

RECORD OF PLENARY PROCEEDINGS

NO. 2

Tuesday, July 27, 2004

CALL TO ORDER

At 4:03 p.m., Speaker Jose De Venecia called the session to order.

THE SPEAKER. The session is 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.

ROLL CALL

THE SPEAKER. The Secretary General will please call the roll.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, *reading:*

Abad	Present	Abayon	Present
Abalos	Present	Ablan	Present
Abante	Present	Acosta	Present
Abaya	Present	Agarao	Present

Agbayani	Present	Carmona	Present
Aguja	Present	Casiño	Present
Albano	Present	Castelo Daza	Present*
Alcala	Present*	Castro	Present
Alfelor	Present	Cayetano	Present
Almario	Present*	Celeste	Present
Alvarez, Antonio C.	Present*	Cerilles	Present
Amante	Present	Chatto	Present*
Amatong	Present	Chiongbian	Present
Amin	Present	Chipeco	Present
Andaya	Present	Chungalao	Present
Angara	Present	Codilla	Present
Antonino	Present	Cojuangco, Mark O.	Present*
Antonino-Custodio	Present	Crisologo	Present
Apostol	Present	Cua, Guillermo P.	Present
Aquino, Agapito A.	Present	Cua, Junie E.	Present
Aquino, Benigno S. III ..	Present	Cuenco	Present
Aquino, Dr. Rey B.	Present	Dadivas	Present
Arbison	Present	Dangwa	Present
Arroyo	Present	Datumanong	Present
Asistio	Present	De Guzman	Present
Bacani	Present	De Venecia	Present
Baculio	Present	Defensor, Arthur D.	Present
Banaag	Present	Defensor, Matias Jr. V.	Present
Barbers	Present	Del Mar	Present
Barinaga	Present	Diaz	Present*
Baterina	Present	Dilangalen	Present
Bautista	Present	Dimaporo	Present
Beltran	Present	Dominguez	Present
Bersamin	Present	Domogan	Present
Biazon	Present	Dumarpa	Present
Biron	Present	Dumpit	Present
Bondoc	Present	Durano	Present
Bravo	Present	Dy, Consuelo A.	Present
Bueser	Present*	Dy, Faustino "Bojie" III G.	Present
Bulut	Present	Ecleo	Present
Cabilao	Present*	Ermita-Buhain	Present
Cagas	Present	Escudero	Present
Cajes	Present*	Espina	Present
Cari	Present	Espino	Present

* Appeared after the roll call

Espinosa, Edgar T.	Present	Madamba	Present
Espinosa, Emilio Jr. R.	Present	Magsaysay, Eulogio	
Estrella	Present*	"Amang" R., Ph.D.	Present
Fabian	Present	Magsaysay, Ma.	
Falcon	Present	Milagros "Mitos" H.	Present
Figueroa	Present	Malanyaon	Present
Firmalo	Present	Malapitan	Present
Floirendo	Present	Mamba	Present*
Fua	Present*	Mandanas	Present
Fuentebella	Present	Mangudadatu	Present*
Garcia, Albert S.	Present	Marañon	Present*
Garcia, Vincent J.	Present	Marcoleta	Present*
Garin	Present	Marcos	Present*
Gidaya	Present	Mariano	Present
Golez	Present	Martinez	Present
Gonzalez	Present	Maza	Present
Gozos	Present	Mercado	Present
Guingona	Present	Miraflores	Present
Hizon	Present*	Miranda	Present
Hontiveros-Baraquel	Present	Mitra	Present
Ipong	Present	Nantes	Present
Jala	Present	Nepomuceno	Present*
Jalosjos	Present	Nicolas	Present*
Jalosjos-Carreon	Present	Nieva	Present
Jaraula	Present	Noel	Present
Javier	Present	Nogralas	Present
Jaworski	Present	Ocampo	Present
Joaquin	Present*	Olaño	Present
Joson	Present*	Ortega	Present
Kintanar	Present	Pablo	Present
Lacson	Present	Pancho	Present
Lagbas	Present	Paras	Present*
Lagman	Present	Petilla	Present
Lapus	Present	Pichay	Present
Libanan	Present*	Pingoy	Present
Lopez, Jaime C.	Present	Plaza	Present*
Lopez, Ruy Elias C.	Present	Ponce Enrile	Present*
Macapagal-Arroyo	Present	Puentevella	Present
Macarambon	Present	Puno	Present
Macias	Present	Ramiro	Present*

* Appeared after the roll call

Real	Present*	Tañada	Present
Remulla, Gilbert C.	Present	Teves	Present
Remulla, Jesus Crispin C.	Present	Tomawis	Present
Reyes, Edmundo Jr. O.	Present*	Tulagan	Present
Reyes, Victoria Hernandez	Present	Umali, Alfonso Jr. V.	Present
Roces	Present	Umali, Aurelio M.	Present
Rodriguez.	Present	Unico	Present
Roman	Present	Uy, Edwin C.	Present
Romualdo	Present*	Uy, Reynaldo S.	Present
Roquero	Present	Valdez	Present
Rosales	Present	Valencia	Present
Salapuddin	Present	Vargas	Present
Sandoval.	Present	Velarde	Present
Santiago	Present	Veloso	Present
Seachon-Lanete	Present	Vicencio	Present
Señeres	Present	Villafuerte	Present
Serapio	Present	Villanueva	Present
Silverio	Present	Villar	Present
Singson	Present	Villarosa	Present
Solis	Present	Violago	Present
Soon-Ruiz	Present	Virador	Present
Suarez	Present*	Wacnang	Present
Sumulong	Present	Yapha	Present
Suplico	Present*	Zamora, Manuel	
Susano	Present	“Way Kurat” E.	Present
Sy-Alvarado	Present	Zamora, Ronaldo B.	Present*
Syjuco	Present*	Zialcita	Present
Taliño-Santos	Present	Zubiri	Present

The House is in receipt of official advice of absence of the following Members: Representatives Alvarez (G.), Abubakar, Badelles, Carlos, Clarete, Cruz, Duavit, Gullas, Hataman, Imperial, Locsin and Salceda.

Representatives Cojuangco (C.) and Teodoro are on official mission abroad.

The Speaker is present.

REP. CASTRO. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. May I request the distinguished Gentleman from Capiz that we will first announce the results of the calling of the roll before we entertain him.

* Appeared after the roll call

REP. CASTRO. This Representation defers his parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. Thank you.

The results show that 187 Members responded to the call.

The distinguished Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOGRALES. Mr. Speaker, may we request that we defer the approval of the Journal.

I therefore move that we proceed to the Reference of Business and ask the Secretary General to please read the same.

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

The Secretary General will please read the Reference of Business.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

The Secretary General read the following House Bills on First Reading, and the Speaker made the corresponding references:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 1, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE 1992 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON CIVIL LIABILITY FOR OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE AND THE 1992 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR COMPENSATION FOR OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Roman

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 2, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DRUG REHABILITATION CENTER IN EVERY REGION OF THE COUNTRY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Ablan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 3, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL LAND ADMINISTRATION AUTHORITY, RATIONALIZING THE ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONS OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES RELATED TO LAND ADMINISTRATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Bateria

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION

House Bill No. 4, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JANUARY 22 OF EACH YEAR AS A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY FOR THE CITY OF VIGAN, ILOCOS SUR”

By Representative Bateria

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 5, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING THE CRIME OF BETRAYAL OF DUTY IN THE CUSTODY OF PRISONERS PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL RULES ON THE IMPRISONMENT, DETENTION, CONFINEMENT AND CUSTODY OF PRISONERS AND DETAINEES, SPECIFYING ADDITIONAL WORK AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL CHARGED WITH THE CUSTODY OF SUCH PRISONERS AND STATING THE PENALTIES THEREFORE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Bateria

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 6, entitled:

“AN ACT ABOLISHING THE DEATH PENALTY, REPEALING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7659, AND AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF LAW THAT IMPOSE DEATH AS A PENALTY FOR CRIMES COMMITTED”

By Representative Bateria

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

REP. BATERINA. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The distinguished Gentleman from Ilocos Sur, Congressman Bateria, is recognized. For what reason does he rise?

REP. BATERINA. May I request that Congressman Antonino Roman of Bataan be included as coauthor of House Bill No. 6.

THE SPEAKER. The manifestation is so noted.

REP. BATERINA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Secretary General will please include the distinguished Gentleman from Bataan as coauthor of House Bill No. 6.

The Secretary General may please proceed.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, *reading*:

House Bill No. 7, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SISIM, MUNICIPALITY OF CABUGAO, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR TO BE KNOWN AS THE SISIM NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Baterina

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

House Bill No. 8, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SAN SEBASTIAN, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN VICENTE, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR TO BE KNOWN AS THE SAN SEBASTIAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Baterina

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

House Bill No. 9, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREEPORT IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR, CREATING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE ILOCOS SUR SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREEPORT AUTHORITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Baterina

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 10, entitled:

“AN ACT ABOLISHING THE DEATH PENALTY IN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Lagman

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 11, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING AND PENALIZING ENFORCED OR INVOLUNTARY
DISAPPEARANCE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Lagman

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 12, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE OPEN HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM
IN THE PHILIPPINES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Lagman

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

House Bill No. 13, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING TAX BENEFITS TO PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS,
CORPORATIONS, PARTNERSHIPS OR INSTRUMENTALITIES
DONATING TO A SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION, AMENDING FOR
THE PURPOSE THE TAX REFORM ACT OF 1997”

By Representative Lagman

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 14, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF THE SCHOOL
HEALTH AND NUTRITION PROGRAM (SHNP) OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS,
AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS THEREFOR, AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Lagman

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

House Bill No. 15, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING POST-HARVEST FACILITIES TO RICE
FARMERS”

By Representative Lagman

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

House Bill No. 16, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND POPULATION
MANAGEMENT COUNCIL FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN

INTEGRATED POLICY ON REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH RELATIVE TO
SUSTAINABLE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND POPULATION
MANAGEMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Lagman

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION

House Bill No. 17, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA OF STUDENTS”

By Representative Lagman

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND
THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 18, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE CHARTER OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
ACADEMY (LGA), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 6975, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE DEPARTMENT OF THE
INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Chatto

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

House Bill No. 19, entitled:

“AN ACT TO UPGRADE THE POSITION OF SECRETARIES TO THE
SANGGUNIAN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 469 (A),
OF CHAPTER 3, BOOK III, TITLE 5, ARTICLE 1 OF REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Chatto

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 20, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THE LOCAL SANGGUNIAN, EXCEPT THE
SANGGUNIANG BARANGAYS THE POWER TO CONDUCT
INQUIRIES, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, TO ISSUE SUBPOENA AND
TO PUNISH FOR CONTEMPT ANY PERSON WHO REFUSES TO
OBEY SUCH PROCESS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS
447, 458 AND 468 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Chatto

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 21, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE PANGLAO ISLAND CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF PANGLAO AND DAUIS, PROVINCE OF BOHOL INTO A NATIONAL ROAD, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Chatto

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

House Bill No. 22, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE SANDINGAN ISLAND CIRCUMFERENTIAL PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOON, PROVINCE OF BOHOL INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Chatto

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

House Bill No. 23, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE BALILIHAN-HANOPOL-BATUAN PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF BALILIHAN, HANOPOL AND BATUAN, PROVINCE OF BOHOL INTO A NATIONAL ROAD, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Chatto

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

House Bill No. 24, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE SIKATUNA-ALBURQUERQUE PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF SIKATUNA AND ALBURQUERQUE, PROVINCE OF BOHOL INTO A NATIONAL ROAD, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Chatto

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

House Bill No. 25, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE CALAPE-PANGANGAN PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALAPE, PROVINCE OF BOHOL INTO A NATIONAL ROAD, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

House Bill No. 26, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE ANTEQUERA-
SAN ISIDRO-LIBERTAD (TUBIGON) PROVINCIAL ROAD
TRAVERSING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF ANTEQUERA, SAN ISIDRO
AND TUBIGON, PROVINCE OF BOHOL INTO A NATIONAL ROAD,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

House Bill No. 27, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE STO. NIÑO
PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BACLAYON,
PROVINCE OF BOHOL INTO A NATIONAL ROAD, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

House Bill No. 28, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE COGON NORTE-
BADBAD ORIENTAL AND OCCIDENTAL-TUBODACU-
NAGTUANG-TUBUAN-BONGCO AND CANSUBAYON PRIP ROADS
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOON, PROVINCE OF BOHOL INTO
NATIONAL ROADS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

House Bill No. 29, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE CONGRESSMAN PABLO MALASARTE
MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALILIHAN,
PROVINCE OF BOHOL INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE
KNOWN AS THE CONGRESSMAN PABLO MALASARTE NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Chatto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 30, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE FERMIN TAYABAS HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALAPE, PROVINCE OF BOHOL INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Chatto

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

House Bill No. 31, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE FATIMA HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY FATIMA, MUNICIPALITY OF CORTES, PROVINCE OF BOHOL INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE FATIMA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Chatto

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

House Bill No. 32, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE PANGANGAN HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX, LOCATED IN THE POBLACION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALAPE, PROVINCE OF BOHOL FROM THE PANGANGAN HIGH SCHOOL, LOCATED IN PANGANGAN ISLAND, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE CALAPE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Chatto

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

House Bill No. 33, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE BACLAYON HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY LANDICAN, MUNICIPALITY OF BACLAYON, PROVINCE OF BOHOL INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE BACLAYON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Chatto

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

House Bill No. 34, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MANTACIDA, MUNICIPALITY OF CATIGBIAN, PROVINCE OF

BOHOL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE MANTACIDA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Chatto

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

House Bill No. 35, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE CAWAYANAN HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CAWAYANAN, MUNICIPALITY OF TUBIGON, PROVINCE OF BOHOL INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE CAWAYANAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Chatto

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

House Bill No. 36, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE BANTOLINAO HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BANTOLINAO, MUNICIPALITY OF ANTEQUERA, PROVINCE OF BOHOL FROM THE SIKATUNA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE BANTOLINAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Chatto

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

House Bill No. 37, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CUASI, MUNICIPALITY OF LOON, PROVINCE OF BOHOL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE LOON SOUTH NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Chatto

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

House Bill No. 38, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE SANDINGAN HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CALAYUGAN NORTE, MUNICIPALITY OF LOON, PROVINCE OF BOHOL INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE SANDINGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Chatto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 39, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EXTENSION CAMPUS OF THE CENTRAL
VISAYAS STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND
TECHNOLOGY (CVSCFT) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALILIHAN,
PROVINCE OF BOHOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Chatto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND
THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 40, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED EIGHT THOUSAND
FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT ESTABLISHING
A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
CATAGBACAN, LOON, PROVINCE OF BOHOL, TO BE KNOWN AS
THE GOV. JACINTO C. BORJA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR’ ”

By Representative Chatto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 41, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF THE HEALTH
CARE DELIVERY SYSTEM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 42, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATIONS OF
HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS (HMOs), PROVIDING
THEM INCENTIVES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Macias
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS
AND MEANS

House Bill No. 43, entitled:

“AN ACT TO SET ASIDE THE FORTY PERCENT (40%) SHARE OF LOCAL
GOVERNMENT UNITS FROM THE VALUE ADDED TAX (VAT)

COLLECTED BY THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS FOR THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE TO AUGMENT THE FUNDING EXCLUSIVELY FOR BASIC HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND FACILITIES DEVOLVED TO PROVINCES AND HIGHLY URBANIZED CITIES”

By Representative Macias
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 44, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING CERTAIN LOCAL OFFICIALS TO FILL THE VACANCY IN THE OFFICES OF THE GOVERNOR OR MAYOR AND VICE GOVERNOR OR VICE MAYOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 44 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Macias
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 45, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MANDATORY PERIOD TO RELOCATE SQUATTERS, GRANTING DISTURBANCE FEE AND TAX EXEMPTION TO OWNER OF ILLEGALLY OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL LAND, AND PENALIZING VIOLATION THEREFOR”

By Representative Macias
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 46, entitled:

“AN ACT ABOLISHING THE DEATH PENALTY, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7659, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT TO IMPOSE THE DEATH PENALTY ON CERTAIN HEINOUS CRIMES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AS AMENDED, OTHER SPECIAL PENAL LAWS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’ ”

By Representative Macias
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 47, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE WAIVER OF THE RETIREMENT AGE REQUIREMENT OF A GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE, WHO HAS RENDERED AT LEAST TWENTY (20) YEARS OF SERVICE, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1146, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM ACT OF 1977”

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

House Bill No. 48, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A FAIR AND EQUITABLE TERMS FOR THE
RELEASE OF MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS’ PROFESSIONAL FEE
WITHHELD BY HOSPITALS OR MEDICAL CLINICS FOR FAILURE
OF THE PATIENT TO PAY HOSPITAL BILLS AND PENALIZING
VIOLATIONS THEREFOR”

By Representative Macias
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

REP. MACIAS. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The distinguished Gentleman from Negros Oriental is recognized.

REP. MACIAS. Is the Secretary General reading my bill, Mr. Speaker? I have an important manifestation to that. He mentioned Macias. Is the author this Representation, Mr. Speaker?

THE SPEAKER. The Secretary General will please clarify.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. The author is Representative Macias.

REP. MACIAS. That is correct. For House Bill No. 43, it is my pleasure to include the name of the Gentleman from Camarines Sur, the Honorable Villafuerte, as its coauthor.

THE SPEAKER. The Secretary General is so directed to take note of the Gentleman’s manifestation.

REP. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. Congressman Solis of Sorsogon is recognized.

REP. SOLIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The way the Secretary General is reading, I might lose track of what he is reading. So, at this point I would like—although my concern is House Bill No. 471—to make a manifestation on its coauthors.

THE SPEAKER. The Gentleman will please proceed.

REP. SOLIS. I would like to request that the coauthors of House Bill No. 471 which I also filed in the Twelfth Congress will also be considered as coauthors of the same measure on railway systems in this Congress.

