

**RECORD OF PLENARY PROCEEDINGS
NO. 41
Wednesday, November 22, 2000**

CALL TO ORDER

At 4:00 p.m., Speaker Arnulfo P. Fuentesbella called the session to order.

THE SPEAKER. The session is now called to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

THE SPEAKER. Everybody will please rise to sing the Philippine National Anthem.

Everybody rose to sing the Philippine National Anthem.

PRAYER

THE SPEAKER. Everybody will please remain standing for a minute of silent prayer.

Everybody remained standing for the silent prayer.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

THE SPEAKER. The session is suspended.

It was 4:01 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:42 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE SPEAKER. The session is resumed.

ROLL CALL

THE SPEAKER. The Secretary General will call the roll.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, *reading:*

Abaya	Present	Alvarez, Pantaleon D. ..	Present*
Abueg	Present*	Andaya, Rolando Jr. G.	Present*
Acosta	Present*	Andaya, Vicente Jr. J. ..	Present
Adiong	Present	Angara-Castillo	Present
Aguinaldo	Present	Angping	Present
Albano	Present	Antonino	Present
Alvarez, Genaro Jr. M.	Present	Apostol	Present*

Aquino, Agapito A.	Present	Garin	Present
Asistio	Present	Golez	Present*
Aumentado	Present*	Gonzales, Rodolfo F.	Present
Bacani	Present	Gonzalez, Jose Mari C.	Present
Baculio	Present	Gonzalez, Raul M.	Present*
Badelles	Present	Gullas	Present*
Banaag	Present	Gunigundo	Present*
Barbers	Present*	Herrera, Efren T.	Present*
Barinaga	Present	Hizon	Present
Bascug	Present	Hofer	Present
Baterina	Present	Ipong	Present
Belmonte	Present*	Jaafar	Present*
Beratio	Present	Jacob	Present
Bondoc	Present	Jaraula	Present
Briones	Present	Joaquin	Present
Bueser	Present	Joson	Present
Cagas	Present	Kintanar	Present
Calalay	Present	Lanot	Present
Calderon	Present	Lapus	Present
Candazo	Present*	Lara	Present
Cappleman	Present	Ledesma	Present
Carloto	Present	Leviste	Present
Cerilles	Present	Liban	Present
Chipeco	Present	Libanan	Present
Cojuangco	Present	Libarios	Present*
Cruz-Ducut	Present	Lim	Present*
Cruz, Teodoro C.	Present	Lobregat	Present
Cua	Present*	Locsin	Present
Cuenco	Present*	Lopez, Emily R.	Present
Defensor	Present*	Lopez, Ruy Elias C.	Present
Del Mar	Present*	Lorenzo-Villareal	Present
Dequiña	Present	Loreto-Go	Present
Diaz	Present	Lozada	Present
Duavit	Present	Macarambon	Present
Dumpit	Present	Macias	Present
Durano	Present	Madrona	Present
Dy	Present	Magtubo	Present
Escudero	Present	Maliksi	Present
Espina	Present	Mangotara	Present
Espinosa, Emilio Jr. R.	Present	Marañon	Present
Espinosa, Vida V.	Present	Marcos	Present
Falcon	Present	Martinez	Present*
Fariñas	Present	Mendoza	Present
Fortuno	Present	Monfort	Present
Fua	Present*	Montemayor	Present*
Fuentesbella	Present	Montilla	Present
Fuentes	Present	Moreno	Present*
Garcia, Enrique Jr. T. ...	Present*	Nachura	Present*
Garcia, Manuel M.	Present	Nantes	Present
Garcia, Simeon Jr. E. ...	Present	Navarro	Present*

*Appeared after the roll call

Nepomuceno.....	Present	Sarmiento, Rogelio M. .	Present*
Nieva.....	Present	Seachon.....	Present
Ocampo.....	Present	Singson.....	Present
Orola.....	Present	Suarez.....	Present
Ortega.....	Present	Sumulong.....	Present
Osabel.....	Present	Suplico.....	Present
Padilla, Roy Jr. A.	Present	Sy-Alvarado.....	Present*
Pancho.....	Present	Syjuco.....	Present
Paras.....	Present*	Tammang.....	Present
Perez.....	Present	Tañada.....	Present*
Pichay.....	Present*	Teodoro.....	Present
Plameras.....	Present	Teves.....	Present
Ponce.....	Present*	Tilanduca.....	Present
Quimpo.....	Present	Tuazon.....	Present
Quintos.....	Present	Tulagan.....	Present
Reyes, Ramon M.	Present	Unde.....	Present
Rodriguez, Isidro Jr. S. .	Present	Valera.....	Present
Rodriguez, Oscar S.	Present*	Veloso.....	Present
Roman.....	Present	Verceles.....	Present*
Romualdez.....	Present	Vergara.....	Present
Romualdo.....	Present	Vicencio.....	Present*
Rosales.....	Present*	Villanueva.....	Present*
Salapuddin.....	Present	Wacnang.....	Present*
Salceda.....	Present	Yapha.....	Present
Sandoval, Vicente A.	Present*	Young.....	Present*
San Luis.....	Present	Zartiga.....	Present*
Sarenas.....	Present*	Zubiri.....	Present
Sarmiento, Angelito M. .	Present*		

DIVISION OF THE HOUSE

THE SPEAKER. As many as are in favor of the motion to adjourn, please rise. (*Few Members rose*)

As many as are against, please rise. (*Several Members rose*)

The motion is lost.

The Majority Floor Leader is recognized.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. Mr. Speaker, I now move that we approve the Journals of the sessions of November 20 and 21.

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

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. Mr. Speaker, I now 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 Resolution on First Reading, Messages from the Senate and Communication, and the Speaker made the corresponding references:

RESOLUTION

House Resolution No. 1850, entitled:

"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL, POLITICAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE ALLEGED ENCOUNTER BETWEEN ELEMENTS OF THE 82ND PHILIPPINE ARMY COMBAT RECONNAISSANCE PATROL TEAM AND MEMBERS OF NPA/DTS GUERRILLA UNIT AT CABADOT HILL, SITIO BUGHO, BARANGAY SAN ISIDRO, CARIGARA, LEYTE ON 15 AUGUST 2000 THAT RESULTED IN THE WOUNDING OF FOUR (4) PERSONS, INCLUDING TWO (2) CHILDREN, ALLEGEDLY AS A RESULT OF THE CROSSFIRE FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING WHETHER THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE VICTIMS WERE VIOLATED"

By Representative Zartiga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL, POLITICAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Message dated November 14, 2000, transmitting a copy of Resolution No. 66, entitled:

"RESOLUTION INFORMING THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT THE SENATE HAS BEEN REORGANIZED WITH THE ELECTION OF

The House is in receipt of official advice of absence of the following Members: Representatives Abad, Almario, Alvarez (H.), Amatong, Aquino (B.), Bautista, Braganza, Bulut, Bunye, Cosalan, Cruz (B.), Datumanong, Dilangalen, Duterte, Eballe, Echiverri, Enrile, Ermita, Fajardo, Floirendo, Gonzalez (N.), Gordon, Herrera (E.F.), Jala, Jalosjos, Lagman-Luistro, Laurel, Leviste, Liban, Lopez (R.), Lozada, Madrona, Maliksi, Monfort, Padilla (C.), Palma-Gil, Pilapil, Punzalan, Ramiro, Recto, Reyes (E.), Saludo, Sandoval (F.), Shahani, Silos, Silverio and Urro.

Representatives Abayon, Amin, Arroyo, Cayetano, Parcon and Vergara are on official mission within the country.

Representatives Andaya (M.), Dominguez, Loreto-Go and Paez are on official mission abroad.

The Speaker is on official advice of absence.

The roll call shows 114 Members responded to the call.**

REP. ZUBIRI. Mr. Speaker.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. The roll call shows 114 Members responded to the call.

THE SPEAKER. With 114 Members present, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

REP. ZUBIRI. Mr. Speaker, I move for an adjournment. May we ask for a recount, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Chair declares the presence of a quorum. There is a motion to adjourn. Is there any objection?

REP. MACARAMBON. Mr. Speaker, I object.

REP. ZUBIRI. We object to the Chair's quorum.

*Appeared after the roll call

**There were actually 115 Members who responded to the call. Please refer to succeeding discussions.

HONORABLE AQUILINO Q. PIMENTEL JR. AS ITS
SENATE PRESIDENT"

which was adopted by the Senate on November 13, 2000. ✓
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated November 15, 2000, informing the House of
Representatives that on even date the Senate passed without
amendments the following House Bills:

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";

House Bill No. 1087, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE SUB-DISTRICT
ENGINEERING OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS IN THE
CITY OF BUTUAN INTO A FULL-FLEDGED
ENGINEERING DISTRICT TO BE KNOWN AS THE
BUTUAN CITY ENGINEERING DISTRICT AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";

House Bill No. 4773, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ENGINEERING
DISTRICT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
WORKS AND HIGHWAYS FOR THE FIRST AND
SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF THE
PROVINCE OF LAGUNA AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR";

House Bill No. 7213, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING A SEPARATE ENGINEERING
DISTRICT IN THE FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL
DISTRICT IN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS
OCCIDENTAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR"; and

House Bill No. 8929, entitled:

"AN ACT EXPANDING THE AREA OF JURISDICTION
OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CULION, PROVINCE
OF PALAWAN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7193"

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated November 15, 2000, informing the House of
Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate
Bill No. 2192, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF
SAN FERNANDO IN THE PROVINCE OF
PAMPANGA INTO A COMPONENT CITY TO BE
KNOWN AS THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO"

in which it requests the concurrence of the House of
Representatives

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMUNICATION

Letter dated November 13, 2000 of Jose C. Policarpio Jr.,
Presidential Legislative Adviser and Head, Presidential

Legislative Liaison Office, Office of the President,
transmitting herewith two (2) original copies of Republic
Act No. 8978 which was approved and signed on November
9, 2000 by His Excellency, President Joseph Ejercito
Estrada, entitled:

"AN ACT DECLARING THE MT. KITANGLAD RANGE
IN THE PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON AS A
PROTECTED AREA AND ITS PERIPHERAL AREAS
AS BUFFER ZONES, PROVIDING FOR ITS
MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"
TO THE ARCHIVES

THE SPEAKER. The Majority Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. Mr. Speaker, we would like
to reiterate that we are in receipt of letters of resignation from
two Deputy Speakers. I now move that we elect the replacements.

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

ELECTION OF DEPUTY SPEAKERS

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. I would like to nominate the
honorable Congressmen Gerry Espina and Agapito "Butz"
Aquino as replacements for the two Deputy Speakers who have
just resigned.

REP. MACARAMBON. I second the motion, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ALBANO. I move to close the nomination, Mr. Speaker.

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

The election of the Honorable "Butz" Aquino and Gerry
Espina is now declared. They are proclaimed the new Deputy
Speakers of the House of Representatives, as approved. *(Applause)*

REP. DEFENSOR. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. What is the point of order of the
Gentleman from Quezon City?

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, forgive me but the podium
on the other side is too far.

THE SPEAKER. The Gentleman need not worry; we will
give him time.

REP. DEFENSOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

THE SPEAKER. The session is suspended.

It was 5:57 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:58 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE SPEAKER. The session is resumed.
The Gentleman from Quezon City is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, earlier I understand that one of the Members of the minority raised a motion to adjourn and that the Members simply expressed their ayes and nays to the motion without the Chair establishing the quorum.

THE SPEAKER. A roll call was made and the Secretary General reported that 114 were in attendance.

REP. DEFENSOR. Yes, Mr. Speaker. I would like to contest the Secretary General because last night, he mentioned that we had 110 Members when in fact we only had 83 people.

Today, Mr. Speaker, there were several people who came in but who left. And so, I would like to question the roll because I do not think we have a quorum at this point.

REP. BARBERS. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. What is the point of order of the Gentleman from Surigao del Norte?

REP. BARBERS. Mr. Speaker, can we move for a recount of Members who are present here? I think we have deviated again from the Rules.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

THE SPEAKER. The session is suspended.

It was 5:59 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:02 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE SPEAKER. The session is resumed.

The Gentleman from Surigao del Norte raised a point of order.

REP. BARBERS. Yes, Mr. Speaker. I was just wondering how the counting was conducted. May I move, Mr. Speaker, that we have a recount on the number of Members present in the session hall.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. What does the Majority Floor Leader say?

REP. GONZALEZ (J.M.). Mr. Speaker, point of order. Delaying tactics ho ang ginagawa nito. Binabastos ho kami rito.

THE SPEAKER. Just a minute. Will the Majority Floor Leader please respond to the query of the Gentleman from Surigao del Norte?

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. Mr. Speaker, the Secretary General already announced the presence of 114 warm bodies in the hall. For that reason, the distinguished Speaker made the

announcement that there being 114 in the hall, then we have a quorum and we can transact business in the House.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. What is the pleasure of the Gentleman from Quezon City?

REP. DEFENSOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. Just a minute. The Gentleman from Surigao del Norte still has the floor.

REP. DEFENSOR. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. With the permission of the Gentleman from Quezon City.

REP. BARBERS. I yield the floor to the Gentleman from Quezon City, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. All right. With the permission of the Gentleman from Surigao del Norte, the Gentleman from Quezon City is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Again, I would like to reiterate that we stand here before the plenary not just individuals representing our respective districts—and I know that you understand that, Mr. Speaker—but as the minority group now. But the Secretary General announced last night that 110 Members were present, and yet, only 83 were on the floor. What the Secretary General is doing is that he is counting people who are entering and leaving and saying that there are warm bodies in the plenary. No physical presence, Mr. Speaker. And that is the only question raised. When a motion for the roll call was raised what he declared was not reflected physically in terms of numbers.

THE SPEAKER. The Chair would like to respond to this query. It was the Chair who directed the Secretary General to make a head count last night in the presence of the Sr. Deputy Minority Floor Leader, the Honorable Sergio Apostol, who did not even object to the count. So, as far as the Chair is concerned, the Secretary General made an accurate count. However, inasmuch as we adjourned after that, then we presumed that the count was accurate and on the level.

