there are over 200 of us. So the problem is if we vote individually, it might take us up to 3:00 a.m.

Nonetheless, there is a way through that problem. It is simple: By leave of this House I move that we elect the three Deputy Speakers unanimously. Why did I say, "by leave of the House"? It is indirectly suspending the Rules. And the Rules say that if we suspend the Rules by leave of the House and the House agrees, then we can elect the three Deputy Speakers in two minutes and we shall have complied with our duty. So that is the motion, Mr. Speaker. By leave of the House, I move that we elect the three Deputy Speakers unanimously since there are other candidates for Deputy Speakers.

REP. GOLEZ. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Gentleman from Parañaque, the Honorable Roilo Golez, is recognized.

REP. GOLEZ. Thank you.

I fully appreciate the suggestion of the Gentleman from Biliran to make it more convenient for us to elect the three Deputy Speakers. The problem is that his suggestion may be a defective application of the Rules because Section 124, Rule XXII, is very clear—that only the Committee on Rules can move for the suspension of the Rules. There is no Committee on Rules right now. Not only that, we have to go into the process of voting for us to suspend the Rules. So, we are in a parliamentary fix.

Perhaps, we can postpone the voting until tomorrow.

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker.

## SUSPENSION OF SESSION

THE SPEAKER. The session is suspended for one minute.

*It was 7:35 p.m.*

## RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 7:35 p.m., the session was resumed.*

THE SPEAKER. The session is resumed.

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker, inasmuch as several of our Members would like to go through the motion of voting by *viva voce*, by roll call, particularly the Gentlemen from Parafaque, from Camarines Sur, from Biliran—and I understand now, the Gentleman from Quezon City wishes not to vote as part of the unanimous vote but to render an abstention—I ask that the Secretary General now call the roll.

REP. BATERINA. Mr. Speaker.

REP. MACIAS. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Gentleman from the Second District of Negros Oriental is recognized.

REP. BATERINA. Mr. Speaker.

REP. MACIAS. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

## SUSPENSION OF SESSION

THE SPEAKER. With the permission of the Gentlemen on the floor, the session is suspended.

*It was 7:36 p.m.*

## RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 7:42 p.m., the session was resumed.*

THE SPEAKER. The session is resumed.

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker.

REP. ESPINA. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Gentleman from Biliran is recognized.

REP. ROXAS. With the permission of the Gentleman from Biliran, may I first manifest the parliamentary status, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the Gentleman from Camarines Sur has made a parliamentary inquiry and it was not in the form of a motion. I believe that the response had been satisfactory, that per general parliamentary practice and precedents in particular in 1995, the

election then of the Honorable Datumanong, Perez and Daza was all by acclamation inasmuch as there were only three candidates for the three positions.

Mr. Speaker, the suggestion of the Gentleman from Biliran is in consonance with the view that indeed with only three candidates and three positions, the vote is unanimous.

The Gentleman from Quezon City now simply wishes to make a reservation that his joining in the unanimous vote does not preclude him from rising later to introduce an amendment to the Rules reducing the three Deputy Speakers' positions to only one – the Speaker Pro Tempore.

Mr. Speaker, that is the parliamentary status. The Gentleman from Biliran wishes to rise on a different matter.

REP. ESPINA. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Gentleman from Biliran is recognized.

REP. ESPINA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is in relation to the subject – not really a different matter – in response to the manifestation of the Gentleman from Parafaque that this Representation was wrong in his motion, in his suggestion.

I would like to correct that impression, Mr. Speaker. While it is true that the Committee on Rules has the authority to suspend the Rules, tradition and parliamentary procedure say that there is none more powerful than the power of the plenary session. The Committee on Rules is just a creation of the plenary. And that is why I preceded my motion by saying: "With leave of the House." So the moment the House agrees with that, the provision of the Rules that only the Committee on Rules can move for a suspension of the Rules will be for naught. So, this Representation is not wrong because there is none more powerful than the plenary session itself. And knowing that, I preceded my motion by saying, "With leave of the House." Since there are only three nominees, let us unanimously elect or proclaim these three. Wala namang ibang kalaban.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The honorable Gentleman from Parafaque is recognized.

REP. GOLEZ. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the parliamentary wisdom of the Gentleman from Biliran considering that he has more years of experience than this Representation.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Acting Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no objection, I move that we unanimously elect the three Deputy Speakers, namely: the Honorable Alfredo Amor Abueg from Palawan, the Honorable Daisy Avance-Fuentes from South Cotabato and the Honorable Eduardo Gullas from Cebu. *(Applause)*

THE SPEAKER. Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The

Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The Chair declares the three nominees duly elected Deputy Speakers of the House of Representatives.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker, may I ask for a one-minute suspension of the session.

THE SPEAKER. The session is suspended for one minute.

*It was 7:46 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 7:49 p.m., the session was resumed.*

THE SPEAKER. The session is resumed.

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker, may we request the newly elected Deputy Speakers to proceed to the rostrum so that they may take their oaths one by one. May we also request that the families of the newly elected Deputy Speakers come forward so that they may join in the ceremony.

THE SPEAKER. We would like to request the families of the Deputy Speakers to join them at the rostrum as they take their oath of office.

We shall start with Deputy Speaker Amor Abueg. The Chair invites the family of Deputy Speaker Abueg to join him at the rostrum as he takes his oath of office.