THE SPEAKER. The Secretary General is so directed to take note of the Gentleman's manifestation.

REP. SOLIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

Rep. Erico Basilio A. Fabian for House Bills No. 14, 78, 87, 105 and 111;
Rep. Jose Carlos V. Lacson for House Bills No. 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279 and 280;
Rep. Antonino P. Roman for House Bill No 6; and
Rep. Luis R. Villafuerte for House Bill No. 43.

REP. CRISOLOGO. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

THE SPEAKER. The distinguished Gentleman from Quezon City, Congressman Crisologo, is recognized. What is his parliamentary inquiry?

REP. CRISOLOGO. May we know if the Secretary General is praying or is he reading the bills on First Reading. As first termers, Mr. Speaker, we do not know what is happening, and it would be a shame if members of parliament of other countries are listening to us. The session hall is like a marketplace.

THE SPEAKER. The Secretary General is reading the titles of the bills on First Reading.

REP. CRISOLOGO. So, he is just reading the title of the bills on First Reading and he is not praying? May we request him to read them a little slower so that we and the public can understand them. We have people listening and it seems we are in a marketplace, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Gentleman's request is noted.

REP. CRISOLOGO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. CASTRO. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The distinguished Gentleman from Capiz, Congressman Castro, is recognized.

REP. CASTRO. Mr. Speaker, this Representation is surprised that the Chair has allowed the Gentleman from Quezon City to interpose his parliamentary inquiry when earlier this Representation also manifested that he is filing a parliamentary inquiry. As a matter of fact, if this Representation was only allowed with his parliamentary inquiry, the rest of the Members of this Chamber should have realized that my parliamentary inquiry and the answer to it could have been a prejudicial issue before any bill is referred on First Reading. In any event again, Mr. Speaker, my point is only to remind the Chair that there is a pending parliamentary inquiry and this Representation will still defer in accordance with the request of the Chair.

THE SPEAKER. The distinguished Gentleman is correct. The only reason his parliamentary inquiry was not answered was that it was made while the roll was taking place. But at any rate, the point of the distinguished Gentleman from Capiz is well taken.

The Secretary General will please proceed.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, *reading*:

House Bill No. 49, entitled:

“AN ACT BANNING PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES FROM SMOKING WITHIN THE WORK PREMISES DURING OFFICE HOURS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR”

By Representative Macias

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 50, entitled:

“AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF ODIONGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LOCATED AT SITIO COGON II, BARANGAY SAN JOSE, CITY OF TANJAY, PROVINCE OF NEGROS ORIENTAL TO EGMIDIO V. MANZO MEMORIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL”

By Representative Macias

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 51, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE CONCURRENCE OF THE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD ON THE ASSIGNMENT OF DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS, DISTRICT SUPERVISORS, SCHOOL PRINCIPALS AND OTHER SCHOOL OFFICIALS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 99, PARAGRAPH (d) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Macias

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 52, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING CERTAIN PERSON WHO MAY REGISTER AS A VOTER TO PRESENT ANY PROOF OF LEGAL RESIDENCE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8189, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE VOTERS REGISTRATION ACT OF 1996, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR”

By Representative Macias

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 53, entitled:

“AN ACT EMPOWERING THE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS TO SCREEN AND RECOMMEND THE APPLICANTS TO TEACHING POSITIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Macias

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 54, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO APPLY THE SHARE OF THE PROCEEDS DERIVED FROM THE DEVELOPMENT AND UTILIZATION OF HYDROTHERMAL, GEOTHERMAL AND OTHER SOURCES OF ENERGY FOR ELECTRIFICATION OF OTHER AREAS WITHIN THE PROVINCE WHERE THE SOURCE OF ENERGY IS LOCATED, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 294 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Macias

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 55, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA FOR THE POOR”

By Representative Del Mar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 56, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A LIGHT RAIL TRANSPORT (LRT) OR MONORAIL OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE MODERN MASS TRANSPORT SYSTEM IN CEBU CITY AND METRO CEBU AND A RAILWAY SYSTEM FROM CEBU CITY TO THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN TIPS OF THE PROVINCE OF CEBU, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Del Mar

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

House Bill No. 57, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A CEBU RAIL TRANSPORT AUTHORITY, VESTING THE SAME WITH AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSPORT PROJECT IN CEBU CITY AND METRO CEBU, AND RAILWAY SYSTEM IN THE PROVINCE OF CEBU, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Del Mar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION, THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 58, entitled:

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

By Representative Del Mar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY, THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 59, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7621, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘AN ACT CREATING THE CEBU PORT AUTHORITY, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’ ”

By Representative Del Mar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 60, entitled:

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

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

House Bill No. 61, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF RORO FERRY
LANDING FACILITIES AT THE CEBU CITY PIER AND AT THE
MUNICIPALITY OF CORDOVA, AND A COASTAL ROAD FROM THE
MUNICIPALITY OF CORDOVA TO LAPU-LAPU CITY, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Del Mar
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 62, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FLYOVER AT
THE INTERSECTION OF JUAN LUNA AVENUE (FORMERLY SAN
JOSE DE LA MONTAÑA AVENUE) AND CARDINAL ROSALES
AVENUE, AND F. CABAHUG STREET IN THE CITY OF CEBU, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Del Mar
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 63, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FLYOVER AT
THE INTERSECTION OF JUAN LUNA AVENUE (FORMERLY SAN
JOSE DE LA MONTANA AVENUE) AND M.J. CUENCO AVENUE
IN THE CITY OF CEBU, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

By Representative Del Mar
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 64, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FLYOVER AT
THE INTERSECTION OF GORORDO AVENUE AND ARCHBISHOP
REYES AVENUE, AND D. JAKOSALEM EXTENSION IN THE CITY
OF CEBU, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Del Mar
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 65, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FLYOVER AT THE INTERSECTION OF GORORDO AVENUE AND N. ESCARIO AVENUE IN THE CITY OF CEBU, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Del Mar

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

House Bill No. 66, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN UNDERPASS AT THE INTERSECTION OF D. JAKOSALEM STREET – D. JAKOSALEM EXTENSION AND GEN. MAXILOM AVENUE IN THE CITY OF CEBU, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Del Mar

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

House Bill No. 67, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD FROM CEBU CITY’S FIRST DISTRICT (NORTH) TO THE SECOND DISTRICT (SOUTH)”

By Representative Del Mar

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

House Bill No. 68, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DETENTION OF LIVE OR DEAD PATIENTS IN HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CLINICS ON GROUNDS OF NONPAYMENT OF HOSPITAL BILLS OR MEDICAL EXPENSES”

By Representative Del Mar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 69, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND RESETTLEMENT, ABOLISHING THE EXISTING HOUSING AGENCIES, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Del Mar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION, THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 70, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF REAL ESTATE SERVICE IN THE PHILIPPINES, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE A PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD OF REAL ESTATE SERVICE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Del Mar

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

House Bill No. 71, entitled:

“AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF DENTISTRY, DENTAL HYGIENE AND DENTAL TECHNOLOGY IN THE PHILIPPINES, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4419, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF DENTISTRY IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,’ AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 768, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF DENTAL HYGIENISTS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,’ AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Del Mar

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

House Bill No. 72, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PRE-SCHOOL LEARNING CENTER IN EACH OF THE FORTY-SIX (46) BARANGAYS IN THE FIRST DISTRICT OF CEBU CITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Del Mar

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

House Bill No. 73, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AND PROVIDING FOR FREE COLLEGE EDUCATION IN INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Del Mar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 74, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1869, EXPRESSLY EXCLUDING JAI-ALAI GAMES FROM THE FRANCHISED

ACTIVITIES OF THE PHILIPPINE AMUSEMENT AND GAMING CORPORATION”

By Representative Del Mar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS

House Bill No. 75, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6948, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘AN ACT STANDARDIZING AND UPGRADING THE BENEFITS FOR MILITARY VETERANS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS’”

By Representative Del Mar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND WELFARE

House Bill No. 76, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO ALL BARANGAY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING BARANGAY TANODS AND MEMBERS OF THE LUPONG TAGAPAMAYAPA, AND BARANGAY EMPLOYEES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Del Mar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 77, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE VENUE OF THE CRIMINAL AND CIVIL ACTION IN LIBEL CASES AGAINST COMMUNITY JOURNALISTS, PUBLICATIONS OR BROADCAST STATIONS”

By Representative Del Mar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 78, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE SALARY GRADE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS FROM SALARY GRADE 10 TO 20 AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Del Mar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 79, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE PROHIBITED ACTS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN ON ACCOUNT OF SEX, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 135 AND 137 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Del Mar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 80, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE METRO CEBU TRAFFIC AUTHORITY,
DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FUNDS
THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Del Mar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 81, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CIVIL SERVICE CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL
REGULATION

House Bill No. 82, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NATIONAL HEALTH CODE OF 2004”

By Representative Angara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 83, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE DIMANPUDSO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
IN BARANGAY DIMANPUDSO, MUNICIPALITY OF MARIA AURORA,
PROVINCE OF AURORA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Angara

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

House Bill No. 84, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS
WHO ARE ASSIGNED OUTSIDE OF THEIR TOWNS AND
PROVINCES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE, THE
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND THE COMMITTEE ON
WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 85, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA FOR THE INFORMAL SECTOR,
INSTITUTIONALIZING MECHANISM FOR IMPLEMENTATION
THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND THE
COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 86, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION OF
THE NATIONAL HERITAGE, THE CREATION OF A NATIONAL
HERITAGE COMMISSION AND PROVIDING PENALTIES, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION

House Bill No. 87, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE SHEIKH KARIMUL MAKHDUM MOSQUE,
CONSIDERED AS THE FIRST AND OLDEST MUSLIM HOUSE OF
PRAYER OR MOSQUE IN THE PHILIPPINES, CONSTRUCTED IN
1380 A.D. AT TUBIG, INDANGAN, SIMUNUL, PROVINCE OF
TAWI-TAWI, AS A NATIONAL SHRINE, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON MUSLIM AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 88, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF THE WORD ‘MUSLIM’ OR
‘ISLAMIC’ IN PRINT, RADIO, TELEVISION AND OTHER FORMS
OF BROADCAST MEDIA TO REFER TO OR DESCRIBE ANY
PERSON CONVICTED OF ANY CRIME, OR SUSPECTED OF
COMMITTING ANY UNLAWFUL ACT, AND PROVIDING
PENALTIES THEREFOR”

By Representative Angara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON MUSLIM AFFAIRS AND THE COMMITTEE
ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 89, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A SCHOOL MODERNIZATION AND
INNOVATION PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND
SECONDARY SCHOOLS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara

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

House Bill No. 90, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE LEGITIMATION OF CHILDREN BORN TO PARENTS BELOW MARRYING AGE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 91, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL SITES AND THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, REHABILITATION AND REPAIR OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS, IN THE PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 92, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING REFORMS IN LAND ADMINISTRATION, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE LAND ADMINISTRATION AUTHORITY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 93, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE AURORA SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREE PORT IN THE PROVINCE OF AURORA, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE AURORA SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREE PORT AUTHORITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY, THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 94, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PROVIDENT PERSONAL SAVINGS PLAN KNOWN AS THE ‘PERSONAL EQUITY AND RETIREMENT ACCOUNT (PERA)’ ”

By Representative Angara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES
AND THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 95, entitled:

“AN ACT ENHANCING THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE,
CREATING THE OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND
DELINQUENCY PREVENTION UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF
JUSTICE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND THE COMMITTEE ON
APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 96, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE AURORA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
ANNEX I IN BARANGAY BORLONGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF
DIPACULAO, PROVINCE OF AURORA FROM AURORA NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE BORLONGAN
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

By Representative Angara

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

House Bill No. 97, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE AURORA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
ANNEX II IN BARANGAY BAYANIHAN, MUNICIPALITY OF MARIA
AURORA, PROVINCE OF AURORA FROM AURORA NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE BAYANIHAN
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

By Representative Angara

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

House Bill No. 98, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE PUANGI NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, ALSO
KNOWN AS AURORA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – ANNEX III OF
BARANGAY PUANGI, MUNICIPALITY OF DIPACULAO, PROVINCE
OF AURORA FROM AURORA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN

BARANGAY RESERVA, MUNICIPALITY OF BALER, AND CONVERTING IT INTO A SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE PUANGI NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 99, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE EXEMPTION OF FIXED INCOME EARNERS FROM THE FILING OF INCOME TAX RETURNS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 51(A)(2)(b) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE TAX REFORM ACT OF 1997”

By Representative Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 100, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE YEARLY ALLOCATION FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ACTIVITIES (STA)”

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

House Bill No. 101, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING AN ADVANCED STUDIES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR EXCEPTIONAL EMPLOYEES FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 102, entitled:

“AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE FORFEITURE AND DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY SEIZED BY THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 103, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS TO UTILIZE ALL ITS INCOME FOR THEIR MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 104, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING ADDITIONAL INSURANCE BENEFITS TO BARANGAY CAPTAINS, PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 105, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION, INCREASING THE MONTHLY COMPENSATION OF DAY-CARE WORKERS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 106, entitled:

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

By Representative Angara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 107, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE TAX ON IDLE LANDS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 236 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Angara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 108, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 285 AND 286 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO.

7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, PROVIDING FOR AN EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE ALLOTMENT (IRA) TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS”

By Representative Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 109, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE RE-ALLOCATION OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE ALLOTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 285 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 110, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING A PROGRAM FOR THE CONTINUING EDUCATION OF COLLEGE TEACHERS, AMENDING FOR SUCH PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7784, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN TEACHER EDUCATION IN THE PHILIPPINES BY ESTABLISHING CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE, CREATING A TEACHER EDUCATION COUNCIL FOR THE PURPOSE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’ ”

By Representative Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 111, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL INSURANCE BENEFITS TO ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS, PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF THEIR PREMIUMS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 112, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING ALL BRANCHES, SUBDIVISIONS, INSTRUMENTALITIES AND AGENCIES OF THE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR -CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS OR THEIR SUBSIDIARIES TO DIVULGE THE IDENTITY OF HIRED FOREIGN CONSULTANTS, THE NATURE OF

THEIR WORK AND THEIR COMPENSATION, PERKS AND OTHER PRIVILEGES, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES IN CASE OF VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Angara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 113, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING BONDS ISSUED BY THE LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES FOR LAND ACQUISITIONS FROM PAYMENT OF THE TWENTY PERCENT (20%) FINAL TAX ON INTEREST INCOME, AMENDING FOR THE SAID PURPOSE SECTION 24 (B) (1) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE TAX REFORM ACT OF 1997”

By Representative Angara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 114, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBERED SIX HUNDRED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MARINE POLLUTION DECREE OF 1974”

By Representative Angara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 115, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE AUTOMATIC RELEASE OF THE SHARE OF THE BARANGAY IN THE PROCEEDS OF NATIONAL TAXES AND TAXES ON THE UTILIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATIONAL WEALTH, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTION 286, CHAPTER 1 AND SECTION 293, CHAPTER 2, TITLE 3, BOOK II, RESPECTIVELY, OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 116, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE COMPETITION COMMISSION, REGULATING AND PENALIZING TRADE PRACTICES THAT LESSEN COMPETITION AND OTHER ANTI-COMPETITIVE PRACTICES AND CONDUCT, UNLAWFUL MERGERS, ACQUISITIONS AND COMBINATIONS IN RESTRAINT OF TRADE,

UNFAIR COMPETITION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Salceda

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION, THE
COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND THE COMMITTEE
ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 117, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF INVESTMENT
COMPANIES”

By Representative Salceda

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 118, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROVIDENT PERSONAL SAVINGS PLAN
KNOWN AS THE PERSONAL EQUITY AND RETIREMENT
ACCOUNT (PERA)”

By Representative Salceda

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES
AND THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 119, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PRE-NEED PLAN CODE OF THE
PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Salceda

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 120, entitled:

“AN ACT GOVERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT, OPERATION AND
REGULATION OF LENDING COMPANIES”

By Representative Salceda

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 121, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PROTECTION TO CONSUMERS IN THEIR
CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS”

By Representative Salceda

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 122, entitled:

“AN ACT HARMONIZING AND RATIONALIZING THE
ADMINISTRATION AND GRANT OF FISCAL AND NON-FISCAL
INCENTIVES, REPEALING FOR THIS PURPOSE EXECUTIVE

ORDER NO. 226, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE OMNIBUS
INVESTMENTS CODE OF 1987”

By Representative Salceda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 123, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7653, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE NEW CENTRAL BANK ACT”

By Representative Salceda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 124, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8799, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE SECURITIES REGULATION CODE”

By Representative Salceda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 125, entitled:

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

By Representative Salceda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 126, entitled:

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

By Representative Salceda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 127, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE RECOVERY OF FINANCIALLY
DISTRESSED ENTERPRISES AND THE RESOLUTION OF THEIR
INDEBTEDNESS”

By Representative Salceda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 128, entitled:

“AN ACT ENHANCING ECONOMIC COORDINATION, ADOPTING THE

APPROPRIATE MECHANISM THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Salceda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 129, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE SUBSIDY OVERSIGHT COUNCIL AND PROVIDING THE RULES FOR A RATIONAL MANAGEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY SYSTEM”

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

House Bill No. 130, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE RULES FOR A COMPETITIVELY NEUTRAL GOVERNMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 131, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE DRINKING WATER BUSINESSES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Salceda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 132, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE INTERIOR EIGHT HIGH SCHOOL-LIBON AGRO-INDUSTRIAL EXTENSION HIGH SCHOOL FROM THE LIBON MUNICIPAL AGRO-INDUSTRIAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SAN PASCUAL, MUNICIPALITY OF LIBON, PROVINCE OF ALBAY AND CONVERTING THE SAME INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE SAN PASCUAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Salceda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 133, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE POLANGUI GENERAL COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL-BALOGO EXTENSION, BALOGO, MUNICIPALITY