REP. DEFENSOR. Yes, Mr. Speaker. I understand the Chair's understanding of the counting made by the Secretary General. But we have people who were here last night, and he said there were 110 when, in fact, there were only 83.

REP. GONZALEZ (J.M.). Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. That is the count and the opinion of the Gentleman from Quezon City and, as far as the Chair is concerned—in fact, the Sr. Deputy Minority Leader who was physically present did not even object—the count last night was irrelevant and immaterial because we did not proceed to conduct any business. In fact, after the Gentleman from Nueva Vizcaya moved to withdraw his motion for nominal voting, we adjourned.

So, the attendance last night was immaterial. However, with respect to today's quorum a roll call was made, and there were 114 present. We cannot delay the proceedings of the House, considering that we have been waiting for the minority for more than an hour. We have given them enough chance. We waited for them and they did not seem to heed the call of the business of the House. We are here to work, so let us proceed and work.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, with that, I move for a recount.

REP. BARBERS. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this Representation has a pending motion, and up to this time, I am still waiting for the ruling of the Chair.

THE SPEAKER. The Gentleman did not make any motion; he just made an inquiry.

REP. BARBERS. I did, Mr. Speaker.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, may I make the formal motion for a recount.

REP. AGUINALDO. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

REP. MACARAMBON. Mr. Speaker.

REP. DEFENSOR. I move for a recount, Mr. Speaker.

REP. MACARAMBON. I object, Mr. Speaker.

REP. AGUINALDO. Objection, Mr. Speaker.

REP. DEFENSOR. Then I move for a division of the House.

REP. BARBERS. Mr. Speaker, I still have the floor.

THE SPEAKER. All right. There is a motion for a recount on the actual Members physically present on the floor. It has been objected to. We now go to the division of the House.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE SPEAKER. As many as are in favor of the motion for a recount, please say *aye*.

FEW MEMBERS. *Aye*.

THE SPEAKER. As many as are against, please say *nay*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Nay*.

THE SPEAKER. The *nays* have it; the motion is lost.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker, I move for a division of the House.

DIVISION OF THE HOUSE

THE SPEAKER. There is a motion for a division of the

House.

Those in favor of the motion of the Gentleman from Quezon City for a recount will please rise. (*Few Members rose.*)

Those against will please rise. (*Several Members rose.*)

I think the Gentleman will not question the presence of those who are standing up as against. The motion is lost.

REP. DEFENSOR. No, Mr. Speaker, we need to have a count. We need to have a count, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Gentleman moved for a division of the House.

REP. DEFENSOR. No, Mr. Speaker, point of order. There has to be a count, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. Order. Order.

REP. LIBANAN. Mr. Speaker.

REP. AGUINALDO. Objection, Mr. Speaker.

REP. DEFENSOR. There has to be a count, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. Order. The Gentleman's motion is for a division of the House.

REP. DEFENSOR. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. Motion for a count by tellers is different from a division of the House.

REP. MACARAMBON. Mr. Speaker.

REP. DEFENSOR. No, Mr. Speaker, because the Secretary General has to give us the numbers.

REP. BARBERS. The specific numbers.

REP. DEFENSOR. A specific number has to be put on record.

THE SPEAKER. The motion of the Gentleman from Quezon City is for a division of the House.

REP. DEFENSOR. That is right. Mr. Speaker, it was a motion...

THE SPEAKER. The division of the House... Let the Chair finish first.

REP. DEFENSOR. I am sorry, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. Division of the House means the standing of the Members who are voting for or against.

REP. DEFENSOR. That is right.

THE SPEAKER. We are through with the division of the House. The next step is, does the Gentleman want to make a motion on division of the House through tellers? Is that it?

REP. DEFENSOR. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

COUNT BY TELLERS

THE SPEAKER. All right. The Chair is now guiding the Gentleman from Quezon City.

There is now a motion that we divide the House through the count by tellers.

As many as are in favor of the motion of the Gentleman from Quezon City, please stand.

The Chair designates the honorable Gentleman from Surigao del Norte, Congressman Barbers, to make the necessary count.

REP. BARBERS. There are 12, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. As many as are against, please stand.

The Honorable Escudero of Sorsogon is designated by the Chair to make the necessary count.

REP. ESCUDERO. It is 103, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. So, the motion is lost.
The Majority Floor Leader is recognized.

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

THE SPEAKER. The Honorable Manuel Garcia is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (M.). Mr. Speaker, I would like to call the attention of the Secretary General. Earlier, I asked him why he said that 110 Members were present yesterday just before adjournment when in fact there were only 74 Members. I do not know if he made a mistake, but he admitted to me that just before the session was adjourned, only 74 Members were present. And yet the record shows that there were 110 Members. How can this be? This was the latter part of the session just before it adjourned. Now, I would like to ask the Secretary General why he said that 110 Members were present when actually there were only 74 Members present?

THE SPEAKER. The Chair would like to respond to the query of the Gentleman from Davao City. It was actually at the instance of the Deputy Minority Floor Leader, the Hon. Apostol, to make a head count. The roll call is different from the actual Members present at the time when the head count was made. And since we did not have any roll call, then there is no basis by which we can actually pinpoint the numbers. But the Chair is a witness to the fact that at that point, 110 Members were present on the floor. As the Chair has manifested earlier through its ruling, that question is already irrelevant because we did not conduct any business afterwards and we even adjourned.

REP. GARCIA (M.). Mr. Speaker, this is the record of the House that is why I confronted him. He admitted to me earlier that no 110 Members were present. That is why I would like to ask him where he got this number.

THE SPEAKER. We can do that, but we cannot allow the Secretary General to participate in our proceedings.

REP. GARCIA (M.). That is why I am calling the attention of the Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. Precisely.

REP. GARCIA (M.). How can we say that 110 Members were present when actually, by his own admission, there were only 74?

THE SPEAKER. The Chair has already explained that at that time, when the count was made, and Congressman Apostol did not even object, 110 Members were actually present. However, the presence of 110 Members when the call was made may be correct, may be wrong, but at that time he was accurate. However, it does not follow that there could have been less Members thereafter. The problem is, we did not conduct any business and as far as yesterday's proceedings are concerned, numbers are already deemed immaterial. The Chair has ruled that on the query of the Gentleman from Surigao del Norte.

REP. GARCIA (M.). Now, what are we going to do with the records of the proceedings yesterday?

THE SPEAKER. We adjourned, Mr. Speaker.

REP. GARCIA (M.). No. How can we say that 110 Members were present? Are we going to say that that was correct?

THE SPEAKER. The count was not for purposes of any voting. It was just a head count made at the instance of the Deputy Minority Floor Leader, the Honorable Sergs Apostol, because the minority was trying to ask the majority if we have the numbers to proceed with the business last night. Nonetheless, as far as the Chair is concerned, that is already irrelevant and immaterial at this stage because anyway, we did not proceed to conduct any business.

REP. GARCIA (M.). Mr. Speaker, after the recount, the Gentleman from Sorsogon came down here and said 103 Members were against. And yet earlier, what was the count for the session?

THE SPEAKER. It is 115.

REP. GARCIA (M.). And yet, the same people who answered a few minutes after it was called, and the Gentleman from Sorsogon said 103 Members voted against...

REP. ESCUDERO. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Gentleman from Sorsogon is recognized.

REP. ESCUDERO. If I may be permitted to answer, given the fact that my name and my district were alluded to, Mr. Speaker. The count I made was for the voting on the motion made by the Honorable Defensor which was totally different from the earlier count made by the Secretary General. Secondly, Mr. Speaker, the minority has been demanding that warm bodies be present on the floor but sometimes they are saying that for as

long as the Members are within the House they should be counted. Mr. Speaker, Members have been going in and out and they want warm bodies on the floor. Even if they are in the House but are not on the floor, they should not be counted. And if I may proceed, Mr. Speaker, in line with the inquiry of the Honorable Garcia, can we not, through the Sergeant-at-Arms, compel the attendance of the Members on the floor, if there is no quorum, so that the House can conduct business?

REP. GARCIA (M.). That is not the question before the Speaker. My question is that a few minutes ago, the Secretary General certified that there were 115 Members. But when we called for the division of the House, only 103 Members acceded. So, there is a difference between 114 and 103, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ESCUDERO. Mr. Speaker.

REP. TUAZON. Mr. Speaker.

REP. ROMAN. Mr. Speaker.

REP. ZUBIRI. Mr. Speaker.

REP. TUAZON. Mr. Speaker, point of clarification.

THE SPEAKER. The Gentleman from Northern Samar is recognized.

REP. TUAZON. The Gentleman from Davao City does not seem to understand. The 103 is only from the majority and the 12 from the minority, so that makes it 115, even 1 more than the 114.

REP. ZUBIRI. Mr. Speaker.

REP. TUAZON. The record will show that after the count, the minority has 12 Members who stood, and the majority, 103. So, 103 plus 12 is 115 or one more than the 114 which was declared by the Secretary General.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. ZUBIRI. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

REP. PADILLA (R.). Mr. Speaker.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

THE SPEAKER. The session is suspended.

It was 6:17 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:25 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE SPEAKER. The session is resumed. The Majority Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (M.). Mr. Speaker, I move for the correction

of the Journal of yesterday because no 110 Members were present just before the session was adjourned. So, we have to correct this in order that what really transpired will be in the records. We cannot allow the records to show something that did not really occur yesterday.

THE SPEAKER. What does the Majority Floor Leader say?

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. Mr. Speaker, there is no basis for the motion of the Dep. Minority Floor Leader. As the Speaker has ruled a while back, at the time that that question was answered, 110 bodies were confirmed to be in the session hall and this is attested to by the fact that even the Sr. Deputy Minority Floor Leader in the House did not object to the count of 110. So, what is the basis for the minority now to claim that there must be a correction of the Journal to reflect the actual number of people present yesterday in the session hall? So we object, Mr. Speaker, to the motion.

THE SPEAKER. There is a motion of the honorable Gentleman from Davao City to make the necessary correction on record and it has been objected to by the Majority Floor Leader.

REP. GARCIA (M.). Mr. Speaker, earlier, I talked to our Secretary General and he admitted – I do not know where he went – that only 74 Members were present when this happened yesterday. So, I do not want to put this to a vote. If he appears today and tells me that there were not only 74, then I will call him a liar because he admitted to me that there were 74. So maybe we can call the Secretary General and ask him to explain.

REP. ROMAN. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. What is the pleasure of the Gentleman from Bataan?

REP. ROMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am for the integrity of the Journal but there is a time within which to interpose the objection. My understanding is, the Speaker called the roll and then the Journal was approved. That should have been the time to object. If we establish this precedent objecting to the Journal some two hours later, what is to stop us from questioning the Journal in 1998? There is a time to exercise this right and I am afraid that we all share the same concern for the integrity of the records. But if the Gentleman has interposed his objection seasonably as lawyers would say, he has lost that right.

REP. GARCIA (M.). Mr. Speaker, I am sorry that the Gentleman from Bataan who has not been present for the last three terms has probably forgotten that this matter of correction can be called any time within the day when this is approved. I do not know. Maybe he has been absent from sessions because after three terms, this is the only time he returned. But the practice here is that any time during the day when the Journal is approved, anybody can stand up and make the corrections.

REP. ROMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am witness to the fact that the Speaker has been bending over backwards here. For instance, Mr. Speaker, he has attributed good faith on the part of all the Members here whenever they make motions. Pero kanina kahit nabingi ako nang kaunti, dinig na dinig ko na mas malakas ang

bores ng mga kasamahan ko dito. And it is clear to me that....

THE SPEAKER. The Chair is now ready to go to the previous question.

REP. ROMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. There is a motion made by the Gentleman from Davao City and it has been objected to.

REP. GARCIA (M.). Mr. Speaker, why do we not call the Secretary General because earlier he admitted it to me? If he will say that this is really what happened, that 110 Members were present, how about those who were present yesterday and there were only 74 Members? How can he say that there are 110 Members present?

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE SPEAKER. The Chair would now go into the disposal of the motion of the Gentleman from Davao City. He made a motion to make the correction of the entry in the Journal which was objected to by the Majority Floor Leader.

We now go into a vote. As many as are in favor of the motion of the Gentleman from Davao City, please say *aye*.

FEW MEMBERS. *Aye*.

THE SPEAKER. As many as are against, please say *nay*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Nay*.

THE SPEAKER. The *nays* have it; the motion is lost. The Majority Floor Leader is recognized.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. Mr. Speaker, I now move that we proceed to the completion of the Committee on Rules.

REP. FARIÑAS. I second the motion, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. For the membership in the Committee on Rules, for the majority: Rep. Bellaflor Angara-Castillo; Rep. Neptali M. Gonzales II; Rep. Francis G. Escudero...

REP. BARBERS. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. Rep. Rodolfo T. Albano III; Rep. Narciso D. Monfort; Rep. Juan Pablo P. Bondoc; Rep. Erineo S. Maliksi; Rep. Joseph Ace H. Durano; Rep. Eduardo K. Veloso...

REP. ROSALES. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. Rep. Simeon L. Kintanar; Rep. Ruy Elias C. Lopez; Rep. Henry P. Lanot and Rep. Marcelino C. Libanan.

REP. ROSALES. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. What is the nature of the parliamentary inquiry of the Lady from Akbayan?

REP. FARIÑAS. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. What is the point of order of the Gentleman from Ilocos Norte?

REP. FARIÑAS. The House is going through an election, it cannot be interrupted, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ROSALES. Precisely, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Gentleman from Ilocos Norte is accurate.

The Majority Floor Leader may please proceed.

REP. BARBERS. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. What is the point of order of the Gentleman from Surigao del Norte?

REP. BARBERS. Mr. Speaker, we are questioning the election that is being done now. We would like to ask whether the nominations of the Deputy Speakers for Visayas and Luzon were voted by majority of all the Members of the House. That is the question, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. May I respond, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ROSALES. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Majority Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. The matter being inquired into by the Gentleman from Surigao del Norte has already been finished. It is moot and academic to raise the question now.