All the Members of the House are requested to rise for the oath-taking of our Deputy Speaker.

#### OATH-TAKING OF REP. ABUEG

*At this juncture, Rep. Alfredo Amor E. Abueg Jr. ascended the rostrum with his family and took his oath of office as Deputy Speaker before the Speaker, the Honorable Manuel B. Villar Jr.*

THE SPEAKER. Please raise your right hand and repeat after me.

"I, Alfredo E. Abueg, Jr., of the Second District of Palawan, having been elected to the position of Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, hereby solemnly swear that I will well and faithfully discharge to the best of my ability the duties of my present position and of all others I may hereafter hold under the Republic of the Philippines; that I will support and defend the Constitution of the Philippines; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will obey the laws, legal orders and decrees promulgated by the duly constituted authorities of the Republic of the Philippines; and that I impose this obligation upon myself voluntarily without mental reservation or purpose of evasion.

So help me God."

THE SPEAKER. Congratulations! *(Applause)*

The Lady from the Second District of South Cotabato, the

newly elected Deputy Speaker, the Honorable Daisy Avance-Fuentes, is requested to come up the rostrum to take her oath of office. *(Applause)*

The Chair invites the family of Deputy Speaker Fuentes to join her at the rostrum as she takes her oath of office.

All the Members of the House are requested to rise.

#### OATH-TAKING OF REP. FUENTES

*At this juncture, Rep. Daisy Avance-Fuentes ascended the rostrum with her family and took her oath of office as Deputy Speaker before the Speaker, the Honorable Manuel B. Villar Jr.*

THE SPEAKER. Please raise your right hand and repeat after me.

"I, Daisy Avance-Fuentes, of Koronadal, South Cotabato, having been elected to the position of Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, hereby solemnly swear that I will well and faithfully discharge to the best of my ability the duties of my present position and of all others I may hereafter hold under the Republic of the Philippines; that I will support and defend the Constitution of the Philippines; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will obey the laws, legal orders and decrees promulgated by the duly constituted authorities of the Republic of the Philippines; and that I impose this obligation upon myself voluntarily without mental reservation or purpose of evasion.

So help me God."

THE SPEAKER. Congratulations! *(Applause)*

The Gentleman from the First District of Cebu, Deputy Speaker Eduardo R. Gullas, is requested to come up the rostrum to take his oath of office. *(Applause)*

The Chair invites the family of Deputy Speaker Gullas to join him at the rostrum as he takes his oath of office.

All the Members of the House are requested to rise.

#### OATH-TAKING OF REP. GULLAS

*At this juncture, Rep. Eduardo R. Gullas ascended the rostrum with his family and took his oath of office as Deputy Speaker before the Speaker, the Honorable Manuel B. Villar Jr.*

THE SPEAKER. Please raise your right hand and repeat after me.

"I, Eduardo R. Gullas of Minglanilla, Cebu, having been elected to the position of Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, hereby solemnly swear that I will well and faithfully discharge to the best of my ability the duties of my present position and of all others I may hereafter hold under the Republic of the Philippines; that I will support and defend the Constitution of the Philippines; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will obey the laws, legal orders and decrees promulgated by the duly constituted authorities of the Republic of the Philippines; and that I impose this obligation upon myself voluntarily without mental reservation or purpose of evasion.

So help me God."

THE SPEAKER. Congratulations! *(Applause)*

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Acting Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker, may I continue with the organization of the House by moving that we defer the election of the Secretary General of the House of Representatives to a later date? I also wish to state for the record that as provided by our Rules, the incumbent Secretary General, the Honorable Roberto P. Nazareno, continues in office with all the powers, privileges, duties and obligations appurtenant thereto in a holdover capacity until his successor shall have been duly elected and qualified by this Eleventh Congress.

THE SPEAKER. Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none; the motion is approved. *(Applause)*

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we likewise defer the election of the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives to a later date. I also state for the record that as so provided by the Rules, the incumbent Sergeant-at-Arms, the honorable General Bayani Fabric, continues in office with all the powers, privileges, duties and obligations appurtenant thereto in a holdover capacity until his successor shall have been duly elected and qualified by this Eleventh Congress.

THE SPEAKER. Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none; the motion is approved. *(Applause)*

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker, I ask for a one-minute suspension of the session.

THE SPEAKER. The session is suspended.

*It was 7:59 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 8:02 p.m., the session was resumed.*

THE SPEAKER. The session is resumed.

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker, may I announce to the Body that there will be sessions at four o'clock on Thursday afternoon. So everybody will please make their plans accordingly. As part of our Rules, there will be regular sessions.

Mr. Speaker, may I move that we continue the organization of the House and that we proceed to the constitution of the Committee on Rules in the election of some of its members.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker, may I move for the election of the following as Chairman, Vice-Chairman and members of the Committee on Rules: Representatives Roxas; Angara-Castillo; Gonzales, Neptali II; Monfort; Albano; and Teodoro for the majority.

For the minority, Representatives Belmonte, Apostol and Espina.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker, both the majority and the minority reserve the right to nominate additional names to fill in the 25- membership in the Committee on Rules.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Acting Floor Leader's statement is noted.

#### ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. ROXAS. Mr. Speaker, there being no other business in our Order of Business, I move that we adjourn until four o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

THE SPEAKER. Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The session is adjourned.

*It was 8:03 p.m.*