OF OAS, PROVINCE OF ALBAY FROM THE POLANGUI GENERAL COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL, MUNICIPALITY OF POLANGUI, PROVINCE OF ALBAY AND CONVERTING THE SAME INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE BALOGO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Salceda

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

House Bill No. 134, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE BUGA HIGH SCHOOL-LIBON AGRO-INDUSTRIAL EXTENSION HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BUGA, MUNICIPALITY OF LIBON, PROVINCE OF ALBAY FROM LIBON MUNICIPAL AGRO-INDUSTRIAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LIBON, PROVINCE OF ALBAY AND CONVERTING THE SAME INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE BUGA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Salceda

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

House Bill No. 135, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE AMTIC NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL EXTENSION IN BARANGAY AMTIC, LIGAO CITY, FROM LIGAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, LIGAO CITY AND CONVERTING THE SAME INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE AMTIC NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Salceda

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

House Bill No. 136, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE BONBON EXTENSION HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BONBON, MUNICIPALITY OF LIBON, PROVINCE OF ALBAY FROM THE LIBON MUNICIPAL AGRO-INDUSTRIAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE SAME MUNICIPALITY AND PROVINCE, AND CONVERTING THE SAME INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE BONBON NATIONAL HIGH

SCHOOL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Salceda

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

House Bill No. 137, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE GUINOBATAN – JOVELLAR – DONSOLO PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE THIRD DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBAY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Salceda

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

House Bill No. 138, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MATACON – MAIPON – SAN RAFAEL PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE THIRD DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBAY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Salceda

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

House Bill No. 139, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE POLANGUI – LIDONG – BUHI PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE THIRD DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBAY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Salceda

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

House Bill No. 140, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE MAYON VOLCANO RECONSTRUCTION AND REDEVELOPMENT FUND, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Salceda

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 141, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE MAURARO EXTENSION HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MAURARO, MUNICIPALITY OF

GUINOBATAN, PROVINCE OF ALBAY FROM THE MALIPO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE MAURARO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Salceda

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

House Bill No. 142, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE LOWER BINOCSACAN HIGH SCHOOL – MARCIAL O. RAÑOLA MEMORIAL SCHOOL (MORMS) EXTENSION IN BARANGAY LOWER BINOCSACAN, MUNICIPALITY OF GUINOBATAN, PROVINCE OF ALBAY FROM THE MARCIAL O. RAÑOLA MEMORIAL SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE LOWER BINOCSACAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Salceda

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

House Bill No. 143, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE POLANGUI GENERAL COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL – SITE II PONSO EXTENSION IN BARANGAY PONSO, MUNICIPALITY OF POLANGUI, PROVINCE OF ALBAY FROM THE POLANGUI GENERAL COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE PONSO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Salceda

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

House Bill No. 144, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SAN AGUSTIN, MUNICIPALITY OF LIBON, PROVINCE OF ALBAY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE SAN AGUSTIN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Salceda

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

House Bill No. 145, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING A CHILDREN’S WELFARE FUND FOR THE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION OF ABANDONED, ABUSED AND SEXUALLY EXPLOITED CHILDREN, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7610, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SPECIAL PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AGAINST CHILD ABUSE, EXPLOITATION AND DISCRIMINATION ACT”

By Representative Chatto

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 146, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING FURTHER AND BROADENING THE COVERAGE OF THE SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR EMPLOYMENT OF STUDENTS (SPES), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7323”

By Representative Chatto

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 147, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, INSTITUTIONS, ESTABLISHMENTS AND PUBLIC UTILITIES TO RESERVE SUFFICIENT AND SUITABLE PARKING OR SEATING SPACES FOR THE USE OF EXPECTANT MOTHERS”

By Representative Chatto

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN

House Bill No. 148, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING HUMAN CLONING IN THE PHILIPPINES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Jaraula

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 149, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN LIFE, RECOGNIZING RIGHTS THEREUNDER, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Jaraula

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL, POLITICAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS

House Bill No. 150, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING FROM ANY AND ALL TAXES THE AMOUNTS AND SIMILAR BENEFITS THAT WILL BE GIVEN TO AND RECEIVED BY HUMAN RIGHTS VICTIMS AS COMPENSATION UNDER THE

JUDGE MANUEL REAL DECISION, AND ALL THOSE SIMILARLY SITUATED”

By Representative Jaraula

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 151, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE INCLUSION OF THE MINORITY FLOOR LEADER OF THE SANGGUNIAN CONCERNED IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Jaraula

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 152, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MINDANAO POLYTECHNIC STATE COLLEGE INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE MINDANAO UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Jaraula

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 153, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING EACH CITY AND MUNICIPALITY TO CREATE A RIVER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE PRESERVATION, PROTECTION, AND DEVELOPMENT OF ALL RIVERS, RIVER SYSTEMS AND NATURAL WATERWAYS WITHIN ITS RESPECTIVE JURISDICTION, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Jaraula

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 154, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BALULANG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BALULANG, CITY OF CAGAYAN DE ORO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Jaraula

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

House Bill No. 155, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE KAUSWAGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

IN BARANGAY KAUSWAGAN, CITY OF CAGAYAN DE ORO AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Jaraula

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

House Bill No. 156, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY
CAMAMAN-AN, CITY OF CAGAYAN DE ORO, TO BE KNOWN AS
THE CAMAMAN-AN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Jaraula

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

House Bill No. 157, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COLLEGE IN THE CITY OF CAGAYAN DE
ORO, TO BE KNOWN AS THE CITY COLLEGE OF CAGAYAN DE
ORO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Jaraula

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND
THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 158, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TEN (10)-BED HOSPITAL IN BARANGAY
TIGNAPOLOAN, CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE
TIGNAPOLOAN MINI HOSPITAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

By Representative Jaraula

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON
APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 159, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TEN (10)-BED HOSPITAL IN BARANGAY
TAGLIMAO, CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE
TAGLIMAO MINI HOSPITAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Jaraula

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON
APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 160, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM IN THE

CITY OF CAGAYAN DE ORO TO BE KNOWN AS THE CAGAYAN DE ORO CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Jaraula

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

House Bill No. 161, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE GUSA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX AT BARANGAY INDAHAG, CITY OF CAGAYAN DE ORO, INTO A SEPARATE, INDEPENDENT AND DISTINCT HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE INDAHAG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Jaraula

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

House Bill No. 162, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE GUSA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX AT BARANGAY CUGMAN, CITY OF CAGAYAN DE ORO, INTO A SEPARATE, INDEPENDENT AND DISTINCT HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE CUGMAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Jaraula

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

House Bill No. 163, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1069, KNOWN AS THE ‘PHILIPPINE EXTRADITION LAW,’ RATIONALIZING THE EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS”

By Representative Jaraula

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 164, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING AS NATIONAL POLICY THE FREEDOM OF THE FILIPINO FROM ONEROUS, UNREASONABLE, AND UNCONSCIONABLE DEBT OR OBLIGATION, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 31 (b) OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1177 AND SIMILAR LAWS, DECREES, EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS, AND CIRCULARS”

By Representative Jaraula

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 165, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE ALLOCATION FOR THE SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Jaraula

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 166, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE GUSA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX AT BARANGAY GUSA, CITY OF CAGAYAN DE ORO, INTO A REGIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE GUSA REGIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Jaraula

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

House Bill No. 167, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FRUIT TREES NURSERY IN BARANGAY MAMBUAYA, CITY OF CAGAYAN DE ORO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Jaraula

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

House Bill No. 168, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RATTAN NURSERY IN BARANGAY TIGNAPOLOAN, CITY OF CAGAYAN DE ORO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Jaraula

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

House Bill No. 169, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MASS HOUSING PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF CAGAYAN DE ORO, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Jaraula

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 170, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY

TABLON, CITY OF CAGAYAN DE ORO, TO BE KNOWN AS THE
TABLON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

By Representative Jaraula

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

House Bill No. 171, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE DANSOLIHON
TO TIGNAPOLOAN AND BESIGAN ROAD, LEADING TO TALAKAG,
BUKIDNON, IN THE CITY OF CAGAYAN DE ORO, PROVINCE OF
MISAMIS ORIENTAL INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Jaraula

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

House Bill No. 172, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE CARMEN –
CANITOAN – PAGATPAT – SAN SIMON – BAIKINGON – IPONAN
ROAD IN THE CITY OF CAGAYAN DE ORO, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS
ORIENTAL INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

By Representative Jaraula

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

House Bill No. 173, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FRUIT TREES
NURSERY IN BARANGAY TAGLIMAO, CITY OF CAGAYAN DE ORO
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Jaraula

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

House Bill No. 174, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RATTAN NURSERY IN BARANGAY
TUMPAGON, CITY OF CAGAYAN DE ORO AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Jaraula

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

House Bill No. 175, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE CAMAMAN-AN TO INDAHAG ROAD, LEADING TO BUKIDNON IN THE CITY OF CAGAYAN DE ORO, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL INTO A NATIONAL ROAD, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Jaraula

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

House Bill No. 176, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BAMBOO NURSERY IN BARANGAY SAN SIMON, CITY OF CAGAYAN DE ORO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Jaraula

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

House Bill No. 177, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BAMBOO NURSERY IN BARANGAY AGUSAN, CITY OF CAGAYAN DE ORO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Jaraula

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

House Bill No. 178, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TIGNAPOLOAN, CITY OF CAGAYAN DE ORO, TO BE KNOWN AS TIGNAPOLOAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Jaraula

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

House Bill No. 179, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE BULUA-ANHAON-CANITOAN-PUEBLO DE ORO ROAD IN THE CITY OF CAGAYAN DE ORO, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Jaraula

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

House Bill No. 180, entitled:

“AN ACT TO FURTHER PROMOTE ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6977, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MAGNA CARTA FOR SMALL ENTERPRISES”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

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

House Bill No. 181, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING COMPUTER EDUCATION IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Remulla (G.)

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

House Bill No. 182, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE COFFEE RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND EXTENSION CENTER IN THE CAVITE STATE UNIVERSITY AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Remulla (G.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 183, entitled:

“AN ACT PUNISHING THE PILFERAGE OR THEFT OF ANY MATERIAL, PRODUCT, MERCHANDISE, ARTICLE, EQUIPMENT OR BY-PRODUCT MANUFACTURED, PRODUCED, OWNED OR BELONGING TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ENTERPRISES LOCATED IN SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES”

By Representative Remulla (G.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 184, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPOSING A HEAVIER PENALTY AGAINST PUBLIC OFFICERS CHARGED WITH THE CUSTODY OF PRISONERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 223 AND 224 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE”

By Representative Remulla (G.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 185, entitled:

“AN ACT ABOLISHING THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN AND AMENDING RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AND IN LIEU THEREOF, PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF A YOUTH SECTOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE VARIOUS LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS”

By Representative Remulla (G.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 186, entitled:

“AN ACT RENATIONALIZING THE CAVITE CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH, TRANSFERRING FUNDING AND SUPERVISION OF THE REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH CENTER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Remulla (G.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 187, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING MALIBIK-LIBIK FALLS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF GENERAL EMILIO AGUINALDO, PROVINCE OF CAVITE AS A NATIONAL TOURIST SPOT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Remulla (G.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 188, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 13 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN GENERAL TRIAS IN THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE”

By Representative Remulla (G.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 189, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE ENTIRE PORTION OF GEN. TRIAS – AMADEO – TAGAYTAY ROAD, FROM GOVERNOR’S DRIVE TO TAGAYTAY IN THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE, TO ‘CRISANTO M. DE LOS REYES AVENUE’ IN HONOR OF THE NATIONALIST CRISANTO M. DE LOS REYES”

By Representative Remulla (G.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 190, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE POLITICAL PARTY SYSTEM AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative De Venecia

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

House Bill No. 191, entitled:

“AN ACT ACCELERATING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NATIONAL RAILWAY SYSTEM, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE NATIONAL RAILWAY AUTHORITY, PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES”

By Representative De Venecia

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 192, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPROVING THE EFFICIENCY IN THE DELIVERY OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC BY REDUCING BUREAUCRATIC RED TAPE AND PREVENTING GRAFT AND CORRUPTION”

By Representative De Venecia

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 193, entitled:

“AN ACT TO REENGINEER THE GOVERNMENT BUREAUCRACY BY AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO IMPLEMENT THE RE-ENGINEERING PLAN, CREATING THE COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT RE-ENGINEERING AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative De Venecia

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 194, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 141, 142, 143, 144 AND 145 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997”

By Representative De Venecia

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 195, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING ADDITIONAL ALLOWABLE TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE

SECTION 34 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE TAX REFORM ACT OF 1997”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 196, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MARITIME AND OCEAN AFFAIRS
CENTER AS AN ATTACHED AGENCY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS, PROVIDING FOR ITS FUNCTIONS AND
RESPONSIBILITIES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 197, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
COUNCIL, PROVIDING POWERS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 198, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING LOCAL HOUSING BOARDS IN EVERY CITY AND
MUNICIPALITY, PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 199, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A SOCIALIZED AND LOW-COST HOUSING
LOAN RESTRUCTURING PROGRAM, PROVIDING THE
MECHANISMS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 200, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING TRAVEL ALLOWANCES TO BARANGAY HEALTH
WORKERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO.
7883, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE BARANGAY HEALTH
WORKERS’ BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ACT OF 1995,’ AND
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 201, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING FRANKING PRIVILEGES TO SANGGUNIANG
BARANGAYS”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

House Bill No. 202, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FILING OF
CERTIFICATES OF CANDIDACY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
SECTION 74 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 881, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 203, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD AS A
SEPARATE AND DISTINCT SERVICE ATTACHED TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS,
FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5173, AS AMENDED,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION, THE
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS
AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 204, entitled:

“AN ACT CHANGING THE NOMENCLATURE OF THE MEMBERS OF
THE CUSTODIAL FORCE OF THE BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS AND
ADJUSTING THEIR SALARY GRADES ACCORDINGLY, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 205, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF
METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURTS OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL
REGION, INCREASING THE NUMBER OF METROPOLITAN TRIAL
COURTS FROM EIGHTY-TWO (82) TO EIGHTY-FOUR (84),

AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 206, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE APPOINTMENT OF ELECTIVE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WITHIN ONE YEAR FROM RESIGNATION”

By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 207, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING CIVIL SERVICE ELIGIBILITY TO CONTRACTUAL AND COTERMINOUS GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE RENDERED A TOTAL OF FIVE YEARS OF EFFICIENT SERVICE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 208, entitled:

“AN ACT BROADENING THE SCOPE OF UNLAWFUL PRACTICES OF MATCHING FILIPINO WOMEN FOR MARRIAGE TO FOREIGN NATIONALS TO INCLUDE VARIOUS SCHEMES MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE INTERNET, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6955”

By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN

House Bill No. 209, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY IMPOSED AGAINST POLLUTERS OF NAVIGABLE WATERS BY AMENDING SECTION 7 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 979 PROVIDING FOR THE REVISION OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 600 GOVERNING MARINE POLLUTION”

By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 210, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THE RIGHT TO FRANCHISEES TO DEVELOP THE RURAL AIRPORT INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK IN THE PHILIPPINES FOR COMMERCIAL AND OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

House Bill No. 211, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE LTO EXTENSION OFFICE LOCATED IN MUNTINLUPA CITY INTO A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Biazon

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

House Bill No. 212, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7926, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF MUNTINLUPA’ ”

By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 213, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE FOURTH DAY OF FEBRUARY OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF MUNTINLUPA, TO BE KNOWN AS ARAW NG KALAYAAN NG MUNTINLUPA”

By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 214, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MUNTINLUPA SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF MUNTINLUPA INTO A NATIONAL SCIENCE SECONDARY SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE MUNTINLUPA NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Biazon

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

House Bill No. 215, entitled:

“AN ACT PENALIZING THE PROVISION OF FIREARMS, AMMUNITIONS, EXPLOSIVES, CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL OR

NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR ANY PARTS OR COMPONENTS USED IN
THE MANUFACTURE THEREOF TO ENEMIES OF THE STATE”

By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 216, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 16 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209, AS
AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 227, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, MAKING IT
MANDATORY FOR COUPLES TO UNDERGO COUNSELING PRIOR
TO THE ISSUANCE OF A MARRIAGE LICENSE”

By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 217, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MECHANISM FOR THE NATIONAL
IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM IN THE PHILIPPINES, PROVIDING FOR
BENEFITS AND RIGHTS AND CORRESPONDING OBLIGATIONS,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SECURITY AND THE
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 218, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL
POLICE COMMISSION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION, THE
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SECURITY AND THE
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 219, entitled:

“AN ACT PRESCRIBING A FIXED TERM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF AND
MAJOR SERVICE COMMANDERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE
PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE

House Bill No. 220, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT, RATIONALIZING THE ORGANIZATION AND
FUNCTIONS OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND CORPORATIONS

RELATED TO HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION, THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 221, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THE MAGNA CARTA FOR DAY-CARE WORKERS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 222, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF THE PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD BY INCREASING, INTEGRATING AND RATIONALIZING THE BASE PAY AND OTHER BENEFITS OF ITS OFFICERS AND ENLISTED PERSONNEL, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 223, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REWARDS SYSTEM FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING TERRORISM PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 224, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE RANK OF FIRST CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT/ FIRST MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER IN THE ENLISTED RANKS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP), APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 225, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 226, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MEDICAL AND HEALTH CARE LIABILITY LAW, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 227, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THE MAGNA CARTA FOR HOMEOWNERS’ ASSOCIATIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 228, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ORDAIN AND INSTITUTE THE MARITIME CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

House Bill No. 229, entitled:

“AN ACT CONSOLIDATING ADMIRALTY AND MARITIME LAWS TO MODERNIZE THE MARITIME INDUSTRY, PROMOTE AND REGULATE MERCHANT MARINE ACTIVITIES, RATIONALIZE THE ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONS OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES RELATED TO ADMIRALTY AND MARITIME MATTERS, AND INSURE THE PROTECTION OF THE MARINE WEALTH IN THE PHILIPPINE TERRITORY”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS,
THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND THE COMMITTEE
ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 230, entitled:

“AN ACT ABOLISHING THE DEATH PENALTY IN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Velarde
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 231, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 110 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1529, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PROPERTY REGISTRATION DECREE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Dadivas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND THE COMMITTEE ON
APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 232, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING BARANGAY BATO ROAD IN BARANGAY BATO,
PANAY, CAPIZ INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

By Representative Dadivas

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

House Bill No. 233, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE HIPONA – CANAPIAN – QUINABONGLAN
ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF PONTEVEDRA AND MAAYON,
PROVINCE OF CAPIZ INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Dadivas

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

House Bill No. 234, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE POBLACION – PAWA ROAD IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF PANAY, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ INTO A
NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Dadivas

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

House Bill No. 235, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE STA. FE – CASANAYAN ROAD IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF PILAR, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ INTO A NATIONAL
ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Dadivas

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

House Bill No. 236, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE PANITAN – TIMPAS – MIANAY ROAD IN
THE MUNICIPALITIES OF PANITAN AND SIGMA, PROVINCE OF
CAPIZ INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

By Representative Dadivas

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

House Bill No. 237, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING THAT ALL CONTRACTUAL AND CASUAL
EMPLOYEES IN THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE BE PAID THEIR
CORRESPONDING WAGES DURING SPECIAL PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Dadvivas

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

House Bill No. 238, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROXAS CITY – CAGAY – SIBAGUAN –
BALIJUAGAN – CUDIAN – IVISAN ROAD IN ROXAS CITY AND
THE MUNICIPALITY OF IVISAN, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ INTO A
NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Dadvivas

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

House Bill No. 239, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE CONCIENCIA – TINIGBAN ROAD IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF PANITAN, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ INTO A
NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Dadvivas

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

House Bill No. 240, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROXAS MEMORIAL GENERAL HOSPITAL
IN ROXAS, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ INTO A TERTIARY LEVEL II
HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE PRESIDENT MANUELA. ROXAS
MEMORIAL REGIONAL HOSPITAL”

By Representative Dadvivas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON
APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 241, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A SOCIALIZED AND LOW-COST HOUSING
LOAN RESTRUCTURING PROGRAM, PROVIDING THE
MECHANISMS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Dadvias
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 242, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING FURTHER AND BROADENING THE COVERAGE OF THE SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR EMPLOYMENT OF STUDENTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7323, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Dadvias
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 243, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING THE VISION AND POLICIES OF GOVERNMENT IN THE HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT SECTOR, CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, DEFINING ITS MANDATE, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Dadvias
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION, THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 244, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE POLITICAL PARTY SYSTEM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Dadvias
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 245, entitled:

“AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE COMPOSITIONS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS COMMISSION, THEREBY AMENDING ARTICLES 213, 214, 215 AND 216, BOOK V, TITLE II OF THE LABOR CODE, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Dadvias
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 246, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE COMPULSORY REGISTRATION OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Dadvias
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 247, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING MEASURES TO ENHANCE THE ACCEPTABILITY OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS AS SECURITY FOR LOANS OBTAINED FROM LENDERS, BANKS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, THEREBY PROMOTING ACCESS TO RURAL CREDIT, PROVIDING MECHANISMS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Dadvivas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FISHERIES

House Bill No. 248, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PAWA, MUNICIPALITY OF PANAY, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ TO BE KNOWN AS THE PAWA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Dadvivas

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

House Bill No. 249, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 463, CHAPTER 2, TITLE FOUR, BOOK III OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Dadvivas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 250, entitled:

“AN ACT TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY IN THE DELIVERY OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC BY REDUCING BUREAUCRATIC RED TAPE AND PREVENTING GRAFT AND CORRUPTION”

By Representative Dadvivas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 251, entitled:

“REVISED PUBLIC LAND ACT OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Dadvivas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 252, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE COGON – PONTEVEDRA ROAD IN THE

MUNICIPALITIES OF PANITAN AND PONTEVEDRA, PROVINCE OF
CAPIZ INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Dadvias

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

House Bill No. 253, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE DUMULOG – GABUAN – MONGPONG –
CULAJAO – BANICA ROAD IN ROXAS CITY INTO A NATIONAL
ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Dadvias

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

House Bill No. 254, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ADLAWAN – LIONG – JUMAGICJIC – SAN
JOSE – CABUGAO ROAD IN ROXAS CITY, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ
INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Dadvias

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

House Bill No. 255, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE LANOT – LOCTUGAN – PANITAN
BOUNDARY ROAD IN ROXAS CITY AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF
PANITAN, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Dadvias

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

House Bill No. 256, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE BANICA – BATO – MILIBILI – ARCABALO
– BOLO ROAD IN ROXAS CITY, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ INTO A
NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Dadvias

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

House Bill No. 257, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE REGULATORY FUNCTIONS OF THE
PHILIPPINE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT ADMINISTRATION (POEA),

AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8042,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘MIGRANT WORKERS AND
OVERSEAS FILIPINOS ACT OF 1995’ ”

By Representative Dadvivas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 258, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOSITION OF THE PENALTY OF
RECLUSION PERPETUA INSTEAD OF THE DEATH PENALTY IN
CASES WHERE THE LAW PRESCRIBES THE DEATH PENALTY, AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Dadvivas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 259, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING INDIVIDUALS, COOPERATIVES AND OTHER
ENTERPRISES ENGAGED IN THE IMPORTATION OF ALL TYPES
OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES INPUTS, EQUIPMENT AND
MACHINERY FROM PAYMENT OF TARIFFS AND DUTIES,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED
EIGHT THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE (R.A. NO. 8435),
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES
MODERNIZATION ACT OF 1997’ ”

By Representative Dadvivas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FISHERIES AND
THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 260, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE EXEMPTION OF FIXED INCOME
EARNERS FROM THE FILING OF INCOME TAX RETURNS,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 51 (A) (2) (b) OF
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘TAX
REFORM ACT OF 1997’ ”

By Representative Dadvivas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 261, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF PATIENTS
AND ESTABLISHING A GRIEVANCE MECHANISM FOR
VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Dadvivas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 262, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 31 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6770, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE OMBUDSMAN ACT OF 1989,’ AS AMENDED, ALLOWING PRIVATE LAWYERS TO ACT AS PROSECUTORS ON BEHALF OF THE OMBUDSMAN”

By Representative Dadivas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 263, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE CATALUNAN GRANDE HIGH SCHOOL (MABINI ANNEX) IN BARANGAY CATALUNAN GRANDE, DAVAO CITY FROM THE MABINI NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BANGKAL, TALOMO DISTRICT, DAVAO CITY AND ESTABLISHING THE SAME AS AN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE JESUS J. SORIANO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL”

By Representative Nograles

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

House Bill No. 264, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE MABINI NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – GOVERNOR VICENTE DUTERTE ANNEX LOCATED IN BANGKAL, TALOMO DISTRICT, DAVAO CITY FROM THE MABINI NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND CONVERTING THE SAME INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS GOVERNOR VICENTE DUTERTE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Nograles

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

House Bill No. 265, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING AN ELECTIVE OFFICIAL *IPSO FACTO* RESIGNED FROM HIS OFFICE UPON THE FILING OF HIS CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY”

By Representative Nograles

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 266, entitled:

“AN ACT LIMITING THE PRACTICE OF COSMETIC DERMATOLOGY TO LICENSED AND QUALIFIED PHYSICIANS WITH RESIDENCY TRAINING IN DERMATOLOGY”

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

House Bill No. 267, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A SOCIALIZED AND LOW-COST HOUSING
LOAN RESTRUCTURING PROGRAM, PROVIDING THE
MECHANISMS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Nograles
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 268, entitled:

“AN ACT PENALIZING THE APPROPRIATION, ENCROACHMENT,
REGISTRATION AND TITLING OF CREEKS, ESTEROS, STREAMS,
CANALS, RIVER BANKS AND OTHER PUBLIC WATERWAYS AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Duavit
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 269, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED EIGHTY-FOUR
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOUR, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE ‘TAX REFORM ACT OF 1997,’ AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representative Duavit
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 270, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PRE-NEED PLAN CODE OF THE
PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Duavit
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 271, entitled:

“AN ACT HARMONIZING AND RATIONALIZING THE
ADMINISTRATION AND GRANT OF FISCAL AND NON-FISCAL
INCENTIVES, REPEALING FOR THIS PURPOSE EXECUTIVE
ORDER NO. 226, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE OMNIBUS
INVESTMENTS CODE OF 1987”

By Representative De Venecia
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND THE
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 272, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A NATIONAL LAND USE CODE, PROVIDING IMPLEMENTING MECHANISMS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative De Venecia

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 273, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PLACE SAFETY NETS FOR FILIPINO RICE PRODUCERS BY IMPOSING TARIFFS IN LIEU OF QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS ON RICE IMPORTS, DIRECTING TARIFF COLLECTIONS FROM RICE IMPORTS TO PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS THAT ENHANCE RICE PRODUCTIVITY AND INCREASE FARMERS’ INCOME AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative De Venecia

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FISHERIES AND THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 274, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROVIDENT PERSONAL SAVINGS PLAN, KNOWN AS THE PERSONAL EQUITY AND RETIREMENT ACCOUNT”

By Representative De Venecia

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES AND THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 275, entitled:

“AN ACT TO REGULATE THE CABLE TELEVISION INDUSTRY IN THE PHILIPPINES, PROVIDING IMPLEMENTING MECHANISMS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative De Venecia

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 276, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL REVENUE AUTHORITY, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative De Venecia

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION, THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 277, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE MANDATE ON THE

INTERCONNECTION BETWEEN AND AMONG PUBLIC
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENTITIES, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR
ITS VIOLATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative De Venecia

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

House Bill No. 278, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 212 AND 214 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative De Venecia

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 279, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING MEASURES TO ENHANCE THE ACCEPTABILITY
OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS AS SECURITY FOR LOANS OBTAINED
FROM LENDERS, BANKS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
THEREBY PROMOTING ACCESS TO RURAL CREDIT, PROVIDING
MECHANISMS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative De Venecia

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FISHERIES

House Bill No. 280, entitled:

“AN ACT TO SPUR THE PLANTING OF A BILLION TREES THROUGH
COMPLEMENTARY TREE PLANTING PROGRAMS OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
AND VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENT
UNITS, COMMUNITIES, SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES, AND CIVIC
AND NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, ESTABLISHING
MINI-FOREST RESERVES IN CITIES, MUNICIPALITIES AND
SUBDIVISION PROJECTS, PROMOTING FOREST PLANTATIONS,
AND PROTECTING THE REMAINING NATURAL FORESTS,
CREATING A FUND THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative De Venecia

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REFORESTATION AND THE
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 281, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY
MESA OY, MUNICIPALITY OF NEW CORELLA, PROVINCE OF
DAVAO DEL NORTE TO BE KNOWN AS MESA OY NATIONAL HIGH
SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Olaño

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

House Bill No. 282, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE DAVAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX
IN BARANGAY SAN MIGUEL, TAGUM CITY, PROVINCE OF DAVAO
DEL NORTE INTO A SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT HIGH SCHOOL
TO BE KNOWN AS LAURETA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Olaño

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

House Bill No. 283, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY
SAGAYEN, MUNICIPALITY OF ASUNCION, PROVINCE OF DAVAO
DEL NORTE TO BE KNOWN AS SAGAYEN NATIONAL HIGH
SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Olaño

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

House Bill No. 284, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY
SEMONG, MUNICIPALITY OF KAPALONG, PROVINCE OF DAVAO
DEL NORTE TO BE KNOWN AS SEMONG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Olaño

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

House Bill No. 285, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE TAGUM NATIONAL TRADE SCHOOL IN
THE CITY OF TAGUM, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE INTO A
COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY TO BE KNOWN AS THE DAVAO DEL
NORTE COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY”

By Representative Olaño

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND
THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 286, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR CORPORATE ACCOUNTABILITY, FIXING

THE PENALTIES FOR ANY VIOLATION THEREOF, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Lapus

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 287, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PRE-NEED PLAN CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Lapus

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 288, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE LIVELIHOOD AND TECHNOLOGY-RELATED LOAN CONDONATION ACT OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Lapus

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 289, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE GOVERNMENT ASSET MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Lapus

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 290, entitled:

“AN ACT TO AMEND ARTICLE 217 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE, MAKING THE FAILURE TO LIQUIDATE CASH ADVANCE WITHIN THE PERIOD PROVIDED THEREIN A *PRIMA FACIE* PROOF OF MALVERSATION”

By Representative Lapus

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 291, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONDUCT A RE-SURVEY OF CADASTRAL LOTS IN LAHAR-AFFECTED AREAS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Lapus

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 292, entitled:

“AN ACT REDUCING TO FIFTEEN PERCENT (15%) THE AMUSEMENT TAX ON GROSS RECEIPTS FROM ADMISSION FEES OF THEATERS, CINEMAS, CONCERT HALLS, CIRCUSES AND OTHER PLACES OF AMUSEMENT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 140 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Lapus

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 293, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES TO CONVEY THE TITLES OF THE LOTS OCCUPIED BY THE VICTIMS OF THE MT. PINATUBO ERUPTION IN THE RESETTLEMENT AREAS LOCATED IN THE PROVINCES OF PAMPANGA, TARLAC AND ZAMBALES, DECLARING FOR THE PURPOSE ALL RESIDENTIAL LOTS IN THE RESETTLEMENT AREAS AS ALIENABLE AND DISPOSABLE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Lapus

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 294, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1986, ENTITLED ‘CREATING THE MOVIE AND TELEVISION REVIEW AND CLASSIFICATION BOARD’ ”

By Representative Lapus

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 295, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE TARLAC SUBDISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE INTO A REGULAR DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE TO BE KNOWN AS THE TARLAC SECOND DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Lapus

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

House Bill No. 296, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING DRIVERS OF MOTOR OR NON-MOTOR PRIVATE AND PUBLIC VEHICLES FROM SMOKING AND/OR USING CELLULAR PHONE WHILE DRIVING, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF”

By Representative Lapus
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

House Bill No. 297, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL BENEFITS TO SENIOR CITIZENS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED SEVENTY-FOUR HUNDRED AND THIRTY-TWO”

By Representative Lapus
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS AND
THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 298, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL TOURISM POLICY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Lapus
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND THE COMMITTEE ON
APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 299, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING ALL OWNERS OR OPERATORS OF TELEVISION NETWORKS OR STATIONS AND PRODUCERS OF TELEVISION NEWS PROGRAMS TO BROADCAST THEIR NEWS PROGRAMS WITH SUBTITLES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Lapus
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 300, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8435, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘AN ACT PRESCRIBING URGENT RELATED MEASURES TO MODERNIZE THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES SECTORS OF THE COUNTRY IN ORDER TO ENHANCE THEIR PROFITABILITY, AND PREPARE SAID SECTORS FOR THE CHALLENGES OF GLOBALIZATION THROUGH AN ADEQUATE, FOCUSED AND RATIONAL DELIVERY OF NECESSARY SUPPORT SERVICES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’ ”

By Representative Lapus
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FISHERIES AND
THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 301, entitled:

“AN ACT FIXING THE SPECIFIC LIMITS OF FORESTLANDS AND NON-FORESTLANDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROTECTING,

CONSERVING AND ENHANCING THE FOREST RESOURCES OF
THE COUNTRY TO ATTAIN ECOLOGICAL BALANCE”

By Representative Lapus

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 302, entitled:

“AN ACT RESTRUCTURING THE FISCAL INCENTIVES UNDER
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 226, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
OMNIBUS INVESTMENTS CODE OF 1987, AS AMENDED,
AMENDING PERTINENT ARTICLES OF THE CODE, PROVIDING FOR
PENALTIES IN VIOLATION THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Lapus

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

House Bill No. 303, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING FROM INCOME TAXATION THE FIRST THREE
(3) YEARS SALARY OF SCHOOL TEACHERS, BOTH IN PUBLIC AND
PRIVATE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS”

By Representative Lapus

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 304, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE POLITICAL PARTY SYSTEM AND
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Lapus

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

House Bill No. 305, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING MEASURES TO LOWER THE COST OF
MEDICINES BY RATIONALIZING THE COMPETITIVE POSITION
OF LOCAL DRUG COMPANIES, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR ANY
VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Lapus

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

House Bill No. 306, entitled:

“AN ACT TO EXPAND THE POWERS, DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF A
PUNONG BARANGAY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION

389, CHAPTER 3 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Lapus

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 307, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE FIELD OF LAND TITLE INSURANCE,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 612,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE INSURANCE CODE OF 1978, AS
AMENDED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREES NO. 1455 AND 1460 AND
BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 874”

By Representative Lapus

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 308, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING SAVINGS DEPOSITS AMOUNTING TO FIFTY
THOUSAND PESOS (P50,000.00) OR LESS FROM WITHHOLDING
TAX, AMENDING SECTION 21 (C) (1) OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL
REVENUE CODE THEREBY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Lapus

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 309, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING TERRORISM, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Marcos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 310, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE MOVIE AND TELEVISION REVIEW AND
CLASSIFICATION BOARD, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE
PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1986, ENTITLED ‘CREATING THE
MOVIE AND TELEVISION REVIEW AND CLASSIFICATION BOARD,’
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Marcos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 311, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE DELIVERY
OF CONVERGING COMMUNICATION SERVICES”

By Representative Marcos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

House Bill No. 312, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE USE OF ELECTRIC POLES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Marcos