REP. ROSALES. Mr. Speaker.

REP. BARBERS. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Chair rules in favor of the Majority Floor Leader.

Please proceed.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. Mr. Speaker, I also move that we now complete the membership of the Committee on Accounts. For the majority, we nominate the following: Rep. Vicente J. Andaya Jr; Rep. Generoso DC. Tulagan; Rep. Rodolfo T. Albano III; Rep. Benasing O. Macarambon...

REP. ROSALES. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. Rep. Ramon N. Reyes; Rep. Plaridel M. Abaya...

THE SPEAKER. Will the Lady please hold her parliamentary

inquiry, we are in the process of electing.

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. Rep. Fausto L. Seachon Jr.; Rep. Alfredo G. Marañon Jr.; Rep. Harlin C. Abayon; Rep. Rodolfo T. Tuazon; Rep. Joseph Ace H. Durano; Rep. Alipio Cirilo V. Badelles; Rep. Gregorio T. Ipong; Rep. Jesnar R. Falcon; Rep. Reynaldo A. Calalay; Rep. Joey D. Hizon; Rep. Ernesto Nieva; Rep. Mamintal M. Adiong; Rep. Antonino P. Roman; Rep. Edgar R. Lara; Rep. Teodoro C. Cruz; Rep. Bernardo M. Vergara; Rep. Didagen P. Dilangalen; Rep. Hussin U. Amin.

THE SPEAKER. Is there any second to the nomination?

REP. FARIÑAS. I second the nomination, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. It has been moved and seconded. Is there any objection to the nomination of membership to the Committee on Accounts?

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. For the Committee on Accounts, yes, Mr. Speaker.

I also move, Mr. Speaker, that we declare vacant the positions of chairman and members of the following committees....

THE SPEAKER. Just a minute, we take them one by one.

REP. ROSALES. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Chair would like to inquire from the Majority Floor Leader as to what particular committee the nomination was?

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. As I said, Mr. Speaker, the nomination was for the Committee on Accounts.

THE SPEAKER. Is there any objection to the motion to complete the membership of the Committee on Accounts? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

REP. ROSALES. Objection, Mr. Speaker.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE SPEAKER. The motion has been objected to.

As many as are in favor of the motion of the Majority Floor Leader to complete the nomination for the membership of the Committee on Accounts, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

THE SPEAKER. As many as are against, please say *nay*.

A MEMBER. *Nay*.

THE SPEAKER. The *ayes* have it; the same is approved. The Majority Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. ROSALES. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. All right. What is now the parliamentary

inquiry of the Lady?

REP. ROSALES. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, for accommodating this Representation.

THE SPEAKER. The Chair is very accommodating but we accommodate at the proper time.

REP. ROSALES. I appreciate the Chair being very accommodating, Mr. Speaker. I am totally confused, Mr. Speaker, because I have before me a copy of the *Manila Bulletin* dated November 22, 2000 which headlines "House revamped 23 first termers head committees." It was authored by Rod Villa and Ben Rosario. Aside from this, Mr. Speaker, I have another newspaper before me, this one comes from *Malaya News* dated November 22, Wednesday. I said *Malaya News*...

REP. AGUINALDO. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ROSALES. I have the floor, Mr. Speaker. Thank you very much for being very accommodating.

THE SPEAKER. All right.

REP. ROSALES. And this time, from *Tempo* and it is entitled "House Neophytes Have 29 Committees in Reshuffle."

REP. AGUINALDO. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. What is the point of order of the Gentleman from Cagayan?

REP. AGUINALDO. Mr. Speaker, is the Lady asking something, or is she delivering a privilege speech?

REP. ROSALES. Mr. Speaker, I have the floor.

THE SPEAKER. She is inquiring.

REP. ROSALES. This is a parliamentary inquiry.

THE SPEAKER. The Lady may proceed with her parliamentary inquiry.

REP. ROSALES. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the Chair's being very accommodating.

Now, Mr. Speaker, let us allow the Speaker to listen to my query: Has the Deputy Speaker from the Visayas been elected already? Because the election was already in the morning papers. Has this been elected already, Mr. Speaker?

THE SPEAKER. As far as the Chair is concerned, newspaper reports do not have official bearing. It is the Journal of the records of the House that will be considered officially. *(Applause)*

REP. ROSALES. Mr. Speaker, how about the Deputy Speaker for Luzon? Has he been elected already this morning?

THE SPEAKER. The Lady is out of order. That has already been responded to by the Chair.

The Majority Floor Leader will please proceed.

REP. ROSALES. Mr. Speaker, how is it that a broadsheet like *Manila Bulletin* which is distributed nationwide should come out with this report?

Not only is it in the *Manila Bulletin* but also in *Tempo* and in *Malaya*. These are broadsheets. These are reputable newspapers, Mr. Speaker. Where did all these newspaper reports come from, Mr. Speaker? I would like to be clarified, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Chair has already responded to the Lady's question. Only official records of the House will be considered. We are not bound by newspaper accounts.

The Majority Floor Leader will please proceed.

REP. ROSALES. But, Mr. Speaker, my constituents are asking.

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. Mr. Speaker.

REP. PADILLA (R.). Mr. Speaker.

REP. ROSALES. Mr. Speaker.

REP. PARAS. May I know if we have a quorum, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. Yes.

THE SPEAKER. Is the Gentleman raising a question of quorum?

REP. PARAS. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. How does he want it to be done?

REP. PARAS. A vote by teller, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. All right. That being not debatable, we can go on a vote by teller.

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, the quorum was questioned earlier, and the Chair ruled that there was quorum. So we cannot entertain another such motion because no new business has been introduced in the House. We are in the process of having an election.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

THE SPEAKER. The session is suspended.

It was 6:37 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:39 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE SPEAKER. The session is resumed.

There is a motion by the Gentleman from Negros Oriental that we count by tellers. The Gentleman from Isabela, the Honorable Rodito Albano, is hereby designated by the Chair to

make a head count.

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, point of order. To make it proper, I will just second the motion of the Gentleman because it was not seconded.

THE SPEAKER. Very well, the Chair takes note of the observation of the Gentleman from Ilocos Norte.

REP. GARCIA (M.). Mr. Speaker, I ask that the Gentleman from Negros Oriental be also appointed teller to make sure that we have the right number.

THE SPEAKER. The Chair appoints and designates the Gentleman from Negros Oriental to make his own count.

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry because I am confused here.

The motion was to have a count by tellers but it has not been voted upon by the Body. I think the motion to count by tellers should be presented to the Body and voted upon. That is why this Representation seconded it so that the Body can decide if we will proceed. I think they are jumping into the approval of the motion by conducting the count already. There was no approval of the motion to count by tellers, Mr. Speaker, so this is a point of order being raised by this Representation that the Gentleman from Negros Oriental moved to have the number of warm bodies counted by tellers.

REP. PARAS. Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The Gentleman is the one questioning and yet he seconded the motion, Mr. Speaker.

REP. FARINAS. Precisely, to be presented to the Body because there was a motion. This Representation was afraid that it will not be voted upon.

REP. PARAS. And the Speaker already made a ruling, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. We are still in the process of counting. Will the two Gentlemen please take their seats?

REP. PARAS. Mr. Speaker, I am the one counting. *(Laughter)*

REP. ALBANO. Mr. Speaker, I counted 112.

THE SPEAKER. The Gentleman from Isabela counted 112.

REP. PARAS. It is 103 only, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The count of the Gentleman from Negros Oriental is 103.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

THE SPEAKER. The session is suspended.

It was 6:44 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:45 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE SPEAKER. The session is resumed.

The Sergeant-at-Arms is directed to bring in the members of the minority from the lounge. *(Applause)*

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

THE SPEAKER. The session is suspended.

It was 6:45 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 7:00 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE SPEAKER. The session is resumed.

The Gentleman from Isabela will reiterate his actual count.

REP. ALBANO. Mr. Speaker, my actual count is 112.

THE SPEAKER. Is there any objection to the count of the Gentleman from Isabela? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none; the Chair therefore declares the presence of a quorum.

The Majority Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. Mr. Speaker, before we proceed to another matter, may we just add one more nomination on the part of the majority for the membership to the Committee on Rules. May we please include Congressman Joey Salceda as a member of the Committee on Rules.

I so move.

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

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. I move that the Members nominated by the majority as members of the Committee on Rules be considered elected.

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

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we now declare vacant the chairmanship and membership of the following committees...

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. What is the pleasure of Gentleman from Quezon City?

REP. DEFENSOR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

With the kind indulgence of the Majority Floor Leader, the minority will elect its 11 Members to the Rules Committee on Monday.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Chair takes note of the observation of

the Gentleman from Quezon City.

The Majority Floor Leader will please proceed.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON
AGRARIAN REFORM

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. Mr. Speaker, for the Committee on Agrarian Reform, on the part of the majority, we nominate the following Members:

1. Rep. Abdullah S. Mangotara
2. Rep. George T. Hofer
3. Rep. Emilio R. Espinosa Jr.
4. Rep. Jaime D. Jacob
5. Rep. Tomas M. Dumpit
6. Rep. Juan Pablo P. Bondoc
7. Rep. Zenaida G. Cruz-Ducut
8. Rep. Josefina M. Josen
9. Rep. Jesli A. Lopus
10. Rep. Napoleon R. Beratio
11. Rep. Joey S. Salceda
12. Rep. Genaro M. Alvarez Jr.
13. Rep. Vicente J. Andaya Jr.
14. Rep. Ma. Catalina L. Loreto-Go
15. Rep. Marcelino C. Libanan
16. Rep. Gregorio T. Ipong
17. Rep. Fausto L. Seachon Jr.

THE SPEAKER. Before the Body acts, is there first a motion to declare the position vacant?

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. I did already, Mr. Speaker, for all the following committees.

THE SPEAKER. All right. So, it is an omnibus motion to declare all the positions vacant on the committees enumerated. Is that correct?

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

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

ELECTION OF MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON
AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FISHERIES

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. On the part of the majority, we nominate the following Members:

1. Rep. Constantino G. Jaraula
2. Rep. Jesnar R. Falcon
3. Rep. Jesli A. Lopus
4. Rep. Augusto "Boboy" Syjuco
5. Rep. Carlos O. Cojuangco
6. Rep. Eduardo K. Veloso
7. Rep. Isidro S. Rodriguez Jr.
8. Rep. Celso L. Lobregat
9. Rep. Ricardo V. Quintos
10. Rep. Emily R. Lopez
11. Rep. Vicente Y.P. Valera
12. Rep. Ramon M. Reyes

13. Rep. Napoleon R. Beratio
14. Rep. Ma. Catalina L. Loreto-Go
15. Rep. John N. Orola
16. Rep. Joseph Ace H. Durano
17. Rep. Roseller L. Barinaga
18. Rep. Gregorio T. Ipong
19. Rep. Leovigildo B. Banaag
20. Rep. Didagen P. Dilangalen
21. Rep. Imee R. Marcos
22. Rep. Juan Pablo P. Bondoc
23. Rep. Fausto L. Seachon Jr.
24. Rep. Manuel P. Parcon
25. Rep. Ruy Elias C. Lopez
26. Rep. Joey Sarte Salceda
27. Rep. Benasing O. Macarambon Jr.
28. Rep. Rafael P. Nantes
29. Rep. Rodolfo S. San Luis
30. Rep. Josefina M. Joson
31. Rep. Francis L. Nepomuceno
32. Rep. Antonino P. Roman
33. Rep. Ayong S. Maliksi
34. Rep. Herminio G. Teves
35. Rep. George T. Hofer
36. Rep. Benjamin B. Cappleman
37. Rep. Faustino S. Dy Jr.
38. Rep. Edgar Ramones Lara
39. Rep. Julita Lorenzo-Villareal
40. Rep. Pedro M. Pancho;
41. Rep. Narciso D. Monfort

At this juncture, Speaker Fuentebella relinquished the Chair to Rep. Francis G. Escudero.

42. Rep. Allen S. Quimpo
43. Rep. Gerry A. Salapuddin
44. Rep. Alex G. Bascug
45. Rep. Simeon L. Kintanar
46. Rep. Roy A. Padilla Jr.
47. Rep. Mamintal M. Adiong
48. Rep. Rolex T. Suplico
49. Rep. Marcelino C. Libanan
50. Rep. Lawrence B. Wacnang
51. Rep. Rodolfo E. Aguinaldo
52. Rep. Enrique T. Garcia Jr.
53. Rep. Aurora E. Cerilles
54. Rep. Generoso DC. Tulagan
55. Rep. Elias K. Bulut
56. Rep. Emerito S. Calderon;
57. Rep. Abdullah S. Mangotara

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (REP. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the foregoing Members are deemed elected.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON
APPROPRIATIONS

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. On the part of the majority, we nominate the following:

1. Rep. Gilberto M. Duavit

2. Rep. Enrique T. Garcia Jr.
3. Rep. Amadeo R. Perez Jr.
4. Rep. Luwalhati R. Antonino
5. Rep. Vicente J. Andaya Jr.
6. Rep. Jesli A. Lapus
7. Rep. Julita Lorenzo-Villareal
8. Rep. Emily R. Lopez
9. Rep. Angela E. Cua
10. Rep. Manuel C. Ortega
11. Rep. Joaquin M. Chipeco Jr.
12. Rep. Antonino P. Roman
13. Rep. Rolex T. Suplico
14. Rep. Joey Sarte Salceda
15. Rep. Mamintal M. Adiong
16. Rep. Tomas M. Dumpit
17. Rep. Imee R. Marcos
18. Rep. Laurence B. Wacnang
19. Rep. Juan Pablo P. Bondoc
20. Rep. Josefina M. Joson
21. Rep. Ulihan T. Joaquin
22. Rep. Ayong S. Maliksi
23. Rep. Isidro S. Rodriguez Jr.
24. Rep. Carlos O. Cojuangco
25. Rep. Ninfa S. Garin
26. Rep. Narciso D. Monfort
27. Rep. Augusto "Boboy" Syjuco
28. Rep. Emilio C. Macias II
29. Rep. Harlin Cast. Abayon
30. Rep. Celso L. Lobregat
31. Rep. Gerry A. Salapuddin
32. Rep. Augusto H. Baculio
33. Rep Douglas RA. Cagas
34. Rep. Ruy Elias C. Lopez
35. Rep. Harry C. Angping
36. Rep. Grace G. Singson
37. Rep. Jurdin Jesus M. Romualdo
38. Rep. Alfred S. Romualdez
39. Rep. Simeon L. Kintanar
40. Rep. Emerito S. Calderon
41. Rep. Rodolfo E. Aguinaldo
42. Rep. Zenaida G. Cruz-Ducut
43. Rep. Plaridel M. Abaya
44. Rep. Genaro M. Alvarez Jr.
45. Rep. Ernesto A. Nieva
46. Rep. Allen S. Quimpo
47. Rep. Rodolfo T. Tuazon
48. Rep. Angelo O. Montilla
49. Rep. Reynaldo A. Calalay
50. Rep. Didagen P. Dilangalen
51. Rep. Benjamin B. Cappleman
52. Rep. Bernardo M. Vergara
53. Rep. Pedro M. Pancho
54. Rep. C. Ricardo Silverio
55. Rep. Luis A. Asistio
56. Rep. Antonio M. Diaz
57. Rep. Emilio R. Espinosa Jr.
58. Rep. Faustino S. Dy, Jr.
59. Rep. Rodolfo C. Bacani
60. Rep. Edgar L. Mendoza
61. Rep. Roseller L. Barinaga
62. Rep. Catalina L. Loreto-Go

63. Rep. Jose Mari C. Gonzalez
64. Rep. Gilberto C. Teodoro
65. Rep. Aurora E. Cerilles
66. Rep. Ricardo V. Quintos
67. Rep. Agapito A. Aquino
68. Rep. Hussin U. Amin

That would be all for the majority, Mr. Speaker.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the foregoing Members are deemed elected to the Committee on Appropriations.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS
AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. Mr. Speaker, the majority nominates the following:

1. Rep. Antonino P. Roman
2. Rep. Ricardo C. Silverio
3. Rep. Julio A. Ledesma IV
4. Rep. Alfred S. Romualdez
5. Rep. Joey Sarte Salceda
6. Rep. Tomas M. Dumpit
7. Rep. Ramon M. Reyes
8. Rep. Wilhelmino M. Sy-Alvarado
9. Rep. Enrique T. Garcia Jr.
10. Rep. Francis L. Nepomuceno
11. Rep. Pedro M. Pancho
12. Rep. Danton Q. Bueser
13. Rep. Edgar L. Mendoza
14. Rep. Isidro S. Rodriguez Sr.
15. Rep. Rolex T. Suplico
16. Rep. Augusto "Boboy" Syjuco
17. Rep. Herminio T. Teves
18. Rep. Rodolfo T. Tuazon
19. Rep. Aurora E. Cerilles
20. Rep. Celso L. Lobregat
21. Rep. Rodolfo C. Bacani
22. Rep. Francis G. Escudero
23. Rep. Constantino G. Jaraula
24. Rep. Rodolfo E. Aguinaldo
25. Rep. Harry C. Angping

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the foregoing Members are deemed elected to the Committee on Banks and Financial Intermediaries.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON
BASIC EDUCATION

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. Mr. Speaker, for the majority, the following Members are nominated:

1. Rep. Allen S. Quimpo
2. Rep. Antonino P. Roman
3. Rep. Edgar L. Mendoza
4. Rep. Ricardo V. Quintos
5. Rep. Manuel C. Ortega
6. Rep. Grace G. Singson

7. Rep. Antonio P. Yapha Jr.
8. Rep. Joey Sarte Salceda
9. Rep. Generoso DC. Tulagan
10. Rep. Rodolfo E. Aguinaldo
11. Rep. Lawrence B. Wacnang
12. Rep. Enrique T. Garcia Jr.
13. Rep. Uliran T. Joaquin
14. Rep. Victor R. Sumulong
15. Rep. Francis G. Escudero
16. Rep. Rolex T. Suplico
17. Rep. Vicente J. Andaya Jr.
18. Rep. Roseller L. Barinaga
19. Rep. George T. Hofer
20. Rep. Douglas RA. Cagas
21. Rep. Luwalhati R. Antonino
22. Rep. Abdullah S. Mangotara
23. Rep. Alex G. Bascug
24. Rep. Napoleon R. Beratio
25. Rep. Vida V. Espinosa
26. Rep. Fausto L. Seachon Jr.
27. Rep. Asani S. Tammang
28. Rep. Elias K. Bulut
29. Rep. Jose Mari C. Gonzalez
30. Rep. Juan Pablo P. Bondoc
31. Rep. Marcelino C. Libanan
32. Rep. Teodoro C. Cruz

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the foregoing Members are deemed elected to the Committee on Basic Education.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mr. Speaker.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). What is the pleasure of the Gentleman from Quezon City?

REP. DEFENSOR. Again, Mr. Speaker, with the kind indulgence of the Majority Floor Leader, the membership of the minority, the 45 percent proportional percentage in the committees, will be forwarded on Monday. That is in agreement with the Majority Floor Leader, Mr. Speaker.

Thank you.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). The remarks of the Gentleman insofar as the election of the minority contingent for the foregoing committees are hereby noted.

The Majority Floor Leader will please proceed.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL
AND HUMAN RIGHTS

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. Mr. Speaker, for the Committee on Civil, Political and Human Rights, the majority nominates the following:

1. Rep. Douglas RA. Cagas
2. Rep. Rodolfo F. Gonzales
3. Rep. Roseller L. Barinaga
4. Rep. Allen S. Quimpo
5. Rep. Reynaldo N. Tilanduca
6. Rep. Gregorio T. Ipong

7. Rep. Leovigildo B. Banaag
8. Rep. Vicente Y.P. Valera
9. Rep. Didagen P. Dilangalen
10. Rep. Diogenes S. Osabel

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the foregoing Members are deemed elected to the Committee on Civil, Political and Human Rights.

**ELECTION OF MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE
AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION**

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. For the Committee on Civil Service and Professional Regulation, Mr. Speaker, the majority nominates the following:

1. Rep. Harlin C. Abayon
2. Rep. Rolando A. Briones
3. Rep. George T. Hofer
4. Rep. Hussin U. Amin
5. Rep. Leovigildo B. Banaag
6. Rep. Romualdo T. Vicencio
7. Rep. Joseph Ace H. Durano
8. Rep. Rodolfo F. Gonzales
9. Rep. Francis L. Nepomuceno
10. Rep. Pedro M. Pancho
11. Rep. Roy A. Padilla Jr.
12. Rep. Generoso DC. Tulagan
13. Rep. Jurdin Jesus M. Romualdo
14. Rep. Jaime D. Jacob
15. Rep. Constantino H. Navarro Jr.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the foregoing Members are deemed elected to the Committee on Civil Service and Professional Regulation as comprising the majority contingent in said committee.

**ELECTION OF MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. For the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Mr. Speaker, the majority nominates the following:

1. Rep. Rolex T. Suplico
2. Rep. Constantino G. Jaraula
3. Rep. Gilberto C. Teodoro Jr.
4. Rep. Douglas RA. Cagas
5. Rep. Zenaida G. Cruz-Ducut
6. Rep. Danton Q. Bueser
7. Rep. Gilberto M. Duavit
8. Rep. Jovito C. Plameras Jr.
9. Rep. Allen S. Quimpo
10. Rep. Augusto "Boboy" Syjuco
11. Rep. Joseph Ace H. Durano
12. Rep. Emilio C. Macias II
13. Rep. Marcelino C. Libanan
14. Rep. Roseller L. Barinaga
15. Rep. Augusto H. Baculio

16. Rep. Reginaldo N. Tilanduca
 17. Rep. Ruy Elias C. Lopez
 18. Rep. Carlos O. Cojuangco
 19. Rep. Hussin U. Amin
 20. Rep. Rodolfo C. Fariñas
- That would be all, Mr. Speaker.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the foregoing Members are deemed elected to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments as forming part of the majority contingent.

**ELECTION OF MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON
COOPERATIVES DEVELOPMENT**

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. For the Committee on Cooperatives Development, Mr. Speaker, the majority nominates the following:

1. Rep. Diogenes S. Osabel
2. Rep. Rodolfo E. Aguinaldo
3. Rep. Wilhelmino M. Sy-Alvarado
4. Rep. Danton Q. Bueser
5. Rep. Antonio P. Yapha Jr.
6. Rep. Constantino G. Jaraula
7. Rep. Rolando A. Briones
8. Rep. Roy A. Padilla Jr.
9. Rep. Aurora E. Cerilles

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the foregoing Members are deemed elected to the Committee on Cooperatives Development.

**ELECTION OF MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON
ECOLOGY**

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. For the Committee on Ecology, the majority nominates the following:

1. Rep. Augusto H. Baculio
2. Rep. Wilhelmino M. Sy-Alvarado
3. Rep. Ayong S. Maliksi
4. Rep. Grace G. Singson
5. Rep. Francis G. Escudero
6. Rep. Alfredo G. Maranon Jr.
7. Rep. Alfred S. Romualdez
8. Rep. Roseller L. Barinaga
9. Rep. Aurora E. Cerilles
10. Rep. Reynaldo N. Tilanduca
11. Rep. Gregorio T. Ipong
12. Rep. Alex G. Bascug
13. Rep. Rolando A. Briones
14. Rep. Jaime D. Jacob
15. Rep. Angelo O. Montilla
16. Rep. Rolex T. Suplico

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the foregoing Members are deemed elected to the Committee on Ecology as forming part of the majority contingent.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. For the Committee on Economic Affairs, the majority nominates the following Members:

1. Rep. Harry C. Angping
2. Rep. Joey Sarte Salceda
3. Rep. Juan Pablo P. Bondoc
4. Rep. Francis L. Nepomuceno
5. Rep. Antonino P. Roman
6. Rep. Antonio M. Diaz
7. Rep. Enrique T. Garcia Jr.
8. Rep. Jesli A. Lapus
9. Rep. Napoleon R. Beratio
10. Rep. Gilberto M. Duavit
11. Rep. Uliran T. Joaquin
12. Rep. Isidro S. Rodriguez Jr.
13. Rep. Julio A. Ledesma IV
14. Rep. Augusto "Boboy" Syjuco
15. Rep. Herminio G. Teves
16. Rep. Antonio P. Yapha Jr.
17. Rep. Douglas RA. Cagas
18. Rep. Hussin U. Amin
19. Rep. Rolando A. Briones
20. Rep. Joey D. Hizon
21. Rep. Nestor C. Ponce Jr.
22. Rep. Ricardo C. Silverio
23. Rep. John N. Orola Jr.
24. Rep. Jaime D. Jacob

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the foregoing Members are deemed elected to the Committee on Economic Affairs as forming part of the majority contingent.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. For the Committee on Energy, the majority nominates the following Members:

1. Rep. Julio A. Ledesma IV
2. Rep. Rafael P. Nantes
3. Rep. Allen S. Quimpo
4. Rep. Ruy Elias C. Lopez
5. Rep. Benasing O. Macarambon Jr.
6. Rep. Rodolfo C. Fariñas
7. Rep. Gregorio T. Ipong
8. Rep. Generoso DC. Tulagan
9. Rep. Enrique T. Garcia Jr.
10. Rep. Danton Q. Bueser
11. Rep. Edgar L. Mendoza
12. Rep. Rodolfo S. San Luis
13. Rep. Emily R. Lopez
14. Rep. Alfred S. Romualdez
15. Rep. Eduardo K. Veloso
16. Rep. Jurdin Jesus M. Romualdo
17. Rep. Harry C. Angping
18. Rep. Rodolfo C. Bacani
19. Rep. Jose Mari C. Gonzalez
20. Rep. Henry P. Lanot

21. Rep. Simeon L. Kintanar
 22. Rep. Alipio Cirilo V. Badelles
 23. Rep. Rodolfo T. Tuazon
 24. Rep. Ma. Catalina L. Loreto-Go
 25. Rep. Francis G. Escudero
 26. Rep. Rosenda Ann M. Ocampo
 27. Rep. Joaquin M. Chipeco Jr.
 28. Rep. Mamintal M. Adiong
 29. Rep. Manuel C. Ortega
 30. Rep. Ricardo V. Quintos
 31. Rep. Jaime D. Jacob
 32. Rep. Reynaldo A. Calalay
 33. Rep. Plaridel M. Abaya
- That is all for the majority, Mr. Speaker.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the foregoing Members are deemed elected to the Committee on Energy as forming part of the majority contingent.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. For the Committee on Ethics, the majority nominates the following Members:

1. Rep. Alipio Cirilo V. Badelles
2. Rep. Julio A. Ledesma IV
3. Rep. Rodolfo T. Tuazon
4. Rep. Joseph Ace H. Durano
5. Rep. Anthony P. Dequiña
6. Rep. Leovigildo B. Banaag
7. Rep. Emily R. Lopez
8. Rep. Mamintal M. Adiong
9. Rep. Marcelino C. Libanan
10. Rep. Plaridel M. Abaya
11. Rep. Alfredo G. Marañon Jr.
12. Rep. Reginaldo N. Tilanduca
13. Rep. Narciso D. Monfort
14. Rep. Jaime D. Jacob

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the foregoing Members are deemed elected to the Committee on Ethics as forming part of the majority contingent.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON
FOREIGN AFFAIRS

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. For the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the majority nominates the following Members:

1. Rep. Emily R. Lopez
2. Rep. Luwalhati R. Antonino
3. Rep. Alipio Cirilo V. Badelles
4. Rep. Harry C. Angping
5. Rep. Manuel C. Ortega
6. Rep. Uliran T. Joaquin
7. Rep. Gerry A. Salapuddin
8. Rep. Ma. Victoria L. Locsin
9. Rep. Julita Lorenzo-Villareal
10. Rep. Napoleon R. Beratio