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

House Bill No. 313, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF FUNDS DIRECTLY TO THE SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Marcos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 314, entitled:

“AN ACT PROFESSIONALIZING THE BARANGAY TANOD BRIGADES BY UPGRADING THEIR BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES AND MANDATING TERMS TO ENHANCE THEIR FUNCTIONAL EFFICIENCY”

By Representative Marcos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 315, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE REGULAR REMITTANCE OF PREMIUM CONTRIBUTIONS OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS TO THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM (GSIS)”

By Representative Marcos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 316, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE FAIR AND EQUITABLE ALLOCATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS ITEMS FOR TEACHING AND NON-TEACHING POSITIONS”

By Representative Marcos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 317, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA OF STUDENTS”

By Representative Marcos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND
THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 318, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING BENEFITS TO COLLEGE AND POST-GRADUATE
STUDENTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Marcos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 319, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL
DECREE NUMBERED SIXTEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-FOUR
(P.D. NO. 1694), AS AMENDED, CREATING THE WELFARE FUND
FOR OVERSEAS WORKERS”

By Representative Marcos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 320, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 45, CHAPTER 10 AND SECTION 17,
CHAPTER 1 OF SUBTITLE II, TITLE VIII OF EXECUTIVE ORDER
NO. 292, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘1987 ADMINISTRATIVE
CODE BY PROHIBITING A PERSON FROM BEING APPOINTED AS
SECRETARY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE WITHIN THREE (3) YEARS
AFTER RELIEF FROM ACTIVE DUTY AS COMMISSIONED OFFICER
OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES’ ”

By Representative Marcos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 321, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THE MEMBERS OF THE LUPONG TAGAPAMAYAPA
MONTHLY HONORARIUM IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND
PESOS (P1,000.00), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 406 OF
THE ‘LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991’ ”

By Representative Marcos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 322, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO.
8293, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT PRESCRIBING THE INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTY CODE AND ESTABLISHING THE INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTY OFFICE, PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS AND
FUNCTIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’ ”

By Representative Marcos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 323, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING STIFFER PENALTIES TO MAKERS, DRAWERS
AND ISSUERS OF BOUNCING CHECKS”

By Representative Marcos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 324, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBERED FOUR
HUNDRED FORTY-TWO (P.D. NO. 442), AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, BY
DELETING ARTICLES 130 AND 131 THEREOF”

By Representative Marcos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 325, entitled:

“AN ACT TO UPDATE THE LAW ON SECURITY DEVICES BY
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 386, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE CIVIL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND ACT OF
1508, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CHATTEL
MORTGAGE LAW”

By Representative Marcos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 326, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A SYSTEM OF REWARD AND OTHER INCENTIVES
FOR PERSONS WHO COULD HELP IDENTIFY, LOCATE, PROVIDE
INFORMATION, TESTIFY AND PROSECUTE VIOLATORS OF
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3019, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANTI-
GRAFT AND CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT, AND OTHER CRIMINAL
OFFENSES COMMITTED BY REASON OF THE FUNCTION OF
PUBLIC OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3019”

By Representative Marcos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT AND THE
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 327, entitled:

“AN ACT REDEFINING THE WORD ‘PROSTITUTES’ THEREBY
AMENDING ARTICLE 202, NUMBER 5 OF THE REVISED PENAL
CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Marcos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 328, entitled:

“AN ACT SUPPLEMENTING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7080, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE ‘ANTI-PLUNDER ACT’ ”

By Representative Marcos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 329, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING ORGANIZED CRIME, PROVIDING PENALTIES
THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 330, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 355 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE BY
EXTINGUISHING THE PENALTY OF IMPRISONMENT AND
INCREASING THE PENALTY OF FINE”

By Representative Marcos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 331, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING ACT NO. 4103, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE INDETERMINATE SENTENCE LAW”

By Representative Marcos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 332, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 266-B OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8353,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANTI-RAPE LAW OF 1997, BY
REDUCING THE PENALTY ON INCESTUOUS RAPE FROM DEATH
TO *RECLUSION PERPETUA*”

By Representative Marcos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 333, entitled:

“AN ACT TO AMEND ARTICLE 217 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE,
MAKING THE FAILURE TO LIQUIDATE CASH ADVANCE WITHIN
THE PERIOD PROVIDED THEREIN A *PRIMA FACIE* PROOF OF
MALVERSATION”

By Representative Marcos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 334, entitled:

“AN ACT REPEALING ARTICLES 333 AND 334 AND AMENDING ARTICLE 344 OF ACT 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AND DEFINING THE CRIME OF MARITAL INFIDELITY”

By Representative Marcos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 335, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ROLL-ON/ROLL-OFF TERMINAL SYSTEM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

House Bill No. 336, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 67 AND 77 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 881, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE’ ”

By Representative Marcos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 337, entitled:

“AN ACT PREVENTING AND PENALIZING COMPUTER-RELATED CRIMES, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE”

By Representative Marcos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 338, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION ON WOMEN, DEFINING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Marcos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION, THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 339, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7392, OTHERWISE KNOWN

AS THE PHILIPPINE MIDWIFERY ACT OF 1992, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Marcos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 340, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MIDWIFERY DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Marcos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 341, entitled:

“AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE PARTY-LIST SYSTEM OF REPRESENTATION IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 5 AND SECTION 10 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7941, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘PARTY-LIST SYSTEM ACT’ ”

By Representative Marcos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 342, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING A PERSON WHO IS A PERMANENT RESIDENT OR IMMIGRANT OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY FROM BEING APPOINTED TO ANY PUBLIC OFFICE OR POSITION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBERED EIGHT HUNDRED SEVEN (P.D. NO. 807), OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CIVIL SERVICE DECREE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Marcos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 343, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING POP, ROCK OR SIMILAR CONCERTS FROM THE PAYMENT OF AMUSEMENT TAX ON GROSS RECEIPTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PARAGRAPH (c), SECTION 140 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Marcos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 344, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING ALL RADIO STATIONS WITH MUSICAL FORMAT PROGRAMS TO BROADCAST A TOTAL OF FIFTY PERCENT (50%) OF MUSIC PLAYED IN EVERY CLOCKHOUR ORIGINAL PILIPINO MUSIC (OPM), AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Marcos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 345, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A P125.00 DAILY ACROSS-THE-BOARD INCREASE IN THE SALARY RATES OF EMPLOYEES AND WORKERS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 346, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE REGULATORY FUNCTIONS OF THE PHILIPPINE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT ADMINISTRATION (POEA), AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8042, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘MIGRANT WORKERS AND OVERSEAS FILIPINOS ACT OF 1995’ ”

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 347, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE PRACTICE OF BLACKLISTING BY RECRUITMENT AND PLACEMENT SERVICES THROUGH THE USE OF ANY MEANS, MECHANISMS OR LISTS WHICH INTEND TO SPECIFICALLY PREVENT OR DETER OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (OFWs) FROM GAINING PRODUCTIVE EMPLOYMENT, PROVIDING FOR STIFFER PENALTIES THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 348, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL INSURANCE BENEFITS TO ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS, PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF ITS PREMIUMS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Barinaga

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

House Bill No. 349, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE MONTHLY PENSION OF RETIRED PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND NON-TEACHING PERSONNEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Barinaga

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

House Bill No. 350, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PRODUCTIVITY AND PERFORMANCE INCENTIVES AND GAINSHARING PROGRAM, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6971, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PRODUCTIVITY INCENTIVES ACT OF 1990”

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 351, entitled:

“AN ACT TO MANDATE BARANGAY MICRO BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (BMBEs) TO IMPLEMENT THE MINIMUM WAGE LAW, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9178, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BARANGAY MICRO BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (BMBEs), PROVIDING INCENTIVES AND BENEFITS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’ ”

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 352, entitled:

“AN ACT TO GRANT ALL DULY ELECTED BARANGAY OFFICIALS A MONTHLY COMPENSATION”

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 353, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING HEADS AND CHIEFS OF HOSPITALS TO APPROVE PURCHASES OF MEDICINES AND OTHER MEDICAL SUPPLIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 344 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991,’ AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 354, entitled:

“AN ACT ALLOCATING NEWLY CREATED BARANGAYS WITH A SHARE IN THE INTERNAL REVENUE ALLOTMENT, AND AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 285 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160”

By Representative Barinaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 355, entitled:

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

By Representative Barinaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 356, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES FROM THE PAYMENT OF THE FRANCHISE, BUSINESS AND REAL PROPERTY TAXES IMPOSED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160”

By Representative Barinaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 357, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 2, TITLE THREE, BOOK II OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Barinaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 358, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATION FROM THE SENIOR CITIZEN SECTOR IN EVERY SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY, SANGGUNIANG BAYAN, SANGGUNIANG PANLUNSOD AND SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN”

By Representative Barinaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 359, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ENSURE THE AFFORDABILITY OF MEDICINES AND

HEALTH CARE IN THE PHILIPPINES BY EXEMPTING FROM ALL DUTIES AND TAXES THE SALE, IMPORTATION, PROCESSING, REPACKING OR MANUFACTURING OF ALL KINDS OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS AND THEIR RAW MATERIALS USED IN THE MANUFACTURE THEREOF”

By Representative Barinaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 360, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING A SYSTEM FOR INSURING THE FUNDING OF FINANCIAL BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES EXTENDED TO PUBLIC SERVICE WORKERS BY LAWS, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS, MEMORANDUM CIRCULARS AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUANCES”

By Representative Barinaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 361, entitled:

“AN ACT TO DEFINE AND GUARANTEE PUBLIC SECTOR UNIONISM IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 362, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘AN ACT TO MAXIMIZE THE CONTRIBUTION OF SENIOR CITIZENS TO NATION BUILDING, GRANT BENEFITS AND SPECIAL PRIVILEGES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’”

By Representative Barinaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 363, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL BENEFITS TO SENIOR CITIZENS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED SEVENTY-FOUR HUNDRED AND THIRTY-TWO”

By Representative Barinaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 364, entitled:

“AN ACT ABOLISHING THE DEATH PENALTY AND IMPOSING THE PENALTY OF QUALIFIED *RECLUSIO PERPETUA* IN LIEU

THEREOF, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7659 OR THE DEATH PENALTY LAW, ACT 3815, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AS AMENDED, AND OTHER SPECIAL LAWS”

By Representative Barinaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 365, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS TO UTILIZE ALL ITS INCOME FOR THEIR MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Barinaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 366, entitled:

“AN ACT TO DEFINE THE PARAMETERS AND LIMITS OF AVAILABILITY OF CIGARETTES AND OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO MINORS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Barinaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 367, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PRESCRIBE A GENERAL RULE IN THE ADVERTISEMENT AND/OR PROMOTION OF CIGARETTE AND/OR TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES SOLD WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES, IMPOSE CORRESPONDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Barinaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 368, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE MOVIE AND TELEVISION REVIEW AND CLASSIFICATION BOARD, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1986, ‘CREATING THE MOVIE AND TELEVISION REVIEW AND CLASSIFICATION BOARD,’ AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Barinaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 369, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PENALIZE A PARENT OR ANY PERSON IN CHARGE OF A MINOR FOUND TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROMOTING,

INDULGING, FORCING OR INSINUATING SUCH MINOR TO GET INVOLVED IN SEX ACTIVITIES IN EXCHANGE OF MONETARY OR ANY MATERIAL CONSIDERATION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SUBSECTION 3, ARTICLE 335 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE”

By Representative Barinaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 370, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 96, CHAPTER 3, AND ARTICLE 124, CHAPTER 4, TITLE IV OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Barinaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 371, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7610 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SPECIAL PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AGAINST CHILD ABUSE, EXPLOITATION AND DISCRIMINATION ACT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Barinaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 372, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR RELIEFS FROM AND EXECUTION OF FINAL DECISIONS AND AWARDS OF THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS COMMISSION AND THE LABOR ARBITERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 223 AND 224 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Barinaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 373, entitled:

“AN ACT ABOLISHING THE DEATH PENALTY AND IMPOSING THE PENALTY OF QUALIFIED *RECLUSION PERPETUA* IN LIEU THEREOF, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7659 OR THE DEATH PENALTY LAW, ACT 3815, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AS AMENDED, AND OTHER SPECIAL LAWS”

By Representative Barinaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 374, entitled:

“AN ACT PROTECTING THE RIGHTS TO LABOR OF THE WORKERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL RICE RESEARCH INSTITUTE (IRRI) AS ENSHRINED IN THE 1987 CONSTITUTION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 3 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1620 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Barinaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 375, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF TRAINING, LIVELIHOOD, AND EMPLOYMENT CENTERS IN CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES NATIONWIDE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 376, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING EMPLOYERS TO INFORM THEIR EMPLOYEES OF THEIR RIGHTS, BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES UNDER EXISTING LAWS, AND COMPANY POLICIES OR EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS”

By Representative Barinaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 377, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE PROHIBITED ACTS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN ON ACCOUNT OF SEX, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 135 AND 137 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Barinaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 378, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING FURTHER AND BROADENING THE COVERAGE OF THE SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR EMPLOYMENT OF STUDENTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7323, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Barinaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 379, entitled:

“AN ACT PENALIZING THE WILLFUL ACT OF CAUSING FORCE OR INTIMIDATION OR HARASSMENT OR INSINUATION OR ANY SORT OF PROPOSAL TO COMPEL AND CONVINCE ANY PERSON UNDER ONE’S CHARGE TO RENDER SERVICES IN PAYMENT OF DEBTS, PROVIDING STIFFER PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 380, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE LIABILITIES OF INDIRECT EMPLOYERS IN JOB CONTRACTING, COVERING OTHER BENEFITS DUE THEIR EMPLOYEES, FOR THIS PURPOSE AMENDING ARTICLE 106 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 381, entitled:

“AN ACT TO DEFINE THE PARAMETERS OF RESPONSIBILITY OF AN EMPLOYER IN CASES OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN THE WORKPLACE”

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 382, entitled:

“AN ACT TO MANDATE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PHILIPPINE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT ADMINISTRATION (POEA) REGIONAL OFFICES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 247, ENTITLED ‘REORGANIZING THE PHILIPPINE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT ADMINISTRATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’ ”

By Representative Barinaga

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

House Bill No. 383, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF OVERSEAS WORKERS WELFARE ADMINISTRATION (OWWA) EMERGENCY REPATRIATION FUND FOR THE REPATRIATION OF UNREGISTERED AND ILLEGAL OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (OFWs), AMENDING FOR THE

PURPOSE SECTION 15 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8042, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Barinaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 384, entitled:

“AN ACT TO AMEND THE COMPOSITION OF THE PHILIPPINE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT ADMINISTRATION (POEA) GOVERNING BOARD, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 247, ENTITLED ‘REORGANIZING THE PHILIPPINE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT ADMINISTRATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’ ”

By Representative Barinaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 385, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE PHILIPPINE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT ADMINISTRATION (POEA) TO INCLUDE IN ITS PROGRAM FOR OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT THE MANDATORY TEACHING OF BASIC SELF-DEFENSE TECHNIQUES FOR WOMEN APPLICANTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Barinaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 386, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MOVEMENT TO HELP ERADICATE RAPE AND OTHER FEMALE ABUSES ‘(MOTHER),’ MANDATING THE COMPULSORY TEACHING OF SELF-DEFENSE TO ALL FEMALE CONSTITUENTS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Barinaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 387, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A THREE THOUSAND PESOS (P3,000.00) DAILY ACROSS-THE-BOARD WAGE RATE INCREASE FOR EMPLOYEES AND WORKERS IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Barinaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 388, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A FIVE (5)-YEAR PROGRAM FOR THE

CONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOLBUILDINGS NATIONWIDE,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Barinaga

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

House Bill No. 389, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTOMATICALLY INCLUDING RETIRED SCHOOL
TEACHERS TO BENEFIT FROM SALARY INCREASES GRANTED
TO IN-SERVICE TEACHERS, EFFECTING CORRESPONDING
ADJUSTMENTS IN THEIR RETIREMENT PENSION”

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 390, entitled:

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

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION, THE
COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM AND THE COMMITTEE ON
APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 391, entitled:

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

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND
PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 392, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, GIVING
MUNICIPALITIES MORE EQUITABLE SHARE OF NATIONAL
INTERNAL REVENUE TAXES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 393, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE RE-ALLOCATION OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE ALLOTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 285 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Barinaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 394, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE SHARE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS IN THE GROSS COLLECTION OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT FROM TAXES ON THE UTILIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATIONAL RESOURCES AND RAISING THE PERCENTAGE SHARE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS IN THE PROCEEDS THEREOF TO LOWER THE COST OF ELECTRICITY IN THE PROVINCE WHERE THE RESOURCES ARE LOCATED, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

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

House Bill No. 395, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING PARAGRAPH (D), SECTION 324 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Barinaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 396, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PEDERASYON NG MGA SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN, THEREBY AMENDING SECTION 436 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE”

By Representative Barinaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 397, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING THE STATUTORY PROVISION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES TO MAKE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENT IN THE INTERNAL REVENUE ALLOTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT INCURS AN UNMANAGEABLE PUBLIC

SECTOR DEFICIT, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTION 284
OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160”

By Representative Barinaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 398, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE TAXING AND OTHER REVENUE-RAISING
POWERS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Barinaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 399, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 285 AND 286 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO.
7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE
OF 1991, PROVIDING FOR AN EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF THE
INTERNAL REVENUE ALLOTMENT (IRA) TO LOCAL
GOVERNMENT UNITS”

By Representative Barinaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 400, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING A SYSTEM OF ALLOWING PARALLEL
IMPORTATION OF MEDICINES INTO THE COUNTRY”