11. Rep. Joaquin M. Chipeco Jr.
12. Rep. Ayong S. Maliksi
13. Rep. Vida V. Espinosa
14. Rep. Danton Q. Bueser
15. Rep. John N. Orola Jr.
16. Rep. Rodolfo T. Tuazon
17. Rep. Harlin Cast. Abayon
18. Rep. Jurdin Jesus M. Romualdo
19. Rep. Didagen P. Dilangalen
20. Rep. Jose Mari C. Gonzalez
21. Rep. Rolando A. Briones
22. Rep. Rodolfo F. Gonzales
23. Rep. Augusto H. Baculio
24. Rep. Narciso D. Monfort
25. Rep. Benasing O. Macarambon Jr.
26. Rep. Constantino G. Jaraula
27. Rep. Jaime D. Jacob
28. Rep. Antonio M. Diaz
29. Rep. Salvio B. Fortuno
30. Rep. Constantino H. Navarro

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the foregoing Members are deemed elected to the Committee on Foreign Affairs as forming part of the majority contingent.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON
GOOD GOVERNMENT

REP. ALBANO. Mr. Speaker, on the part of the majority contingent on the Committee on Good Government, I hereby nominate the following:

1. Rep. Edgar Ramones Lara
2. Rep. Rodolfo F. Gonzales
3. Rep. Antonino P. Roman
4. Rep. Angelo O. Montilla
5. Rep. Imee R. Marcos
6. Rep. Ma. Angela E. Cua
7. Rep. Juan Pablo P. Bondoc
8. Rep. Didagen P. Dilangalen
9. Rep. Enrique T. Garcia Jr.
10. Rep. Ruy Elias C. Lopez
11. Rep. Gilberto C. Teodoro Jr.
12. Rep. Plaridel M. Abaya
13. Rep. Joaquin M. Chipeco Jr.
14. Rep. Francis G. Escudero
15. Rep. Rodolfo T. Tuazon
16. Rep. Celso L. Lobregat
17. Rep. Luwalhati R. Antonino
18. Rep. Simeon E. Garcia Jr.
19. Rep. Benasing O. Macarambon Jr.
20. Rep. Rodolfo C. Fariñas
21. Rep. Gerardo S. Espina
22. Rep. Jaime D. Jacob
23. Rep. Lawrence B. Wacnang

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the foregoing Members are deemed elected to the Committee on Good Government as

forming part of the majority contingent.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

REP. ALBANO. To the Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization, Mr. Speaker, the majority nominates the following:

1. Rep. Ricardo C. Silverio
2. Rep. Harlin Cast. Abayon
3. Rep. Jesli A. Lopus
4. Rep. Francis L. Nepomuceno
5. Rep. Rolex T. Suplico
6. Rep. Wilhelmino M. Sy-Alvarado
7. Rep. Simeon E. Garcia Jr.
8. Rep. Napoleon R. Beratio
9. Rep. Edgar L. Mendoza
10. Rep. Enrique T. Garcia Jr.
11. Rep. Augusto "Boboy" Syjuco
12. Rep. Simeon L. Kintanar
13. Rep. Abdullah S. Mangotara
14. Rep. Bernardo M. Vergara
15. Rep. Rodolfo C. Bacani
16. Rep. Henry P. Lanot
17. Rep. Jose Mari C. Gonzalez
18. Rep. Roy A. Padilla Jr.
19. Rep. Alfred S. Romualdez

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the foregoing Members are elected to the Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization as forming part of the majority contingent.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON
GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION

REP. ALBANO. For the Committee on Government Reorganization, Mr. Speaker, I nominate the following Members:

1. Rep. Edgar L. Mendoza
2. Rep. Ernesto A. Nieva
3. Rep. Alfred S. Romualdez
4. Rep. Rolando A. Briones
5. Rep. Eduardo K. Veloso
6. Rep. Emilio C. Macias II
7. Rep. Juan Pablo P. Bondoc
8. Rep. Gilberto C. Teodoro
9. Rep. Rodolfo T. Albano III
10. Rep. Ramon M. Reyes
11. Rep. Diogenes S. Osabel
12. Rep. Rodolfo C. Bacani
13. Rep. Simeon L. Kintanar
14. Rep. John N. Orola Jr.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the foregoing Members are deemed elected to the Committee on Government

Reorganization as forming part of the majority contingent.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

REP. ALBANO. For the Committee on Health, the following Members are nominated:

1. Rep. Alfredo G. Marañon Jr.
2. Rep. Emilio C. Macias II
3. Rep. Alex G. Bascug
4. Rep. Rolex T. Suplico
5. Rep. Antonio P. Yapha Jr.
6. Rep. Harlin Cast. Abayon
7. Rep. Ma. Victoria L. Locsin
8. Rep. Generoso DC. Tulagan
9. Rep. Josefina M. Joson
10. Rep. Isidro S. Rodriguez Jr.
11. Rep. Vida V. Espinosa
12. Rep. Genaro M. Alvarez Jr.
13. Rep. Vicente J. Andaya Jr.
14. Rep. Ninfa S. Garin
15. Rep. Narciso D. Monfort
16. Rep. Jose Mari C. Gonzalez
17. Rep. Ma. Catalina L. Loreto-Go
18. Rep. Mamintal M. Adiong
19. Rep. Roseller L. Barinaga
20. Rep. Aurora E. Cerilles
21. Rep. George T. Hofer
22. Rep. Gregorio T. Ipong
23. Rep. Rodolfo C. Bacani
24. Rep. Grace G. Singson
25. Rep. Constantino G. Jaraula
26. Rep. Simeon E. Garcia Jr.
27. Rep. Rodolfo E. Aguinaldo
28. Rep. Joey D. Hizon
29. Rep. Uliran T. Joaquin

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the foregoing Members are deemed elected to the Committee on Health as forming part of the majority contingent.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER
AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

REP. ALBANO. For the Committee on Higher and Technical Education, the majority nominates the following Members:

1. Rep. Rosenda Ann M. Ocampo
2. Rep. Allen S. Quimpo
3. Rep. Genaro M. Alvarez Jr.
4. Rep. Imee R. Marcos
5. Rep. Jurdin Jesus M. Romualdo
6. Rep. Benjamin B. Cappleman
7. Rep. Benasing O. Macarambon Jr.
8. Rep. Ma. Angela E. Cua
9. Rep. Antonio M. Diaz
10. Rep. Vicente J. Andaya Jr.
11. Rep. Danton Q. Bueser

12. Rep. Isidro S. Rodriguez Jr.
13. Rep. Eduardo K. Veloso
14. Rep. Alipio Cirilo V. Badelles
15. Rep. Angelo O. Montilla
16. Rep. Roy A. Padilla Jr.
17. Rep. Julita Lorenzo-Villareal
18. Rep. Aurora E. Cerilles
19. Rep. Gerry A. Salapuddin
20. Rep. Ninfa S. Garin
21. Rep. Augusto "Boboy" Syjuco
22. Rep. Wilhelmino M. Sy-Alvarado
23. Rep. Josefina M. Joson
24. Rep. John N. Orola Jr.
25. Rep. Gilberto M. Duavit
26. Rep. Narciso D. Monfort
27. Rep. Rodolfo C. Bacani
28. Rep. Nestor C. Ponce Jr.
29. Rep. Francis L. Nepomuceno
30. Rep. Joaquin M. Chipeco Jr.
31. Rep. Constantino G. Jaraula
32. Rep. Gerardo S. Espina
33. Rep. Jaime D. Jacob

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the foregoing Members are deemed elected to the Committee on Higher and Technical Education as forming part of the majority contingent.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING
AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

REP. ALBANO. For the Committee on Housing and Urban Development, the majority nominates the following Members:

1. Rep. Rodolfo C. Bacani
2. Rep. Constantino H. Navarro Jr.
3. Rep. Reynaldo A. Calalay
4. Rep. Francis G. Escudero
5. Rep. Enrique T. Garcia Jr.
6. Rep. Gilberto M. Duavit
7. Rep. Ayong S. Maliksi
8. Rep. Victor R. Sumulong
9. Rep. Julio A. Ledesma IV
10. Rep. Alfred S. Romualdez
11. Rep. Constantino G. Jaraula
12. Rep. Luis A. Asistio
13. Rep. Rolando A. Briones
14. Rep. Joey D. Hizon
15. Rep. Henry P. Lanot
16. Rep. Ernesto A. Nieva
17. Rep. Nestor C. Ponce Jr.
18. Rep. Diogenes S. Osabel
19. Rep. Julita Lorenzo-Villareal
20. Rep. Plaridel M. Abaya

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the foregoing Members are deemed elected to the Committee on Housing and Urban Development as forming part of the majority contingent.

**ELECTION OF MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE**

REP. ALBANO. To the Committee on Justice, Mr. Speaker, the majority nominates the following honorable Members:

1. Rep. Rodolfo C. Fariñas
2. Rep. Neptali M. Gonzales II
3. Rep. Antonino P. Roman
4. Rep. Henry P. Lanot
5. Rep. Didagen P. Dilangalen
6. Rep. Lawrence B. Wacnang
7. Rep. Zenaida G. Cruz-Ducut
8. Rep. Joaquin M. Chipeco Jr.
9. Rep. Simeon E. Garcia Jr.
10. Rep. Francis G. Escudero
11. Rep. Emilio R. Espinosa Jr.
12. Rep. Fausto L. Seachon Jr.
13. Rep. Joseph Ace H. Durano
14. Rep. Harlin Cast. Abayon
15. Rep. Douglas RA. Cagas
16. Rep. Ruy Elias C. Lopez
17. Rep. Alipio Cirilo V. Badelles
18. Rep. Hussin U. Amin
19. Rep. Asani S. Tammang
20. Rep. Vicente Y.P. Valera
21. Rep. Napoleon R. Beratio
22. Rep. Rodolfo T. Tuazon
23. Rep. Emerito S. Calderon
24. Rep. Edgar L. Mendoza
25. Rep. Edgar Ramones Lara

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the foregoing Members are deemed elected to the Committee on Justice as forming part of the majority contingent.

**ELECTION OF MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR
AND EMPLOYMENT**

REP. ALBANO. For the Committee on Labor and Employment, the majority nominates the following honorable Members:

1. Rep. Roseller L. Barinaga
2. Rep. Ernesto A. Nieva
3. Rep. Leovigildo B. Banaag
4. Rep. Julio A. Ledesma IV
5. Rep. John N. Orola Jr.
6. Rep. Simeon E. Garcia Jr.
7. Rep. Ayong S. Maliksi
8. Rep. Joey Sarte Salceda
9. Rep. Joseph Ace H. Durano
10. Rep. Rodolfo T. Tuazon
11. Rep. Luwalhati R. Antonino
12. Rep. Ruy Elias C. Lopez
13. Rep. Anthony M. Dequiña
14. Rep. Abdullah S. Mangotara
15. Rep. Diogenes S. Osabel
16. Rep. Henry P. Lanot
17. Rep. Francis G. Escudero
18. Rep. Rolex T. Suplico

19. Rep. Harry C. Angping
20. Rep. Imee R. Marcos
21. Rep. Tomas M. Dumpit

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the foregoing Members are deemed elected to the Committee on Labor and Employment as forming part of the majority contingent.

**ELECTION OF MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON
LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES**

REP. ALBANO. For the Committee on Legislative Franchises, Mr. Speaker, the majority nominates the following honorable Members:

1. Rep. Plaridel M. Abaya
2. Rep. Amadeo R. Perez Jr.
3. Rep. Leovigildo B. Banaag
4. Rep. Vicente Y.P. Valera
5. Rep. Rafael P. Nantes
6. Rep. Generoso DC. Tulagan
7. Rep. Ma. Angela Cua
8. Rep. Augusto H. Baculio
9. Rep. Francis G. Escudero
10. Rep. John N. Orola Jr.
11. Rep. Rolex T. Suplico
12. Rep. Alfred G. Marañon Jr.
13. Rep. Ma. Victoria L. Locsin
14. Rep. Rodolfo T. Tuazon
15. Rep. Jurdin Jesus M. Romualdo
16. Rep. Alipio Cirilo V. Badelles
17. Rep. Jesnar R. Falcon
18. Rep. Bernardo M. Vergara
19. Rep. Wilhelmino M. Sy-Alvarado
20. Rep. Emerito S. Calderon
21. Rep. Teodoro C. Cruz
22. Rep. Constantino G. Jaraula
23. Rep. Julita Lorenzo-Villareal
24. Rep. Celso L. Lobregat
25. Rep. Roseller L. Barinaga

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the foregoing Members are deemed elected to the Committee on Legislative Franchises as forming part of the majority contingent.

The Asst. Majority Floor Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. ALBANO. May I ask for a one-minute suspension of session, Mr. Speaker.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). The session is suspended.

It was 7:21 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 7:23 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). The session is resumed.

The Asst. Majority Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. ALBANO. Yes, Mr. Speaker. We would like to reconsider the members in the Committee on Housing and Urban Development, Mr. Speaker.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). The Gentleman may proceed.

REP. ALBANO. Yes. We would like to remove the name of Honorable Nestor Ponce Jr. as member of the Committee on Housing and Urban Development as part of the majority contingent, Mr. Speaker.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). Is there any objection to the motion? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none; the motion is hereby approved.

REP. ALBANO. May I proceed now, Mr. Speaker?