By Representative Barinaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 401, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOSITION BY THE NATIONAL
GOVERNMENT OF AN IDLE LAND TAX, REPEALING FOR THE
PURPOSE THE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Barinaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 402, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE TAX ON IDLE LANDS, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE, SECTION 236 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Barinaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 403, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO APPROPRIATE TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THEIR DEVELOPMENT FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE SOCIAL REFORM AGENDA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 324 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Barinaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 404, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE AUTOMATIC RELEASE OF THE SHARE OF THE BARANGAY IN THE PROCEEDS OF NATIONAL TAXES AND TAXES ON THE UTILIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATIONAL WEALTH, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTION 286, CHAPTER 1 AND SECTION 293, CHAPTER 2, TITLE 3, BOOK II, RESPECTIVELY, OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Barinaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 405, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE SCHEDULE OF FAIR MARKET VALUES OF REAL PROPERTY SHALL BE PREPARED BY THE LOCAL ASSESSMENT COUNCIL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Barinaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 406, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING LOCAL FISCAL AUTONOMY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Barinaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 407, entitled:

“AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION TWO HUNDRED TWENTY OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991,’ AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Barinaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 408, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE TRANSFER OF ANCESTRAL LAND

BELONGING TO THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE TO NON-MEMBERS,
AMENDING SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8371, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL CULTURAL COMMUNITIES

House Bill No. 409, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED SEVEN THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED FORTY-ONE, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE
PARTY-LIST SYSTEM ACT’ ”

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 410, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A CEILING ON ALL PUBLIC DEBTS OF THE
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 411, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE
NUMBERED SIX HUNDRED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
MARINE POLLUTION DECREE OF 1974”

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 412, entitled:

“AN ACT TOTALLY BANNING LOGGING OPERATIONS FOR THE NEXT
TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS”

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 413, entitled:

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

By Representative Barinaga

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

House Bill No. 414, entitled:

“AN ACT BANNING FISH CULTURE PENS IN LAKES THROUGHOUT
THE COUNTRY”

By Representative Barinaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FISHERIES

House Bill No. 415, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BARANGAY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MURCIA, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE BARANGAY MINOYAN HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Lacson
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 416, entitled:

“AN ACT URGING THE PRESIDENT AND THE OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO DECLARE A TOTAL LOG BAN IN THE THIRD DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Lacson
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 417, entitled:

“AN ACT ALLOWING A FARMER-BENEFICIARY TO MORTGAGE HIS RIGHT TO FARM LAND AWARDED TO HIM, WITHOUT LOSING HIS SECURITY TO TENURE AND PROVIDING THAT THE CERTIFICATE OF LAND OWNERSHIP AWARD ISSUED TO HIM UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM SHALL BE ACCEPTED BY BANKS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AS COLLATERAL FOR LOANS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS TWENTY-SEVEN AND TWENTY-ONE OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED SIXTY-SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SEVEN, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM LAW OF 1998,’ AND FOR OTHER PURPOSE”

By Representative Lacson
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM

House Bill No. 418, entitled:

“AN ACT REORGANIZING THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY INTO THE NATIONAL FOOD CORPORATION AND THE FOOD DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATORY ADMINISTRATION, REDEFINING THEIR POWERS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Lacson
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FISHERIES

House Bill No. 419, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE INCLUSION OF ALL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 269, AS AMENDED, AND REGISTERED WITH THE NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION (NEA) WITHIN THE COVERAGE OF TAX EXEMPTION PRIVILEGES AND INCENTIVES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Lacson
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 420, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING FROM WITHHOLDING TAX THE INTEREST EARNINGS ON BONDS ISSUED BY THE LANDBANK OF THE PHILIPPINES TO LANDOWNERS ON THE SALE OF THEIR LANDS COVERED BY THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM LAW”

By Representative Lacson
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 421, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE UPGRADING OF THE RATES OF COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE JUDICIARY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Lacson
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 422, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WHICH REFUSE ADMISSION OF QUALIFIED SCHOLARS OF THE PHILIPPINE VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE”

By Representative Lacson
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 423, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING VICTORIAS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BARANGAY ESTADO EXTENSION HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY ESTADO, CITY OF VICTORIAS FROM VICTORIAS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, VICTORIAS CITY, AND CONVERTING IT INTO AN

INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Lacson

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

House Bill No. 424, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE POSITION OF BARANGAY POPULATION WORKER, GRANTING BENEFITS THERETO, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE ‘LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991,’ AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Lacson

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 425, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BARANGAY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF TALISAY, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE BARANGAY EFEGENIO LIZARES NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Lacson

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

House Bill No. 426, entitled:

“AN ACT TO STABILIZE THE SUGAR INDUSTRY BY ESTABLISHING THE SUGAR INDUSTRY RESEARCH AND STABILIZATION FUND AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Lacson

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

House Bill No. 427, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ADJUSTMENTS IN THE MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS OF PHILHEALTH MEMBERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED SEVENTY-EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE ACT OF 1995,’ AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Lacson

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 428, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE USE OF UNLEADED GASOLINE AS FUEL
IN ALL LAND TRANSPORTS MOTOR VEHICLES”

By Representative Lacson
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 429, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE NEGROS OCCIDENTAL SCIENCE HIGH
SCHOOL TO NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF
VICTORIAS, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL TO BE KNOWN
AS THE NEGROS OCCIDENTAL NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH
SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Lacson
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 430, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 717, ENTITLED
‘PROVIDING AN AGRARIAN REFORM CREDIT AND FINANCING
SYSTEM FOR AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES THROUGH
BANKING INSTITUTIONS’ ”

By Representative Lacson
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM

House Bill No. 431, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE CARAGA STATE UNIVERSITY (CSU) BY
INTEGRATING THE (1) THE NORTHERN MINDANAO COLLEGE OF
ARTS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (NMCAST) IN CABADBARAN,
AGUSAN DEL NORTE; (2) THE NORTHERN MINDANAO STATE
INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (NORMISIST) IN
AMPAYON, BUTUAN CITY; AND (3) SIARGAO NATIONAL
COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SNCST) IN DEL
CARMEN, SIARGAO, SURIGAO DEL NORTE AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Banaag
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND
THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 432, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MT. HILONG-HILONG RANGE SITUATED
IN THE CITY OF BUTUAN, AND IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF
REMEDIOS T. ROMUALDEZ, CABADBARAN AND SANTIAGO IN

AGUSAN DEL NORTE, AS A PROTECTED LANDSCAPE UNDER THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM”

By Representative Banaag

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 433, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE NRJ-TINIWISAN – MAGUINDA – MANDAMO (BUTUAN CITY) – POBLACION – MALICATO – SAN ISIDRO – ROSARIO – MARCOS CALO (LAS NIEVES, AGUSAN DEL NORTE) – NRJ AGUSAN – DAVAO ROAD INTO A NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Banaag

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

House Bill No. 434, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE NRJ-AGUSAN – SURIGAO – TINIWISAN – CABCABON (BUTUAN CITY) – TAODOY, MAGALLANES (AGUSAN DEL NORTE) ROAD IN THE CITY OF BUTUAN INTO A NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Banaag

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

House Bill No. 435, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE NRJ-AGUSAN – SURIGAO – BANZA (BUTUAN CITY) – GUIASAN, MAGALLANES (AGUSAN DEL NORTE) ROAD IN THE CITY OF BUTUAN INTO A NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Banaag

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

House Bill No. 436, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A SYSTEM OF DISPOSITION OF SEIZED/ CONFISCATED ILLEGALLY CUT, GATHERED, REMOVED AND POSSESSED LOGS, LUMBER, FLITCHES, AND OTHER FOREST PRODUCTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Banaag
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 437, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY ANTICALA, BUTUAN CITY TO BE KNOWN AS ANTICALA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Banaag
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 438, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PIGDAULAN, BUTUAN CITY TO BE KNOWN AS PIGDAULAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Banaag
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 439, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY FLORIDA, BUTUAN CITY TO BE KNOWN AS FLORIDA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Banaag
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 440, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAS NIEVES NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL INTO A NATIONAL SECONDARY AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL SCHOOL”

By Representative Banaag
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 441, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A POTABLE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM IN BARANGAY MANILA DE BUGABUS, TO SERVE BARANGAYS MAON, VILLA KANANGA, PANGABUGAN, SAN VICENTE, KINAMLUTAN, BONBON,

LIBERTAD, BANCASI, DUMALAGAN, PINAMANCULAN, BIT-OS, NONGNONG, BITAN-AGAN, AMPARO, DULAG, MANILA DE BUGABUS, M.J. SANTOS, TUNGAO, SAN MATEO, DANKIAS, AND OTHER NEIGHBORING AREAS IN BUTUAN CITY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Banaag

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

House Bill No. 442, entitled:

“AN ACT FIXING THE SPECIFIC LIMITS OF FORESTLANDS AND ALIENABLE AND DISPOSABLE LANDS WITHIN THE PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL NORTE AND BUTUAN CITY”

By Representative Banaag

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 443, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE DESIGNATION OF A ONE METER WIDE LANE FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF BICYCLE RIDERS IN ALL NATIONAL ROADS OF THE COUNTRY, PRESCRIBING THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Zamora (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 444, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY TO PROVIDE EVERY BARANGAY TEN (10) PIECES OF STANDARDIZED METAL WEIGHTS WEIGHING ONE (1) KILOGRAM EACH TO BE PUT UNDER THE CUSTODY OF THE BARANGAY CAPTAIN AND LOANED FOR FREE TO ANY BARANGAY RESIDENT WHO WISHES TO CHECK THE ACCURACY OF THE WEIGHING SCALE BEING USED IN THE MARKETING OF ANY PRODUCT WHICH PRICE IS DETERMINED BY WEIGHT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Zamora (M.)

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

House Bill No. 445, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE PUBLICATION OF LEWD PHOTOGRAPHS AND SEX STORIES AND ARTICLES IN TABLOID AND

BROADSHEET NEWSPAPERS, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Zamora (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 446, entitled:

“CARPARK REGULATION LAW OF 2004”

By Representative Zamora (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE
COMMITTEE TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 447, entitled:

“AN ACT ENSURING SECURITY OF TENURE FOR AGRARIAN REFORM
BENEFICIARIES OVER LANDS AWARDED TO THEM UNDER THE
COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM, PROVIDING
GUIDELINES FOR THE CANCELLATION OF LAND OWNERSHIP
AWARDS, PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Zamora (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM

House Bill No. 448, entitled:

“AN ACT PRESCRIBING THE GEOGRAPHICAL REQUIREMENTS IN THE
BIDDING AND AWARDING OF CONTRACTS FOR GOVERNMENT
INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1594”

By Representative Zamora (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 449, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PENSION PAY OF FILIPINO AMATEUR
ATHLETES WHO HAVE WON MEDALS IN THE OLYMPIC GAMES
AND PROFESSIONAL FILIPINO ATHLETES WHO HAVE WON
WORLD TITLES OR CHAMPIONSHIPS IN DULY RECOGNIZED AND
SANCTIONED PROFESSIONAL INTERNATIONAL SPORTING
COMPETITIONS”

By Representative Zamora (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT AND
THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 450, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE SALARY GRADE LEVEL OF THE SCHOOLS

DISTRICT SUPERVISORS FROM SALARY GRADE NINETEEN (19)
TO SALARY GRADE TWENTY-FOUR (24)”

By Representative Zamora (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 451, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8189, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT PROVIDING FOR GENERAL REGISTRATION OF VOTERS, ADOPTING A SYSTEM OF CONTINUING REGISTRATION, PRESCRIBING THE PROCEDURES THEREOF AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS THEREFOR’ BY DELETING SECTION 44 THEREOF”

By Representative Zamora (M.)

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

House Bill No. 452, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING REAL ESTATE DEVELOPERS TO PLANT AT LEAST FIFTY (50) SHADY TREES FOR EVERY HECTARE OF THE SUBDIVISION PROJECT THEY ARE DEVELOPING AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF”

By Representative Zamora (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 453, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATORILY CREATING THE POSITION OF THE MUNICIPAL GENERAL SERVICES OFFICERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BOOK III, TITLE TWO, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 443 (a) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Zamora (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 454, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING ALL OFFICIAL NONWORKING DAYS TO FALL EITHER ON A MONDAY OR A FRIDAY”

By Representative Zamora (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 455, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DISTRICT SKILLS TRAINING CENTER FOR OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF

COMPOSTELA, COMPOSTELA VALLEY PROVINCE AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Zamora (M.)

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

House Bill No. 456, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE TAGBIBINTA FALLS AND ITS PREMISES
LOCATED IN BARANGAY CORONOBE, MARAGUSAN,
COMPOSTELA VALLEY PROVINCE AS A TOURIST SPOT AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Zamora (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND THE COMMITTEE ON
APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 457, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MAYAON HIGH SCHOOL (MONTEVISTA
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX) IN BARANGAY MAYAON,
MONTEVISTA, COMPOSTELA VALLEY PROVINCE INTO THE MAYAON
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Zamora (M.)

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

House Bill No. 458, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MANGAYAON HIGH SCHOOL
(COMPOSTELA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX) IN BARANGAY
MANGAYAON, COMPOSTELA, COMPOSTELA VALLEY PROVINCE
INTO THE MANGAYAON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Zamora (M.)

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

House Bill No. 459, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY
PASIAN, MONKAYO, COMPOSTELA VALLEY PROVINCE TO BE
KNOWN AS THE PASIAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Zamora (M.)

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

House Bill No. 460, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE SAN MIGUEL HIGH SCHOOL (COMPOSTELA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX) IN BARANGAY SAN MIGUEL, COMPOSTELA, COMPOSTELA VALLEY PROVINCE, INTO THE SAN MIGUEL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Zamora (M.)

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

House Bill No. 461, entitled:

“AN ACT NATIONALIZING THE AWAO HIGH SCHOOL (MONKAYO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX) IN BARANGAY AWAO, MONKAYO, COMPOSTELA VALLEY PROVINCE INTO THE AWAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Zamora (M.)

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

House Bill No. 462, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS IN THE PROVINCE OF SARANGANI WITH SEATS AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALABEL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PARAGRAPH (1), SECTION 14 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980”

By Representative Chiongbian

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 463, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE FOR THE PROVINCE OF SARANGANI, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Chiongbian

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

House Bill No. 464, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE GLAN SCHOOL OF ARTS AND TRADE (GSAT) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GLAN, PROVINCE OF

SARANGANI INTO A STATE COLLEGE TO BE KNOWN AS THE GLAN POLYTECHNIC STATE COLLEGE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Chiongbian

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 465, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE ALEGRIA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX IN BARANGAY ALEGRIA, MUNICIPALITY OF ALABEL, PROVINCE OF SARANGANI FROM THE ALABEL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE SAME MUNICIPALITY OF THE SAME PROVINCE, AND CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE ALEGRIA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Chiongbian

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

House Bill No. 466, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE SALAKIT PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX IN BARANGAY SALAKIT, MUNICIPALITY OF KIAMBA, PROVINCE OF SARANGANI FROM THE KIAMBA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE SAME MUNICIPALITY OF THE SAME PROVINCE, AND CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE SALAKIT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Chiongbian

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

House Bill No. 467, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE SAN ROQUE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX IN BARANGAY SAN ROQUE, MUNICIPALITY OF MALUNGON, PROVINCE OF SARANGANI FROM THE MALUNGON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MALUNGON OF THE SAME PROVINCE, AND CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Chiongbian

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

House Bill No. 468, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SAN VICENTE, MUNICIPALITY OF GLAN, PROVINCE OF SARANGANI TO BE KNOWN AS THE SAN VICENTE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Chiongbian

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

House Bill No. 469, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE TALUS HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TALUS, MUNICIPALITY OF MALUNGON, PROVINCE OF SARANGANI INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE TALUS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Chiongbian

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

House Bill No. 470, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE UPPER MAINIT HIGH SCHOOL – MALUNGON ANNEX IN BARANGAY UPPER MAINIT, MUNICIPALITY OF MALUNGON, PROVINCE OF SARANGANI FROM THE MALUNGON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MALUNGON OF THE SAME PROVINCE, AND CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE UPPER MAINIT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Chiongbian

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

House Bill No. 471, entitled:

“AN ACT RESTORING, REHABILITATING AND MODERNIZING THE OLD AND EXISTING LINES OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL RAILWAYS (PNR), THE NORTH LINES FROM MANILA TO SAN FERNANDO, LA UNION, THE SOUTH LINES FROM MANILA TO LEGASPI CITY, THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SORSOGON EXTENSION LINE FROM CUMON, DARAGA, ALBAY TO MATNOG, SORSOGON VIA BULAN, SORSOGON, THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE RAILWAY EXTENSION LINE FROM CALAMBA CITY TO BATANGAS CITY, AND THE ALLOCATION OF SEVENTY MILLION U.S. DOLLARS (\$70,000,000.00) AS EQUITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF

THE PHILIPPINES FROM THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT (GAA) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2002 FOR THE USE OF THE OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE (ODA)”

By Representative Solis

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

House Bill No. 472, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SECONDARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BEGUIN, MUNICIPALITY OF BULAN, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON TO BE KNOWN AS BEGUIN AGRO-INDUSTRIAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Solis

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

House Bill No. 473, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE BENTUCO HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUBAT, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE BENTUCO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Solis

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

House Bill No. 474, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SECONDARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY DANCALAN, MUNICIPALITY OF BULUSAN, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON TO BE KNOWN AS BULUSAN HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Solis

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

House Bill No. 475, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SECONDARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BUTAG, MUNICIPALITY OF BULAN, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON TO BE KNOWN AS BUTAG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Solis

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

House Bill No. 476, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING CADANDANAN HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BULAN, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON TO BE KNOWN AS CADANDANAN HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Solis

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

House Bill No. 477, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE GATE HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY GATE, BULAN, SORSOGON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Solis

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

House Bill No. 478, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING JUBAN HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY COGON, MUNICIPALITY OF JUBAN, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON TO BE KNOWN AS JUBAN HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Solis

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

House Bill No. 479, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE JUPI NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY JUPI, MUNICIPALITY OF GUBAT, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Solis