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). The Gentleman may proceed.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

REP. ALBANO. For the Committee on Local Government, the majority contingent nominates the following Members:

1. Rep. Victor R. Sumulong
2. Rep. Jovito C. Plameras Jr.
3. Rep. Emilio C. Macias II
4. Rep. Vicente Y.P. Valera
5. Rep. Josefina M. Joston
6. Rep. Manuel C. Ortega
7. Rep. Rodolfo C. Fariñas
8. Rep. Roy A. Padilla Jr.
9. Rep. Rodolfo T. Albano III
10. Rep. Ramon M. Reyes
11. Rep. Francis L. Nepomuceno
12. Rep. Rodolfo S. San Luis
13. Rep. Danton Q. Bueser
14. Rep. Alfredo G. Marañoan Jr.
15. Rep. Manuel P. Parcon
16. Rep. Herminio G. Teves
17. Rep. Antonio P. Yapha
18. Rep. Marcelino C. Libanan
19. Rep. George T. Hofer
20. Rep. Gerry A. Salapuddin
21. Rep. Douglas RA. Cagas
22. Rep. Angelo O. Montilla
23. Rep. Leovigildo B. Banaag
24. Rep. Constantino H. Navarro Jr.
25. Rep. Luis A. Asistio
26. Rep. Joey D. Hizon
27. Rep. Henry P. Lanot
28. Rep. Nestor C. Ponce Jr.
29. Rep. Ricardo V. Quintos

30. Rep. John N. Orola Jr.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none; the foregoing Members are deemed elected to said Committee as forming part of the majority contingent.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON MUSLIM AFFAIRS

REP. ALBANO. For the Committee on Muslim Affairs, Mr. Speaker, the majority contingent nominates the following Members:

1. Rep. Hussin U. Amin
2. Rep. Gerry A. Salapuddin
3. Rep. Mamintal M. Adiong
4. Rep. Roseller L. Barinaga
5. Rep. Celso L. Lobregat
6. Rep. Luwalhati R. Antonino
7. Rep. Douglas RA. Cagas
8. Rep. Alipio Cirilo V. Badelles
9. Rep. Anthony P. Dequilla
10. Rep. Gregorio T. Ipong
11. Rep. Abdullah S. Mangotara
12. Rep. Angelo O. Montilla
13. Rep. Didagen P. Dilangalen
14. Rep. Asani S. Tammang
15. Rep. Benasing O. Macarambon Jr.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none; the foregoing Members are deemed elected to the Committee on Muslim Affairs as forming part of the majority contingent.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL CULTURAL COMMUNITIES

REP. ALBANO. For the Committee on National Cultural Communities, Mr. Speaker, the majority contingent nominates the following honorable Members:

1. Rep. Benjamin B. Cappleman
2. Rep. Ruy Elias C. Lopez
3. Rep. Laurence B. Wacnang
4. Rep. Ma. Angela E. Cua
5. Rep. Gerry A. Salapuddin
6. Rep. Hussin U. Amin
7. Rep. Didagen P. Dilangalen
8. Rep. Asani S. Tammang
9. Rep. Elias K. Bulut
10. Rep. Vicente Y.P. Valera
11. Rep. Bernardo M. Vergara
12. Rep. Grace G. Singson
13. Rep. Alex G. Bascug
14. Rep. Aurora E. Cerilles

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none; the foregoing Members are deemed elected to the Committee on National

Cultural Minorities as forming part of the majority contingent.

**ELECTION OF MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON
NATIONAL DEFENSE**

REP. ALBANO. For the Committee on National Defense, Mr. Speaker, the majority contingent nominates the following honorable Members:

1. Rep. Anthony P. Dequiña
2. Rep. Douglas RA. Cagas
3. Rep. Teodoro C. Cruz
4. Rep. Danilo E. Suarez
5. Rep. Rafael P. Nantes
6. Rep. Generoso DC. Tulagan
7. Rep. Rodolfo E. Aguinaldo
8. Rep. Tomas M. Dumpit
9. Rep. Edgar Ramones Lara
10. Rep. Jesli A. Lapus
11. Rep. Gilberto C. Teodoro Jr.
12. Rep. Plaridel M. Abaya
13. Rep. Edgar L. Mendoza
14. Rep. Narciso D. Monfort
15. Rep. Jurdin Jesus M. Romualdo
16. Rep. Celso L. Lobregat
17. Rep. Alex G. Bascug
18. Rep. Didagen P. Dilangalen
19. Rep. Asani S. Tammang
20. Rep. Harry C. Angping
21. Rep. Rodolfo C. Bacani
22. Rep. Rolando A. Briones
23. Rep. Henry P. Lanot
24. Rep. Harlin Cast. Abayon
25. Rep. Augusto H. Baculio
26. Rep. Hussin U. Amin
27. Rep. Mamintal M. Adiong
28. Rep. Marcelino C. Libanan
29. Rep. Roy A. Padilla Jr.
30. Rep. Rodolfo C. Fariñas

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the foregoing Members are deemed elected to the Committee on National Defense as forming part of the majority contingent.

**ELECTION OF MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON
NATURAL RESOURCES**

REP. ALBANO. For the Committee on Natural Resources, Mr. Speaker, the majority nominates the following honorable Members:

1. Rep. Zenaida G. Cruz-Ducut
2. Rep. Ramon M. Reyes
3. Rep. Gregorio T. Ipong
4. Rep. Angelo O. Montilla
5. Rep. Ma. Angela E. Cua
6. Rep. Carlos O. Cojuangco
7. Rep. Julita Lorenzo-Villareal
8. Rep. Rodolfo S. San Luis
9. Rep. Danilo E. Suarez

10. Rep. Fausto L. Seachon Jr.
11. Rep. Genaro M. Alvarez Jr.
12. Rep. Vicente J. Andaya Jr.
13. Rep. Simeon L. Kintanar
14. Rep. Leovigildo B. Banaag
15. Rep. Augusto H. Baculio
16. Rep. Abdullah S. Mangotara
17. Rep. Ruy Elias C. Lopez
18. Rep. Anthony P. Dequiña
19. Rep. Jesnar R. Falcon
20. Rep. Mamintal M. Adiong
21. Rep. Elias K. Bulut
22. Rep. Benjamin B. Cappleman
23. Rep. Vicente Y.P. Valera
24. Rep. Rosenda Ann M. Ocampo
25. Rep. Rodolfo E. Aguinaldo

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the foregoing Members are deemed elected to the Committee on Natural Resources as forming part of the majority contingent.

**ELECTION OF MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON
PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION**

REP. ALBANO. For the Committee on People's Participation, the honorable majority Members nominate the following:

1. Rep. Mamintal M. Adiong
2. Rep. Diogenes S. Osabel
3. Rep. Emilio C. Macias II
4. Rep. Jurdin Jesus M. Romualdo
5. Rep. Reginaldo N. Tilanduca
6. Rep. Gregorio T. Ipong
7. Rep. Joey D. Hizon
8. Rep. Emerito S. Calderon

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the foregoing Members are deemed elected to the Committee on People's Participation as forming part of the majority contingent.

**ELECTION OF MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION
AND FAMILY RELATIONS**

REP. ALBANO. For the Committee on Population and Family Relations, Mr. Speaker, the majority contingent nominates the following Members:

1. Rep. Genaro M. Alvarez Jr.
2. Rep. Grace G. Singson
3. Rep. Uliran T. Joaquin
4. Rep. Ma. Catalina L. Loreto-Go
5. Rep. Maria Angela E. Cua
6. Rep. Isidro S. Rodriguez Jr.
7. Rep. Ninfa S. Garin
8. Rep. Ma. Victoria L. Locsin
9. Rep. Carlos O. Cojuangco
10. Rep. Angelo O. Montilla
11. Rep. Gregorio T. Ipong

12. Rep. Jesnar R. Falcon

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the foregoing Members are deemed elected to the Committee on Population and Family Relations as forming part of the majority contingent.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC INFORMATION

REP. ALBANO. For the Committee on Public Information, Mr. Speaker, the majority contingent nominates the following Members:

1. Rep. Vicente Y.P. Valera
2. Rep. Imee R. Marcos
3. Rep. Salvio B. Fortuno
4. Rep. Juan Pablo P. Bondoc
5. Rep. Genaro M. Alvarez Jr.
6. Rep. Ma. Catalina L. Loreto-Go
7. Rep. Alfred S. Romualdez
8. Rep. Augusto S. Baculio
9. Rep. Constantino G. Jaraula
10. Rep. Jose Mari C. Gonzalez
11. Rep. Ernesto A. Nieva
12. Rep. Diogenes S. Osabel
13. Rep. Francis G. Escudero
14. Rep. Agapito A. Aquino

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the foregoing Members are deemed elected to the Committee on Public Information as forming part of the majority contingent.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER
AND SECURITY

REP. ALBANO. For the Committee on Public Order and Security, Mr. Speaker, the honorable majority members nominate their honorable Members:

1. Rep. Tomas M. Dumpit
2. Rep. Rodolfo E. Aguinaldo
3. Rep. Manuel C. Ortega
4. Rep. Harry C. Angping
5. Rep. Fausto L. Seachon Jr.
6. Rep. Ramon M. Reyes
7. Rep. Joey D. Hizon
8. Rep. Amado R. Perez Jr.
9. Rep. Edgar Ramones Lara
10. Rep. Wilhelmino M. Sy-Alvarado
11. Rep. Plaridel M. Abaya
12. Rep. Emilio R. Espinosa Jr.
13. Rep. Vicente J. Andaya Jr.
14. Rep. Manuel P. Parcon
15. Rep. Harlin Cast. Abayon
16. Rep. Didagen P. Dilangalen
17. Rep. Vicente Y.P. Valera
18. Rep. Luis A. Asistio
19. Rep. Jesnar R. Falcon
20. Rep. Gilbert C. Teodoro Jr.

21. Rep. Jurdin Jesus M. Romualdo
22. Rep. Asani S. Tammang
23. Rep. Ricardo C. Silverio
24. Rep. Benasing O. Macarambon Jr.
25. Rep. Narciso D. Monfort
26. Rep. Henry P. Lanot
27. Rep. Hussin U. Amin
28. Rep. Anthony P. Dequiña
29. Rep. Rodolfo C. Fariñas
30. Rep. Rodolfo T. Tuazon

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). Is there any objection?

REP. ANDAYA (R.). Mr. Speaker.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). What is the pleasure of the Gentleman from Camarines Sur?

REP. ANDAYA (R.). Mr. Speaker, inasmuch as we are undergoing the process of reorganization in the House, and I understand there could be some slight confusion as regards the composition of the majority and the minority, could we appeal to the Chair that the final membership of the committees be sorted out with finality between the two groups. I noticed that some members of the minority are included in the nominees of the majority such as the Honorable Manuel Parcon and the Honorable Nestor Ponce a while ago. Could the final membership of the committees be subject to the agreement of both the majority and the minority to have a clear-cut composition of the committees, Mr. Speaker?

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). What does the Majority Floor Leader say?

REP. ALBANO. We interpose no objection, Mr. Speaker, to the manifestation of the Asst. Minority Floor Leader.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). Did the Gentleman interpose a manifestation or a motion?

REP. ALBANO. I interposed a manifestation, Mr. Speaker.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). A manifestation and motion.

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

REP. ALBANO. For the Committee on Public Works and Highways, Mr. Speaker.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). Before the Gentleman proceeds, is there any objection to the election of the majority members forming part of the Committee on Public Order and Security? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the same are hereby elected.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

REP. ALBANO. For the Committee on Public Works and

Highways, Mr. Speaker, the majority contingent nominates the following honorable Members:

1. Rep. Bernardo M. Vergara
2. Rep. Mamintal M. Adiong
3. Rep. Abdullah S. Mangotara
4. Rep. Gerry A. Salapuddin
5. Rep. Manuel P. Parcon
6. Rep. Ricardo V. Quintos
7. Rep. Leovigildo B. Banaag
8. Rep. Ma. Catalina Loreto-Go
9. Rep. Fausto L. Seachon Jr.
10. Rep. Imee R. Marcos
11. Rep. Manuel C. Ortega
12. Rep. Rodolfo E. Aguinaldo
13. Rep. Ramon M. Reyes
14. Rep. Rodolfo F. Gonzalez
15. Rep. Wilhelmino M. Sy-Alvarado
16. Rep. Gilberto C. Teodoro Jr.
17. Rep. Plaridel M. Abaya
18. Rep. Joaquin M. Chipeco Jr.
19. Rep. Ayong S. Maliksi
20. Rep. Victor R. Sumulong
21. Rep. Vida V. Espinosa
22. Rep. Joey Sarte Salceda
23. Rep. Genaro M. Alvarez Jr.
24. Rep. Isidro S. Rodriguez Jr.
25. Rep. Eduardo K. Veloso
26. Rep. Celso L. Lobregat
27. Rep. Jesnar R. Falcon
28. Rep. Hussin U. Amin
29. Rep. Ernesto A. Nieva
30. Rep. Rosenda Ann M. Ocampo
31. Rep. Pedro M. Pancho
32. Rep. Marcelino C. Libanan
33. Rep. Alipio Cirilo V. Badelles
34. Rep. Leovigildo B. Banaag
35. Rep. Joey D. Hizon
36. Rep. Roy A. Padilla Jr.
37. Rep. Benasing O. Macarambon Jr.
38. Rep. Rodolfo C. Fariñas

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the foregoing Members are deemed elected to the Committee on Public Works and Highways as forming part of the majority contingent.

REP. ALBANO. Mr. Speaker, I would like make some correction. It seems that some Members were misplaced: the Rep. Generoso DC. Tulagan; Rep. Elias K. Bulut and Rep. Aurora E. Cerilles, Mr. Speaker.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the foregoing Members, in addition to those earlier mentioned, are hereby elected to the Committee on Public Works and Highways as forming part of the majority contingent.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

REP. ALBANO. Mr. Speaker, for the Revision of Laws, the

majority nominates the following honorable Members:

1. Rep. Reginaldo N. Tilanduca
2. Rep. Leovigildo B. Banaag
3. Rep. Gilberto C. Teodoro Jr.
4. Rep. Lawrence B. Wacnang
5. Rep. Antonio M. Diaz
6. Rep. Zenaída G. Cruz-Ducut
7. Rep. Simeon E. Garcia Jr.
8. Rep. Rodolfo F. Gonzales
9. Rep. Jovito C. Plameras Jr.
10. Rep. Constantino G. Jaraula
11. Rep. Hussin U. Amin
12. Rep. Vicente Y.P. Valera
13. Rep. Rodolfo C. Fariñas
14. Rep. Jaime D. Jacob

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the foregoing Members are deemed elected to the Committee on Revision of Laws as forming part of the majority contingent.

REP. ALBANO. Mr. Speaker.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). The session is suspended.

It was 7:34 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 7:35 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). The session is resumed.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS

REP. ALBANO. Mr. Speaker, for the Committee on Games and Amusements, the majority contingent nominates the following honorable Members:

1. Rep. Luis A. Asistio
2. Rep. Julita Lorenzo-Villareal
3. Rep. Joey D. Hizon
4. Rep. Ninfa S. Garin
5. Rep. Leovigildo B. Banaag
6. Rep. Roy A. Padilla Jr.
7. Rep. Francis L. Nepomuceno
8. Rep. Edgar L. Mendoza
9. Rep. Manuel P. Parcon
10. Rep. Ernesto A. Nieva
11. Rep. Bernardo M. Vergara
12. Rep. Ma. Catalina L. Loreto-Go
13. Rep. Rodolfo T. Tuazon
14. Rep. Douglas RA. Cagas
15. Rep. Luwalhati R. Antonino
16. Rep. Anthony P. Dequina
17. Rep. Benjamin B. Cappleman

18. Rep. Henry P. Lanot
19. Rep. Harlin Cast. Abayon
20. Rep. Marcelino C. Libanan
21. Rep. Rodolfo C. Farifas
22. Rep. Uliran T. Joaquin
23. Rep. Mamintal M. Adiong
24. Rep. Abdullah S. Mangotara

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the foregoing Members are deemed elected to the Committee on Games and Amusements as forming part of the majority contingent.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). The session is suspended.

It was 7:35 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 7:35 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). The session is resumed.

The Asst. Majority Floor Leader is recognized.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT

REP. ALBANO. Mr. Speaker, for the Committee on Rural Development, the majority contingent nominates the following honorable Members:

1. Rep. Elias K. Bulut
2. Rep. Rodolfo S. San Luis
3. Rep. Herminio G. Teves
4. Rep. Jesli A. Lapus
5. Rep. Joaquin M. Chipeco Jr.
6. Rep. Francis G. Escudero
7. Rep. Jovito C. Plameras Jr.
8. Rep. Joseph Ace. H. Durano
9. Rep. Antonio P. Yapha
10. Rep. Douglas RA. Cagas
11. Rep. Gregorio T. Ipong
12. Rep. Angelo O. Montilla
13. Rep. Alex G. Bascug
14. Rep. Salvio B. Fortunio

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the foregoing Members are deemed elected to the Committee on Rural Development as forming part of the majority contingent.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

REP. ALBANO. For the Committee on Science and Technology, Mr. Speaker, the majority contingent nominates the following honorable Members:

1. Rep. Ma. Angela E. Cua
2. Rep. Gregorio T. Ipong
3. Rep. Angelo O. Montilla
4. Rep. Gilberto M. Duavit
5. Rep. Carlos O. Cojuangco
6. Rep. Alfredo G. Marañon Jr.
7. Rep. Simeon L. Kintanar
8. Rep. Jesnar R. Falcon
9. Rep. Rodolfo C. Bacani
10. Rep. Jose Mari C. Gonzales
11. Rep. Danilo E. Suarez
12. Rep. Grace G. Singson
13. Rep. Marcelino C. Libanan

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Escudero). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the foregoing Members are deemed elected to the Committee on Science and Technology as forming part of the majority contingent.

The session is suspended.

It was 7:36 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 7:38 p.m., the session was resumed with the Speaker presiding.

THE SPEAKER. The session is resumed.

We shall now administer the oath of office of the newly elected Deputy Speakers, the Honorable Agapito A. Aquino and the Honorable Gerardo S. Espina. May we request all the Members to please rise as sponsors for the oath-taking of these two Gentlemen:

At this juncture, Rep. Agapito A. Aquino and Rep. Gerardo S. Espina ascended the rostrum and took their oath of office as Deputy Speakers before the Speaker, the Honorable Arnulfo R. Fuentesbella.

OATH-TAKING OF REPS. AQUINO (A.) AND ESPINA

THE SPEAKER. Please raise your right hand and repeat after me.

"I, _____ of _____ 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 have 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; 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 DEPUTY SPEAKERS (Rep. Aquino, A. and Rep. Espina.). Thank you.

THE SPEAKER. May we now request the members of the 11-man prosecutor team to please proceed to the rostrum for their oath-taking. This is now an action of the House and we request all the Members to remain standing and be the sponsors of the ceremonies for the oath-taking of these Gentlemen.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. The prosecutors in the impeachment trial are the following: the Honorable Feliciano Belmonte Jr.; Sergio Antonio F. Apostol; Raul M. Gonzalez; Wigberto F. Tañada; Oscar S. Moreno; Antonio Eduardo B. Nachura; Oscar S. Rodriguez; Salacnib F. Baterina; Roan I. Libarios; Clavel A. Martinez; and Joker P. Arroyo.

We now have the Honorable Apostol, Martinez, Moreno, Nachura, Libarios, Baterina, Belmonte, Tañada, Rodriguez, Gonzalez (R.).

OATH-TAKING OF PROSECUTORS

At this juncture, the Members of the 11-man prosecutors ascended the rostrum and took their oath of office before Speaker Arnulfo P. Fuentesbela.

THE SPEAKER. Please raise your right hand and repeat after me.

“I, _____ of _____, having been elected House Prosecutor, solemnly swear that in all things appertaining to the trial of the impeachment of President Joseph Ejercito Estrada now pending in the Senate, I will well and faithfully discharge to the best of my ability the duties of a House Prosecutor; that I will do justice according to the Constitution and laws and that I impose this obligation upon myself voluntarily without mental reservation or purpose of evasion.

So help me God.”

The elected prosecutors signed their oath of office.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

THE SPEAKER. The session is suspended.

It was 7:46 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 7:50 p.m., the session was resumed with Deputy Speaker Agapito A. Aquino presiding.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Aquino, A.). The session is resumed.

The Asst. Majority Floor Leader is recognized.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

REP. VELOSO. Mr. Speaker, on the part of the majority, we nominate the following Members for the Committee on Social Services:

1. Rep. Vida V. Espinosa
2. Rep. Ninfa S. Garin
3. Rep. Ma. Angela E. Cua
4. Rep. Ma. Catalina L. Loreto-Go
5. Rep. Ma. Victoria L. Locsin
6. Rep. Uliran T. Joaquin
7. Rep. Francis G. Escudero
8. Rep. Emily R. Lopez
9. Rep. John N. Orola Jr.
10. Rep. Emilio C. Macias II
11. Rep. George T. Hofer
12. Rep. Joey D. Hizon
13. Rep. Ernesto A. Nieva
14. Rep. Diogenes S. Osabel
15. Rep. Aurora E. Cerilles
16. Rep. Danton Q. Bueser
17. Rep. Rodolfo E. Aguinaldo

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Aquino, A.). Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none; the motion is approved for the Social Services Committee.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

REP. VELOSO. For the Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms, Mr. Speaker, we move to nominate the following Members:

1. Rep. Roy A. Padilla Jr.
2. Rep. Benasing O. Macarambon Jr.
3. Rep. Rodolfo F. Gonzales
4. Rep. Hussin U. Amin
5. Rep. Augusto “Boboy” Syjuco
6. Rep. Ayong S. Maliksi
7. Rep. Emilio R. Espinosa Jr.
8. Rep. Douglas RA. Cagas
9. Rep. Herminio G. Teves
10. Rep. Roseller L. Barinaga
11. Rep. Jurdin Jesus M. Romualdo
12. Rep. Reginaldo N. Tilanduca
13. Rep. Jose Mari C. Gonzalez
14. Rep. Luis A. Asistio
15. Rep. Emerito S. Calderon
16. Rep. Rodolfo C. Fariñas
17. Rep. Rodolfo E. Aguinaldo
18. Rep. Danton Q. Bueser

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Aquino, A.). Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none; the same is approved for the Suffrage and Electoral Reforms Committee.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON
VETERANS AFFAIRS

REP. VELOSO. Mr. Speaker, for the Committee on Veterans Affairs, we move to nominate:

1. Rep. Rodolfo E. Aguinaldo
2. Rep. Tomas M. Dumpit
3. Rep. Harry C. Angping
4. Rep. Alipio Cirilo V. Badelles
5. Rep. Jovito C. Plameras Jr.
6. Rep. Aurora E. Cerilles
7. Rep. Constantino H. Navarro Jr.
8. Rep. Bernardo M. Vergara
9. Rep. Abdullah S. Mangotara
10. Rep. Mamintal M. Adiong
11. Rep. Benjamin B. Cappleman
12. Rep. Anthony P. Dequiña
13. Rep. Jesli A. Lapus
14. Rep. Salvio B. Fortuno

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Aquino, A.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the same is approved for the Veterans Affairs Committee.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

REP. VELOSO. For the Committee on Tourism, we move to nominate:

1. Rep. Aurora E. Cerilles
2. Rep. John N. Orola Jr.
3. Rep. Allen S. Quimpo
4. Rep. Harry C. Angping
5. Rep. Emerito S. Calderon
6. Rep. Lawrence B. Wacnang
7. Rep. Josefina M. Josen
8. Rep. Joaquin M. Chipeco
9. Rep. Uliran T. Joaquin
10. Rep. Rodolfo S. San Luis
11. Rep. Genaro M. Alvarez Jr.
12. Rep. Ninfa S. Garin
13. Rep. Joseph Ace H. Durano
14. Rep. Simeon L. Kintanar
15. Rep. Alfred S. Romualdez
16. Rep. Celso L. Lobregat
17. Rep. Gerry A. Salapuddin
18. Rep. Alipio Cirilo V. Badelles
19. Rep. Leovigildo B. Banaag
20. Rep. Constantino H. Navarro Jr.
21. Rep. Grace G. Singson
22. Rep. Anthony P. Dequiña
23. Rep. Benjamin B. Cappleman
24. Rep. Mamintal M. Adiong
25. Rep. Roy A. Padilla Jr.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Aquino, A.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the same is approved for the Committee on Tourism.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON
TRADE AND INDUSTRY

REP. VELOSO. For the Committee on Trade and Industry, Mr. Speaker, we move to nominate the following honorable Members:

1. Rep. Jesli A. Lapus
2. Rep. Joey Sarte Salceda
3. Rep. Harry C. Angping
4. Rep. Augusto H. Baculio
5. Rep. Joseph Ace H. Durano
6. Rep. Marcelino C. Libanan
7. Rep. Rolando A. Briones
8. Rep. Emily R. Lopez
9. Rep. Tomas M. Dumpit
10. Rep. Grace G. Singson
11. Rep. Ma. Angela E. Cua
12. Rep. Ramon M. Reyes
13. Rep. Juan Pablo P. Bondoc
14. Rep. Antonio M. Diaz
15. Rep. Antonino P. Roman
16. Rep. Ricardo C. Silverio
17. Rep. Ayong Maliksi
18. Rep. Rafael P. Nantes
19. Rep. Rodolfo S. San Luis
20. Rep. Emilio R. Espinosa Jr.
21. Rep. Rodolfo F. Gonzales
22. Rep. Ma. Catalina L. Loreto-Go
23. Rep. Ma. Victoria Locsin
24. Rep. Celso L. Lobregat
25. Rep. Alex G. Bascug
26. Rep. Joey D. Hizon
27. Rep. Julio A. Ledesma IV
28. Rep. Rodolfo T. Tuazon
29. Rep. Simeon L. Kintanar
30. Rep. Pedro M. Pancho

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Aquino, A.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chairs none; the same is approved for the Trade and Industry Committee.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
AND COMMUNICATIONS

REP. VELOSO. For the Committee on Transportation and Communications, Mr. Speaker, we move to nominate the following honorable Members:

1. Rep. Rodolfo T. Tuazon
2. Rep. Danilo E. Suarez
3. Rep. Simeon L. Kintanar
4. Rep. Emilio C. Macias II
5. Rep. Jose Mari C. Gonzalez
6. Rep. Generoso DC. Tulagan
7. Rep. Marcelino C. Libanan
8. Rep. Rosenda Ann Ocampo
9. Rep. Rafael P. Nantes
10. Rep. Amadeo R. Perez Jr.
11. Rep. Edgar Ramones Lara

12. Rep. Augusto "Boboy" Syjuco
13. Rep. Victor R. Sumulong
14. Rep. Ninfa S. Garin
15. Rep. Emily R. Lopez
16. Rep. John N. Orola Jr.
17. Rep. Jovito C. Plameras Jr.
18. Rep. Alfred S. Romualdez
19. Rep. George T. Hofer
20. Rep. Angelo O. Montilla
21. Rep. Rodolfo C. Bacani
22. Rep. Rolando A. Briones
23. Rep. Joey D. Hizon
24. Rep. Grace G. Singson
25. Rep. Pedro M. Pancho
26. Rep. Ricardo C. Silverio
27. Rep. Reynaldo A. Calalay
28. Rep. Manuel C. Ortega
29. Rep. Roy A. Padilla Jr.
30. Rep. Julita Lorenzo-Villareal
31. Rep. Enrique T. Garcia Jr.
32. Rep. Gerry A. Salapuddin
33. Rep. Ma. Victoria L. Locsin
34. Rep. Benasing O. Macarambon Jr.
35. Rep. Aurora E. Cerilles
36. Rep. Roseller L. Barinaga
37. Rep. Carlos O. Cojuangco
38. Rep. Eduardo K. Veloso
39. Rep. Emerito S. Calderon
40. Rep. Jaime D. Jacob
41. Rep. Antonio P. Yapha Jr.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Aquino, A.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the same is approved for the Transportation and Communications Committee.