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

House Bill No. 480, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING LAJONG HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JUBAN, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON TO BE KNOWN AS LAJONG HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Solis

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

House Bill No. 481, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING MACABARI HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BARCELONA, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON TO BE KNOWN AS MACABARI HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Solis

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

House Bill No. 482, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING OTAVI NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY OTAVI, MUNICIPALITY OF BULAN, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Solis

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

House Bill No. 483, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SECONDARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SAN JUAN BAG-O, MUNICIPALITY OF BULAN, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON TO BE KNOWN AS SAN JUAN BAG-O HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Solis

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

House Bill No. 484, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SECONDARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SUA, MUNICIPALITY OF MATNOG, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON TO BE KNOWN AS SUA HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Solis

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

House Bill No. 485, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL ROAD FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF STA. MAGDALENA TO PAWA ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATNOG, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD TO BE KNOWN AS THE GOVERNOR JUAN G. FRIVALDO HIGHWAY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Solis

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

House Bill No. 486, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT, REHABILITATION AND MODERNIZATION OF THE BULAN AIRPORT IN THE PROVINCE OF SORSOGON, AND CONVERTING AND OPENING IT INTO A COMMERCIAL AIRPORT AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Solis

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

House Bill No. 487, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING A PHILIPPINE MARITIME AND OCEANS POLICY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Solis

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 488, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING STIFFER PENALTIES ON ILLEGAL GAMBLING, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBERED SIXTEEN HUNDRED AND TWO, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Solis

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 489, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPOSING STIFFER PENALTIES ON PHARMACIES AND DRUG STORES WHICH REFUSE TO HONOR SENIOR CITIZEN CARD ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT”

By Representative Solis

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 490, entitled:

“AN ACT CONSOLIDATING THE MAPPING FUNCTION AND BUDGET UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL MAPPING AND RESOURCE INFORMATION AUTHORITY (NAMRIA)”

By Representative Solis

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 491, entitled:

“AN ACT PENALIZING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WORK APPLICANTS”

By Representative Solis

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 492, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SECOND ENGINEERING DISTRICT IN THE SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF SORSOGON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Solis

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

House Bill No. 493, entitled:

“AN ACT PENALIZING MALL AND STORE OWNERS ENGAGING IN THE SALE OF CONTRABAND PRODUCTS”

By Representative Solis

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 494, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE CAPABILITY OF THE BUREAU OF FOOD AND DRUGS (BFAD) BY ESTABLISHING ADEQUATE TESTING LABORATORIES AND FIELD OFFICES IN ALL PROVINCES AND CITIES, UPGRADING ITS EQUIPMENT, CREATING A DRUG ENFORCEMENT UNIT (DEU) UNDER ITS OPERATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Pingoy

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 495, entitled:

“AN ACT LIMITING THE BORROWING POWER OF THE PRESIDENT BY PRESCRIBING CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL FORMS OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC INDEBTEDNESS, AND ALL MATTERS RELATING TO THE COUNTRY’S DEBT MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Pingoy

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 496, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE-EXECUTIVE NATIONAL DEBT COORDINATING COUNCIL OF THE PHILIPPINES (NDCCP) TO ASSIST THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT IN INSTITUTING REFORMS AND DIRECTIONS IN THE COUNTRY’S FOREIGN DEBT POLICY”

By Representative Pingoy

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 497, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MANDATORY AUTOPSY OF ANY PERSON WHO DIED IN A VIOLENT, SUSPICIOUS, QUESTIONABLE, UNUSUAL AND/OR UNNATURAL MANNER, THE CONDITIONS FOR THE PROPER ISSUANCE OF THE DEATH CERTIFICATE OF SAID PERSON AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Pingoy

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SECURITY AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 498, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8293, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, TO LOWER THE COST OF DRUGS AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Pingoy

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 499, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE REGULATORY POWER OF THE STATE AND THE POSITION AND COMPETITIVENESS OF LOCAL DRUG FIRMS IN THE IMPORTATION, MANUFACTURE, PACKAGING, SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF PHARMACEUTICAL DRUGS IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND INSTITUTING FURTHER MEASURES TO LOWER THE COSTS OF MEDICINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Pingoy

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

House Bill No. 500, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AT LEAST ONE (1) SPECIAL EDUCATION (SPED) CENTER FOR EACH SCHOOL DIVISION AND AT LEAST THREE (3) SPED CENTERS IN BIG SCHOOL DIVISIONS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS (CSNs), CREATING THE IMPLEMENTING MACHINERY THEREOF, PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND OTHER INCENTIVES AND SUPPORT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Pingoy

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND WELFARE OF SPECIAL PERSONS AND THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

REP. CAGAS. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. Congressman Cagas of Davao del Sur is recognized.

REP. CAGAS. Mr. Speaker, I notice that all the bills that are called on First Reading are referred to some committees. I would like to know if these committees have been organized already, because if they are not, are we referring these bills to non-existing committees?

THE SPEAKER. The temporary Majority Leader will please respond.

REP. NOGRALES. Mr. Speaker, although these committees are not yet organized because we have not elected the members and the chairmen, it is our practice that these bills can be referred to committees pending the organization or the election of the members of those committees.

REP. CAGAS. If that is so, Mr. Speaker, how do we classify this kind of referral to nonexisting bodies?

REP. NOGRALES. Mr. Speaker, pending the approval of the Rules of the Thirteenth Congress, these committees are listed in the Rules of the Twelfth Congress.

REP. CAGAS. Since they are temporarily referred to various committees, Mr. Speaker, does it mean that they will be referred permanently the next time around?

REP. NOGRALES. They are referred to the proper committees, and when the members, the chairmen and the vice-chairmen are elected, they will take cognizance of these referrals.

REP. CAGAS. In that case, Mr. Speaker, may I suggest that we should speed up the organization of the different committees.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. I thank the distinguished Gentleman from Davao del Sur. The Secretary General will proceed.

REP. BARBERS. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

THE SPEAKER. Congressman Barbers of Surigao del Norte is recognized.

REP. BARBERS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the committees have not been organized yet at the moment, and

yesterday, before we had our State-of-the-Nation Address, we elected the Speaker of the House of Representatives. In previous practices, after electing the Speaker of the House, we immediately elect the Deputy Speakers as well as the Secretary General and the Sergeant-at-Arms.

May I know now, Mr. Speaker, if we have already elected our Secretary General and our Sergeant-at-Arms?

THE SPEAKER. It is the intention of this House that we shall proceed with the election of the Deputy Speakers and the Majority Leader this afternoon after we complete the assignment of the bills on First Reading. In the meantime, it is also the proposal of the Chair that we keep the incumbent Secretary General and the Sergeant-at-Arms until such time as we are able to find suitable replacements considering that our Secretary General has also expressed his preference to retire.

Thank you.

REP. BARBERS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

A replacement for the Secretary General and the Sergeant-at-Arms certainly still requires election and nomination on the floor by this Congress.

THE SPEAKER. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

REP. BARBERS. But I suggest that before we proceed, perhaps, it is quite acceptable to majority Members of this Congress that we first elect the Deputy Speakers and then the Majority Leader, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. What does the Majority Leader say?

REP. NOGRALES. After we have finished with the Reference of Business, Mr. Speaker, we can proceed to the election of the Deputy Speakers and the chairmen of three or four committees.

THE SPEAKER. All right, let us proceed on that basis.

REP. FABIAN. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The distinguished Gentleman from Zamboanga City is recognized.

REP. FABIAN. Mr. Speaker, I think there is really a need for us to organize the committees first. I noticed that we have been referring all the bills to particular committees that are not even sure of being organized. What if some committees are going to be split into two?

THE SPEAKER. The distinguished Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. NOGRALES. May we ask for a suspension of session, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The session is suspended.

It was 4:39 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

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

THE SPEAKER. The session is resumed.

REP. NOGRALES. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The distinguished Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOGRALES. I think the Gentleman from Zamboanga City is already satisfied with the explanation given to him with regard to the procedures that we will undertake in today's session.

THE SPEAKER. I thank the distinguished Gentleman from Zamboanga City.

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

REP. NOGRALES. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOGRALES. I now move that we proceed to the election of the three Deputy Speakers as called for by the Rules of the House which we have provisionally adopted.

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

REP. CRISOLOGO. Mr. Speaker, point of order.

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

REP. CRISOLOGO. May we know who prepared the Order of Business,

Mr. Speaker? From what I have read in the Rules of the House, it is the Rules Committee which should be preparing the Order of Business. Considering that the Rules Committee has not yet been organized, how can this have been prepared?

REP. SUPLICO. Mr. Speaker, please. May I be recognized by the acting Majority Leader.

THE SPEAKER. The distinguished Gentleman from Iloilo, Congressman Suplico, is recognized.

REP. SUPLICO. Let us put order in the proceedings, Mr. Speaker. May we know what is the point of order of the Gentleman from Quezon City?

REP. CRISOLOGO. I am asking who prepared the Order of Business because I believe that it is not yet in order that we should be taking this up.

REP. SUPLICO. Mr. Speaker, I do not think the Gentleman knows about a point of order. For the record, may I ask what is the point of order raised by the Gentleman from Quezon City?

REP. CRISOLOGO. The point of order, Mr. Speaker, is that we should not be taking up the Order of Business now.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

THE SPEAKER. With the permission of the distinguished Gentlemen on the floor, the session is suspended.

It was 4:44 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:48 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

REP. NOGRALES. Mr. Speaker, the point of order raised by the honorable Congressman from Quezon City was why we are referring bills to the proper committees when it should be the Committee on Rules which should do that and which point of order was questioned by the honorable Gentleman from Iloilo. So, may this Representation answer. I was designated as Majority Leader yesterday and

as temporary Chairman of the Committee on Rules. As Majority Leader, I instructed the technical staff to start referring the bills to the proper committees and, therefore, there should be no question about that.

REP. SUPLICO. Mr. Speaker, please.

THE SPEAKER. The distinguished Gentleman from Iloilo is recognized.

REP. SUPLICO. The question raised by this humble Representation is whether or not the point of order raised by the Gentleman from Quezon City is in order and that should be the question directly answered by the distinguished acting Majority Leader.

REP. NOGRALES. That is precisely my answer, Mr. Speaker. The Honorable Crisologo's point of order was his questioning on the procedure of referring the bills on First Reading to various committees. I answered that since I was temporarily designated as Majority Leader, I directed the technical staff of the Committee on Rules to refer said bills to the proper committees.

THE SPEAKER. Please proceed. I hope that satisfies the distinguished Gentleman from Iloilo.

I thank the distinguished Gentleman from Iloilo.

REP. SUPLICO. Not completely, Mr. Speaker, but for the meantime, that will do.

THE SPEAKER. All right. The Majority Leader may now proceed.

REP. NOGRALES. Mr. Speaker, I now move that we elect as our Deputy Speakers the Honorable Emilio R. Espinosa Jr. of the Second District of Masbate, the Honorable Raul V. Del Mar of the First District of Cebu City and the Honorable Gerry A. Salapuddin of the Lone District of Basilan.

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

Congratulations! (*Applause*)

REP. NOGRALES. May we request the three elected Deputy Speakers to take their oaths of office before the Speaker.

REP. BARBERS. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The three Deputy Speakers will please ascend the rostrum for their oath-taking.

REP. BARBERS. Mr. Speaker, just a point of information.

THE SPEAKER. The distinguished Gentleman from Surigao del Norte, Congressman Barbers, is recognized.

REP. BARBERS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we have elected three Deputy Speakers and the election was approved unanimously. I was not given a chance to nominate the Gentlemen for the position and to second the motion for the nomination. So, I think we are veering away from the tradition.

THE SPEAKER. The distinguished Gentleman from Surigao del Norte, Congressman Barbers, the respected and brilliant young Congressman, will second the motion for the nomination of the three distinguished Deputy Speakers.

REP. BARBERS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would have wanted to prepare a 100-page nomination speech or motion to second the nomination of these three Gentlemen in recognition of their qualities, competence and experience, Mr. Speaker. But just the same, I have no other additional statement to make because it seems that we are all in a hurry and we all want to have the three new Deputy Speakers take their oaths of office immediately. So with that, Mr. Speaker, I thank the Acting Majority Leader as well as the Speaker that I was given the opportunity to second the nomination of Representatives Espinosa, Del Mar and Salapuddin.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. Thank you.

Congressmen Espinosa, Del Mar and Salapuddin will please ascend the rostrum.

REP. MERCADO. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The distinguished Gentleman from Southern Leyte, Congressman Mercado, is recognized.

REP. MERCADO. On behalf of my colleagues in Eastern Visayas, Mr. Speaker, I am proud to...

REP. JALA. Point of order, Mr. Speaker. We have to restore order in this House. We are already about to witness the oath-taking of the Deputy Speakers, but now we are receiving nominations. Mr. Speaker, please, let us restore order in this House.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The distinguished Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. NOGRALES. May I request a one-minute suspension of session, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The session is suspended for a minute.

It was 4:53 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:54 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE SPEAKER. The session is resumed.

REP. MERCADO. All right, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. I believe the distinguished Gentleman from Southern Leyte has withdrawn his seconding the nomination of the three Deputy Speakers. So, let us now proceed with the oath-taking.

The Members of the House will please rise.

At this juncture, Reps. Emilio R. Espinosa Jr., Raul V. Del Mar and Gerry A. Salapuddin ascended the rostrum and took their oaths of office as Deputy Speakers before the Honorable Jose De Venecia Jr.

OATH-TAKING

THE SPEAKER. For your historic oath, please raise your right hand and repeat after me.

“I, Emilio R. Espinosa Jr./Raul V. Del Mar/Gerry A. Salapuddin, of the Second District of Masbate/First District of Cebu City/Lone District of Basilan, having been elected to the position of Deputy Speaker, hereby solemnly swear that I will well and faithfully discharge to the best of my ability the duties of my present position and of all others I may hereafter hold under the Republic of the Philippines; that I will support and defend the Constitution of the Philippines; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will obey the laws, legal orders, and decrees promulgated by the duly constituted authorities of the Republic of the Philippines; and that I impose this obligation upon myself voluntarily, without mental reservation or purpose of evasion.

“So help me God.”

Congratulations! (*Applause*)

REP. NOGRALES. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. NOGRALES. May I move for a suspension of session to allow the Members of the House to congratulate the three newly elected Deputy Speakers.

THE SPEAKER. The session is suspended.

It was 4:57 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:59 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE SPEAKER. The session is resumed.

The distinguished Gentleman from Makati City, Congressman Agapito Aquino, is recognized.

REP. AQUINO (A.). Mr. Speaker, having completed the election of Deputy Speakers, I think the immediate committees that have to be organized and therefore chairmen to be named are the following: The Rules Committee which will be headed by the Majority Leader or who will be the Majority Leader, the Appropriations Committee and the Accounts Committee. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I move that we fill up these three important committees.

THE SPEAKER. There is a motion from the distinguished Gentleman from Makati City. The nominations are open for the Chairman of the Committee on Rules.

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

THE SPEAKER. The distinguished Gentleman from Makati City is recognized.

REP. AQUINO (A.). Mr. Speaker, I might as well complete my motion. For Chairman of the Rules Committee, who will be the Majority Leader, I would like to nominate the Gentleman from Davao City, Congressman Nograles.

THE SPEAKER. Is there any objection?

REP. VELOSO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to second the motion of the Gentleman from Makati City.

THE SPEAKER. The nomination has been moved and duly seconded. Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved unanimously. (*Applause*)

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

REP. NOGRALES. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. CAGAS. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The distinguished Gentleman from Davao del Sur, Congressman Cagas, is recognized. For what reason does he rise?

REP. CAGAS. I would like to raise a parliamentary inquiry.

We have just inducted to office the three Deputy Speakers. We would like to thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allocating a position of Deputy Speaker for the Muslims of Mindanao. In the past, as it is this year, it has always been a Muslim who was nominated and elected as Deputy Speaker. We would like to say that we are happy that presently we have again the Congressman from Basilan as Deputy Speaker.

I would like to raise an inquiry with respect to the Christians of Mindanao. It would seem that there has never been a Deputy Speaker from Mindanao who is a Christian. Mr. Speaker, may we create a position for Deputy Speaker to be filled by a Christian in addition to the Deputy Speaker representing the Muslim population of Mindanao?

THE SPEAKER. The Chair wishes to inform the House that this has been foremost in the mind of the Chair. As a matter of fact, we made a proposal to that effect along the lines of the Gentleman's most interesting proposal. I believe that we should present this in a caucus at a later date to accommodate precisely the suggestion of our Christian Congressmen and Congresswomen from Mindanao.

REP. CAGAS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ESCUDERO. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The distinguished Gentleman from Sorsogon, Congressman Escudero, is recognized.

REP. ESCUDERO. Mr. Speaker, may I raise a parliamentary inquiry on the point of order given the fact that if I heard it correctly, it was the Honorable Agapito

Aquino who nominated the Majority Leader as Chairman of the Committee on Rules. But to my understanding, the Honorable Aquino from Makati is part of the minority. Under our Rules and under parliamentary practice and tradition, the minority cannot interfere with nominations or elections on the part of the majority, neither can the majority interfere with nominations or elections on the part of the minority. And since it was seconded by a Member from the majority, may we ask that the Journal reflect instead that the seconding motion be the nominating motion itself, unless the Gentleman from Makati will be leaving the minority. Because if that is not the case, Mr. Speaker, the majority cannot interfere with the minority, and the minority, with the majority. And we would be setting a bad precedent, Mr. Speaker, if we let this go.

THE SPEAKER. The distinguished Gentleman from Cagayan de Oro, Congressman Jaraula, will reply.

REP. JARAULA. Mr. Speaker, I would have gone along with the ideas of my very good friend, Chiz Escudero, except that the very lopsided result of the elections yesterday for the speakership spoke more of unity in this House. Therefore, the gesture made by the Congressman from Makati shows and demonstrates that unity. It is not a matter of formality of being nominated by the minority or the majority. The Majority Leader is the Majority Leader of the entire House and not only of the majority.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ESCUDERO. Mr. Speaker, if I may reply.