**ELECTION OF MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON
WAYS AND MEANS**

REP. VELOSO. For the Committee on Ways and Means, Mr. Speaker, we move to nominate the following honorable Members:

1. Rep. Danilo E. Suarez
2. Rep. Edgar Ramones Lara
3. Rep. Herminio G. Teves
4. Rep. Rodolfo F. Gonzales
5. Rep. Ruy Elias C. Lopez
6. Rep. Anthony P. Dequilla
7. Rep. Grace G. Singson
8. Rep. Salvio B. Fortuno
9. Rep. Roy A. Padilla Jr.
10. Rep. Joey Sarte Salceda
11. Rep. Enrique T. Garcia Jr.
12. Rep. Francis L. Nepomuceno
13. Rep. Ricardo C. Silverio
14. Rep. Danton Q. Bueser
15. Rep. Rafael P. Nantes
16. Rep. John N. Orola Jr.
17. Rep. Antonio P. Yapha Jr.
18. Rep. Marcelino C. Libanan
19. Rep. Ma. Victoria L. Locsin

20. Rep. Didagen P. Dilangalen
21. Rep. Asani S. Tammang
22. Rep. Reynaldo A. Calalay
23. Rep. Henry P. Lanot
24. Rep. Diogenes S. Osabel
25. Rep. Rodolfo T. Tuazon
26. Rep. Augusto "Boboy" Syjuco
27. Rep. Allen S. Quimpo
28. Rep. Benasing O. Macarambon Jr.
29. Rep. Eduardo K. Veloso
30. Rep. Leovigildo B. Banaag
31. Rep. Harlin Cast. Abayon
32. Rep. Generoso DC. Tulagan
33. Rep. Harry C. Angping
34. Rep. Teodoro C. Cruz
35. Rep. Mamintal M. Adiong
36. Rep. Uliran T. Joaquin
37. Rep. Rodolfo S. San Luis
38. Rep. Joaquin M. Chipeco Jr.
39. Rep. Edgar L. Mendoza
40. Rep. Zenaida G. Cruz-Ducut
41. Rep. Jesli A. Lapus
42. Rep. Nestor C. Ponce Jr.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Aquino, A.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the same is approved for the Committee on Ways and Means.

**ELECTION OF MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN**

REP. VELOSO. For the Committee on Women, we move to nominate the following honorable Members:

1. Rep. Uliran T. Joaquin
2. Rep. Vida V. Espinosa
3. Rep. Imee R. Marcos
4. Rep. Ma. Catalina L. Loreto-Go
5. Rep. Grace G. Singson
6. Rep. Ma. Angela E. Cua
7. Rep. Zenaida G. Cruz-Ducut
8. Rep. Josefina M. Joson
9. Rep. Ninfa S. Garin
10. Rep. Emily R. Lopez
11. Rep. Ma. Victoria L. Locsin
12. Rep. Aurora E. Cerilles
13. Rep. Luwalhati R. Antonino
14. Rep. Rosenda Ann M. Ocampo
15. Rep. Benjamin B. Cappleman
16. Rep. Jaime D. Jacob

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Aquino, A.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the same is approved for the Committee on Women.

**ELECTION OF MEMBERS
TO THE
COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORT DEVELOPMENT**

REP. VELOSO. For the Committee on Youth and Sports Development, we move to nominate the following Members.

1. Rep. Jaime D. Jacob

2. Rep. Imee R. Marcos
3. Rep. John N. Orola Jr.
4. Rep. Rodolfo T. Albano III
5. Rep. Francis G. Escudero
6. Rep. Genaro M. Alvarez Jr.
7. Rep. Raoul B. Del Mar
8. Rep. Francis L. Nepomuceno
9. Rep. Gregorio T. Ipong
10. Rep. Harry C. Angping
11. Rep. Ernesto A. Nieva

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Aquino, A.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the same is approved for the Committee on Youth and Sports Development.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Aquino, A.). The session is suspended for one minute.

It was 7:58 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 7:59 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Aquino, A.). The session is resumed.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION

REP. VELOSO. Mr. Speaker, we move to nominate the following honorable Members of the majority for the Special Committee on Poverty Alleviation:

1. Rep. Emerito S. Calderon
2. Rep. Mamintal M. Adiong
3. Rep. Alex G. Bascug
4. Rep. Augusto H. Baculio
5. Rep. Raoul B. Del Mar

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Aquino, A.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the same is approved for the Committee on Poverty Alleviation.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON EXPORT PROMOTION

REP. VELOSO. For the Special Committee on Export Promotion, we move to nominate the following honorable Members:

1. Rep. Angelo O. Montilla
2. Rep. Ma. Catalina L. Loreto-Go
3. Rep. Julio A. Ledesma IV
4. Rep. Grace G. Singson
5. Rep. Jesli A. Lapus

6. Rep. Rosenda Ann M. Ocampo
7. Rep. Emerito S. Calderon
8. Rep. John N. Orola Jr.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Aquino, A.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the same is approved for the Special Committee on Export Promotion.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON REFORESTATION

REP. VELOSO. For the Special Committee on Reforestation, we move to nominate the following honorable Members:

1. Rep. Jesnar R. Falcon
2. Rep. Angelo O. Montilla
3. Rep. Gregorio T. Ipong
4. Rep. Genaro M. Alvarez Jr.
5. Rep. Carlos O. Cojuangco
6. Rep. Alex G. Bascug
7. Rep. Leovigildo B. Banaag
8. Rep. Aurora E. Cerilles
9. Rep. Alipio Cirilo V. Badelles
10. Rep. Vicente J. Andaya Jr.
11. Rep. Teodoro C. Cruz
12. Rep. Salvio B. Fortunato

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Aquino, A.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the same is approved for the Special Committee on Reforestation.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FOOD SECURITY

REP. VELOSO. For the Special Committee on Food Security, we move to nominate the following honorable members of the majority:

1. Rep. Emilio C. Macias II
2. Rep. Douglas RA. Cagas
3. Rep. Eduardo K. Veloso
4. Rep. Herminio G. Teves
5. Rep. Abdullah S. Mangotara
6. Rep. Francis L. Nepomuceno
7. Rep. Rodolfo F. Gonzales
8. Rep. Amadeo R. Perez Jr.
9. Rep. Edgar Ramones Lara
10. Rep. Joseph Ace H. Durano

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Aquino, A.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the same is approved for the Special Committee on Food Security.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON EAST ASEAN GROWTH AREA

REP. VELOSO. For the Special Committee on East ASEAN Growth Area, we move to nominate the following honorable members of the majority:

1. Rep. Mamintal M. Adiong

2. Rep. Douglas RA. Cagas
3. Rep. Augusto H. Baculio
4. Rep. Luwalhati R. Antonino
5. Rep. Celso L. Lobregat
6. Rep. Abdullah S. Mangotara
7. Rep. Didagen P. Dilangalen
8. Rep. Angelo O. Montilla
9. Rep. Gerry A. Salapuddin
10. Rep. Asani S. Tammang

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Aquino, A.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the same is approved for the Special Committee on East ASEAN Growth Area.

**ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE
COMMITTEE ON JOINT CONGRESSIONAL
OVERSIGHT ON MOUNT PINATUBO**

REP. VELOSO. For the Special Committee on Joint Congressional Oversight on Mt. Pinatubo, on the part of the majority, we move to nominate the following honorable Members:

1. Rep. Antonino P. Roman
2. Rep. Juan Pablo P. Bondoc
3. Rep. Francis L. Nepomuceno
4. Rep. Zenaida G. Cruz-Ducut

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Aquino, A.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the same is approved for the Special Committee on Joint Congressional Oversight on Mt. Pinatubo.

**ELECTION OF MEMBERS
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE
ON MINDANAO AFFAIRS**

REP. VELOSO. For the Special Committee on Mindanao Affairs, Mr. Speaker, on the part of the majority, we move to nominate the following honorable Members:

1. Rep. Leovigildo B. Banaag
2. Rep. Alipio Cirilo V. Badelles
3. Rep. Roseller R. Barinaga
4. Rep. Mamintal M. Adiong
5. Rep. Gregorio T. Ipong
6. Rep. Alex G. Bascug
7. Rep. Douglas RA. Cagas
8. Rep. Jurdin Jesus M. Romualdo
9. Rep. George T. Hofer
10. Rep. Reginaldo N. Tilanduca

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Aquino, A.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the same is approved for the Special Committee on Mindanao Affairs.

**ELECTION OF MEMBERS
TO THE AD HOC OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
ON BASES CONVERSION**

REP. VELOSO. For the Ad Hoc Oversight Committee on Bases Conversion, may we move to nominate the following

honorable members of the majority:

1. Rep. Francis L. Nepomuceno
2. Rep. Rolando A. Briones
3. Rep. Zenaida G. Cruz-Ducut
4. Rep. Bernardo M. Vergara
5. Rep. Antonino P. Roman
6. Rep. Jesli A. Lapus
7. Rep. Manuel C. Ortega
8. Rep. Juan Pablo P. Bondoc
9. Rep. Gilberto C. Teodoro Jr.
10. Rep. Francis G. Escudero

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Aquino, A.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the same is approved for the Ad Hoc Committee on Bases Conversion.

**ELECTION OF MEMBERS
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON
TWENTY (20) DEPRESSED PROVINCES**

REP. VELOSO. For the Special Committee on Twenty Depressed Provinces, we move to nominate the following honorable members of the majority:

1. Rep. Gerry A. Salapuddin
2. Rep. Vicente Y.P. Valera
3. Rep. Alex G. Bascug
4. Rep. Jovito C. Plameras Jr.
5. Rep. Elias K. Bulut
6. Rep. Bellaflor J. Angara-Castillo
7. Rep. Emily R. Lopez
8. Rep. Marcelino C. Libanan
9. Rep. Benjamin B. Cappleman
10. Rep. Lawrence B. Wacnang
11. Rep. Vida V. Espinosa
12. Rep. Hussin U. Amin
13. Rep. Jesnar R. Falcon
14. Rep. Gerardo S. Espina

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Aquino, A.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the same is approved for the Special Committee on Twenty Depressed Provinces.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. VELOSO. Mr. Speaker, I move for a suspension of session.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Aquino, A.). The session is suspended.

It was 8:03 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 8:06 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Aquino, A.). The session is resumed.

REP. FUENTEBELLA. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the majority,

we extend our congratulations to the Honorable Joey Salceda for making a splendid job in reorganizing the various committees representing the majority in so short a time.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Aquino, A.). The Chair is aware of the gargantuan task that Congressman Salceda has poured in and made sacrifices to the effect. Congratulations!

The Asst. Majority Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. VELOSO. Mr. Speaker, I move to go to administrative matters, and consider House Bill No. 6371, entitled: AN ACT CONVERTING THE CEBU STATE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM IN CEBU CITY INCLUDING ITS SATELLITE COLLEGES IN THE PROVINCE OF CEBU INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CEBU TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY (CIU) AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Mr. Speaker, this is just to reconsider the approval on Third Reading of House Bill No. 6371.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Aquino, A.). Is there any objection to the approval on Third Reading of this House bill? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. VELOSO. Mr. Speaker, may I request for a suspension of session.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Aquino, A.). The session is suspended for one minute.

It was 8:07 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 8:08 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Aquino, A.). The session is resumed.

RECONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6371 ON THIRD READING

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. Mr. Speaker, may we amend the motion.

Mr. Speaker, we move to reconsider the approval on Third Reading of House Bill No. 6371, entitled: AN ACT CONVERTING THE CEBU STATE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM IN CEBU CITY INCLUDING ITS SATELLITE COLLEGES IN THE PROVINCE OF CEBU INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CEBU TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY (CIU) AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Aquino, A.). Is there any objection to this motion? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

RECONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 6371 ON SECOND READING

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. Mr. Speaker, I move to reconsider the approval on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6371 for some perfecting amendments.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw the first motion.

The perfecting amendment is as follows: Delete the entire Section 14 of the bill beginning with the word "the" and ending with the word "laws" and renumber the succeeding sections.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Aquino, A.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the amendment is approved.

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we close the period of amendments.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Aquino, A.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the same is approved.

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 6371, as amended, on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Aquino, A.). As many as are in favor of House Bill No. 6371, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Aquino, A.). As many as are against, please say *nay*. (*Silence*) The *ayes* have it; House Bill No. 6371 is approved on Second Reading, as amended.

RECONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 11617 ON THIRD READING

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. Mr. Speaker, I move to reconsider the approval on Third Reading of House Bill No. 11617, entitled: AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8199, ENTITLED: AN ACT GRANTING THE TAXINET, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE A TAXI COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS IN THE PHILIPPINES.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Aquino, A.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the same is approved.

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. Mr. Speaker, I likewise move to reconsider the approval on Second Reading of House Bill No. 11617 for some perfecting amendments.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Aquino, A.). Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none; the same is approved.

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Rules in its regular meeting held last November 21, 2000 decided that Committee Report No. 1262 regarding House Resolution No. 79 and House Resolution No. 292 entitled: CALLING FOR AN INQUIRY AND/OR INVESTIGATION ON THE PROCUREMENT OF MEDICINES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH be sent to the Archives with the findings therein, duly noted by the House of Representatives, and that the concerned agencies be furnished copies of the same.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Aquino A.). Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none; the same is approved.

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. Mr. Speaker, I move for the change of referral of the following speeches:

1. The one delivered by Rep. Renato B. Magtubo during the session of the House on October 16, 2000 regarding legislated wage increase and mass resignation of government officials—from the Committee on Rules to the Committees on Labor and Employment and Good Government.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Aquino A.). Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none; the same is approved.

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. The speech delivered by Rep. Roseller Barinaga during the session of the House on October 17, 2000 regarding banning of the conduct and publication of political survey and exit polls—from the Committee on Rules to the Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms, and the Committee on Public Information.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Aquino A.). Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none; the same is approved.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO. Mr. Speaker, in view of the lateness of the hour, I move that we adjourn the session until Monday, November 27, 2000, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Aquino A.). Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none; the session is adjourned until Monday, November 27, Ninoy's Birthday, at four o'clock in the afternoon sharp. *(Applause)*

It was 8:11 p.m.