THE SPEAKER. The distinguished Gentleman from Sorsogon may reply.

REP. ESCUDERO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, that is precisely why he is called Majority Leader. The word "Majority" describes the word "Leader." He is the leader of the majority. And that is precisely why concomitantly the word "Minority" describes or rather precedes the word "Leader." He is the leader of the minority.

Now, Mr. Speaker, if that is the explanation of the Gentleman from Cagayan de Oro and for as long as it will not serve as a precedent or basis whereby the majority can interfere with the affairs of the minority and the minority can interfere now with the affairs of the majority, I am willing to accept the explanation of the Gentleman from Cagayan de Oro with that reservation and understanding.

Thank you.

THE SPEAKER. The Gentleman's reservation is noted.
The distinguished Gentleman from Makati City is recognized.

REP. AQUINO (A.). Mr. Speaker, I nominated the chairman of the Rules

Committee. If it so happens he concomitantly becomes the Majority Leader, that is a consequence of his being the chairman of the Rules Committee. But the Rules Committee applies to all Congressmen, not only to the majority or minority, that is why I nominated Congressman Nograles as Chairman of the Rules Committee.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. BARBERS. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The distinguished Gentleman from Surigao del Norte, Congressman Barbers, is recognized.

REP. BARBERS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to propose that we do not veer away from tradition. Under our traditions and practices in this Chamber, we do not just nominate the chairman of a specific committee. What we do is, we read out the names of the members of the specific committee and the first name becomes automatically the chairman of that particular committee. That is so provided in our Rules, Mr. Speaker.

So, why do we not nominate the members on the part of the majority as well as on the part of the minority as members of the Committee on Rules, Mr. Speaker. That is just a suggestion.

THE SPEAKER. The Chair believes that after the election of the chairman of the Committee on Rules, he will now proceed with the naming of the members of the Committee on Rules as agreed upon, so in effect what the Gentleman is proposing is exactly what will happen. After the election of the Majority Leader and the other senior officers of the House, the Majority Leader will now proceed with naming the members of the Committee on Rules.

I thank the distinguished Gentleman from Surigao del Norte.

REP. BARBERS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For my closing statement, I would have wanted to nominate my mentor and good friend, Congressman “Boy” Nograles, to head the Committee on Rules, provided we will be given a copy of the list of names of the members who will become members of this committee, Mr. Speaker. That is all I want to say, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. I believe the Gentleman is correct again, because last week I heard him say that he was going to nominate the distinguished Majority Leader.

The distinguished Gentleman from Iloilo, Congressman Defensor, is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). Mr. Speaker, instead of coming up with certain objections or comments on the nomination made by the distinguished Gentleman from Makati on the Majority Leader, he deserves praise because he deviated from parliamentary

practice and tradition. Here comes a minority member nominating, in the exuberance of the new Congress, the new Congress Majority Leader. So, I believe his nomination being seconded by a member of the majority and there being no objection from a member of the majority was one of the best things that the minority has done for the majority as we start with the new Congress, Mr. Speaker.

I strongly suggest that we honor the nomination of the distinguished Gentleman from Makati City.

THE SPEAKER. It has already been approved, Mr. Speaker.

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). Thank you.

REP. CAYETANO. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

THE SPEAKER. The distinguished Gentleman from Pateros/Taguig, Congressman Cayetano, is recognized.

REP. CAYETANO. Mr. Speaker, the members of the minority did not object to the adoption of the interim Rules yesterday precisely because it was supposed to guide the initial sessions that we will have. But the minority has not agreed—at least, this Representation and I believe many others have not agreed, too—on a permanent Rules yet because we are planning to propose many congressional reforms, including the committee system.

So, Mr. Speaker, my inquiry is: How many members are we going to nominate to the majority and the minority? Is it in accordance with our old Rules, which are only interim Rules?

THE SPEAKER. The newly elected Majority Leader will reply.

REP. ABAYON. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. Congressman Abayon of Northern Samar has the floor.

REP. ABAYON. This is a point of information, Mr. Speaker. I am puzzled why as of this moment we are already grouping ourselves as majority or minority because we do not know yet who are really with the minority. If we go with the decided case of *Santiago vs. Guingona* in 1998, the Lakas contingent in the Senate comprising seven Members voted for Sen. Marcelo Fernan as the Senate President. But after that, Senator Tatad claimed to be the Minority Leader because he was the candidate for Senate President and he got only two votes—those from Senators Miriam Defensor Santiago and Tatad himself. But the seven Lakas members voted for Senator Fernan. Ultimately, Mr. Speaker, the Supreme Court decided that the Minority Leader is not

Senator Tatad but Senator Guingona because this was provided for under the Rules of the Senate. They have to determine their own Rules.

So, I think before we speak of the majority or the minority, we have to determine first who would really like to belong to the majority or the minority. If we go with that decision of the Supreme Court, the mere fact that 192 voted for Speaker De Venecia does not mean that they would be in the majority. In the same way, those who voted in the minority, if we go with that case, can still choose where they want to belong.

REP. CAYETANO. Mr. Speaker, may I reply.

REP. ABAYON. That is my point of information, Mr. Speaker. We will not be talking here first of majority or minority. We will settle first who would like to belong to the minority, especially since there were three candidates for Speaker yesterday. How can we settle that?

REP. CAYETANO. Mr. Speaker.

REP. ABAYON. There might be those who voted yesterday who would sit with the majority now in the same way that there are those who voted for Speaker De Venecia yesterday who would like to join the minority. So, we have to determine it first.

THE SPEAKER. The Supreme Court's action is well taken in this particular instance.

REP. DATUMANONG. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The distinguished Gentleman from Maguindanao, the former Secretary of Justice, Simeon Datumanong, is recognized.

REP. DATUMANONG. Mr. Speaker, I am for a point of information. We have been talking about Majority Leader and Minority Leader. I think the proper nomenclature or denomination is Majority Floor Leader and Minority Floor Leader because the Majority Leader in the House of Representatives is the Speaker. It is high time for us to be able to properly designate the leader as leader of the proceedings as the Majority Floor Leader and the Minority Floor Leader to distinguish the former from the real leader of the House who is the Speaker.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The learned Congressman from Maguindanao speaks of the British parliamentary system where the Majority Leader is the head of the House, and the Speaker of Parliament is the neutral administrator of the House.

REP. SUPLICO. Mr. Speaker.

REP. CAYETANO. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The distinguished Gentleman from Iloilo, Congressman Suplico, is recognized.

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

In view of the issue raised by the distinguished Gentleman from Northern Samar, Congressman Harlin Abayon, may I be favored with a series of answers to my questions from the distinguished Majority Leader.

THE SPEAKER. The distinguished Majority Leader will please respond.

REP. SUPLICO. Mr. Speaker, who are the members of the minority?

REP. CAYETANO. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Gentleman from Pateros/Taguig is recognized.

REP. CAYETANO. Mr. Speaker, I was surprised that my batchmate, Congressman Abayon from Samar, initiated that question because all I said is that I am a member of the minority. I have no dual personality and I have no doubt about it. I was not saying that anyone here is with the majority or the minority. All I was saying is that I am a member of the minority and I wish to ask whether we are adopting these Rules permanently or temporarily because I want to know the number of members for each committee. This Representation has proposals to reform the committee system. Be that as it may, Mr. Speaker, may I have the floor.

THE SPEAKER. The newly elected Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. SUPLICO. Mr. Speaker, I think I have the floor. I am recognized by the distinguished Speaker.

REP. CAYETANO. Mr. Speaker, I have the floor. I just wish to...

REP. SUPLICO. I have been recognized by the distinguished Speaker.

REP. CAYETANO. Mr. Speaker, I am surprised that my batchmate, now that he is on his third term, has suddenly forgotten the tradition and history of this House. He is now mentioning affairs of the Senate and the Supreme Court decision about the Senate.

REP. SUPLICO. Mr. Speaker, this is not the time to talk about history. We have a series of questions addressed to the distinguished Majority Leader.

THE SPEAKER. The Gentlemen will speak one at a time.

REP. SUPLICO. I think I was recognized by the distinguished Speaker.

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. NOGRALES. May I ask for a suspension of session.

THE SPEAKER. The session is suspended.

It was 5:16 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:18 p.m., the session was resumed with Deputy Speaker Emilio R. Espinosa Jr. presiding.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The session is resumed. The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The session is suspended.

It was 5:18 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:20 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The session is resumed. The Gentleman from Pateros/Taguig is recognized.

REP. CAYETANO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I believe that in accordance with our Rules, if a Gentleman has the

floor, it is out of order for someone to speak unless he raises a point of order or moves to adjourn the session. So having the floor, Mr. Speaker, I just like to continue.

I was surprised that the Gentleman from Samar was bringing up the matter of who is with the minority and with the majority and a Supreme Court decision which is more akin to the Senate with its traditions and rules rather than the House of Representatives.

It is well settled in the House of Representatives that the second place in the speakership fight becomes the Minority Leader and anyone who wants to join the minority will just go to the Secretary General and manifest his/her desire to be in the majority or in the minority.

We held a caucus this afternoon. We invited the other two candidates and their representatives but they did not attend. We had around 15 to 20 Congressmen who declared themselves part of the minority. We welcome the idea of the Members thinking about whether they are in the majority or in the minority. We know that no committee in this House can function without a member of the minority. But since we are now creating the committees, I just wanted to ask how many minority members will be in each committee if the Minority Leader will already be represented in the committees. Otherwise, it is useless to elect the chairmen because they cannot function alone without the members of the minority. That is all, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ABAYON. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The Gentleman from Samar is recognized.

REP. ABAYON. Northern Samar, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). I stand corrected, Northern Samar.

REP. ABAYON. The island of Samar is divided now into three provinces—Northern Samar, Eastern Samar and Samar.

Anyway, Mr. Speaker, I stood up because I want to make the record straight. For the record, I did not interrupt the Gentleman from Pateros/Taguig while he was still speaking. I waited for him to stop speaking and when he stopped, I asked to be recognized and I was recognized by the Speaker. So, I was not interrupting, Mr. Speaker.

REP. CAYETANO. Mr. Speaker.

REP. ABAYON. I was only raising a point of information because there was an objection to the nomination of the Honorable Nograles from Davao City as Majority Leader made by the honorable Gentleman from Makati.

Precisely, I raised that point of information for us to be informed and to follow what this case is all about. Because this is very clear. The mere fact that one voted for the Senate President does not mean that he will not become the Minority Leader of the Senate. The same is true here in the House. Yesterday, there were three losing candidates. Now, who among the three is the Minority Leader? That is the question. Precisely, I want to make the record straight and would like to beg the indulgence of the Gentleman from Pateros/Taguig that I have memorized the Rules. There is no provision that states that the second place candidate is the Minority Leader. I will resign, Mr. Speaker, if there is such a provision.

REP. CAYETANO. Mr. Speaker.

REP. ABAYON. We are only following tradition. And I hold the view that tradition will not hold water when there is a Supreme Court decision. We have to follow this. Mr. Speaker, I just want to clarify this point because the minority themselves must determine from among their ranks who their Members are, and in doing so they will also determine who their Minority Leader will be, which is the substance of the *Santiago vs. Guingona* case. That is only my point of information, Mr. Speaker, to make the record straight.

REP. CAYETANO. Mr. Speaker, I was not referring to the Gentleman from Northern Samar as interrupting me. I was referring to the Gentleman from Iloilo, who is my good friend and one of my mentors here in Congress. But be that as it may, may I inquire if the Gentleman from Northern Samar is part of the majority or the minority?

REP. ABAYON. Mr. Speaker, it does not matter.

REP. CAYETANO. It matters, Mr. Speaker. Because if the Gentleman is part of the majority, I am sorry, but he should not be interfering with the business of the minority. If no one in the minority is objecting to the results of yesterday's elections and majority of the minority members recognize Congressman Escudero as the Minority Leader, why is someone from the majority questioning that or raising a point of information in the guise of an objection?

REP. ABAYON. No, Mr. Speaker. Again, I want to make the record straight. I only raised the point of information because someone objected to the nomination of Congressman Nograles as Majority Leader by the Honorable Aquino from Makati. But as of now, we cannot determine yet who would belong to the majority and the minority because this matter is not yet clear, Mr. Speaker. So we cannot brand anybody as coming from the majority or the minority. But as to the question of whether I am with the majority or the minority, I think that remains a secret within myself which I refuse to divulge. (*Laughter*)

REP. CAYETANO. Mr. Speaker, the Gentleman pointed to the Rules and said that nowhere in the Rules does it state that the Minority Leader is the second placer in the fight for speakership. Nowhere in the Rules does it say that we have free lunch in the South Lounge, but we know for a fact that we can have free lunch there because by tradition and practice that is what we have followed ever since, even before this Representation became Congressman. Former Members of the Batasang Pambansa here will tell us of the same tradition so, suddenly now, a member of the majority will question that tradition and rule that we have been following.

REP. ABAYON. Mr. Speaker.

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). Mr. Speaker, I think if there is a question of who the majority and the minority members are, let us call for a suspension of the session to allow those who want to be in the minority to form themselves in one group and vote for the Minority Leader.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). What is the desire of the Gentleman from Iloilo?

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). May I move for a suspension of session, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The session is suspended.

It was 5:27 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The session is resumed.
The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOGRALES. Mr. Speaker, before taking up other matters, may we now continue the election of the following Members to certain committees: the Honorable Ace Barbers, to the Committee on Accounts; . . .

REP. CASTRO. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The Gentleman from Capiz is recognized.

REP. CASTRO. There is a pending parliamentary inquiry that this Representation has filed a while ago, but because of the request of some colleagues in Congress I was pacified and aborted from raising of this, Mr. Speaker. May I now be allowed to continue this parliamentary inquiry.

REP. SUPLICO. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The Gentleman from Iloilo is recognized.

REP. SUPLICO. I had the floor earlier, Mr. Speaker. I was duly recognized by the distinguished Majority Leader.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). But I thought the Gentleman has already sat down and has given the floor.

REP. SUPLICO. No, Mr. Speaker, the session was suspended. That is why I stood up at this time because the distinguished. . .

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). Now, what is the desire of the distinguished Gentleman from Iloilo?

REP. SUPLICO. Mr. Speaker, I have a series of questions addressed to the distinguished Majority Leader and I wish to be satisfied.

REP. NOGRALES. Mr. Speaker.

REP. CASTRO. Point of clarification, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). May I request the Gentleman that we listen to the Majority Leader first.

REP. NOGRALES. May I request the indulgence of the Members of the House that we will proceed to take up other matters after I finish with the nomination of Members to two more committees so that we can already work in the House.

REP. SUPLICO. Mr. Speaker, we cannot proceed with the constitution of the other committees because we do not have what is called "the Minority in the House." My questions precisely would lead to the identification of who constitutes the members of the minority.

REP. NOGRALES. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The Majority Leader may please proceed.

REP. NOGRALES. Mr. Speaker, that is why in the two other committees that I am proposing to constitute today, we are only naming one member per committee so that we will be able to organize these committees. By tomorrow, once these issues are settled, we will start naming the other members to the committees that are not contentious.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). Does that satisfy the Gentleman?

REP. NOGRALES. So, I ask the indulgence of my colleagues that we nominate first only one member per committee today to enable them to perform their functions because these are the vital committees in the House. Tomorrow we will start to determine the other members, based on the results of the discussions on the floor, Mr. Speaker.

REP. SUPLICO. Mr. Speaker, am I assured that I shall have the floor when the distinguished Majority Leader is ready to answer my questions?

REP. NOGRALES. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). I think the Chair will recognize the Gentleman.

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

REP. CASTRO. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The Gentleman from Capiz is recognized.

REP. CASTRO. This Representation would like to take exception to the manifestation of the Gentleman from Iloilo that he be given the floor on the ground that my parliamentary inquiry was simply interrupted a while ago, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). What does the Gentleman desire?

REP. CASTRO. After the Majority Leader has finished with the election of one member in each committee, considering that the incident that I have posed before this

Chamber is ahead of what the two Gentlemen, the Gentleman from Pateros/Taguig and the Gentleman from Iloilo, shall have posed, I ask that I be recognized first.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOGRALES. Mr. Speaker, so that we will have some order, may I be recognized first. After me, the Honorable Fred Castro, then we shall recognize the other Members.

REP. TEVES. Mr. Speaker.

REP. NOGRALES. Mr. Speaker, please. May I continue to...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The Majority Leader may please proceed.

REP. NOGRALES. ...nominate the following Members to the following committees: the Honorable Ace Barbers to the Committee on Accounts and the Honorable Rolando Andaya Jr. to the Committee on Appropriations.

I move that we elect them, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). Is there any objection?

REP. TEVES. Mr. Speaker, objection.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

REP. TEVES. Mr. Speaker, I made an objection.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The Gentleman from Negros Oriental is recognized.

REP. TEVES. Before we decide on any office or chairmanship, may I know what is the criteria for choosing the chairman? Is it seniority or party affiliation? Is it because he/she went for the President? Those things have to be clarified. Otherwise, we will be placed in a situation where we will be asking, why. May I know then if there is any criteria.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). As far as the Chair is concerned, I think we followed tradition and seniority in previous years. I think that is still being practiced until now.

REP. TEVES. So, in the case of Congressman Andaya as well as with Congressman Barbers, it is seniority. Is that correct?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). Yes, I believe so.

REP. TEVES. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. NOGRALES. Mr. Speaker.

REP. PARAS. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOGRALES. Mr. Speaker, may I...

REP. PARAS. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The Gentleman from Negros Oriental is recognized.

REP. PARAS. Mr. Speaker, just a follow up to the inquiry of the Honorable Teves. The Chair mentioned that traditions, practices, or maybe similar situations will be the bases for the choice of the chairmanship. But in any event that there is a conflict with tradition, which shall prevail? Will the Members vote in plenary session the absence of a clear rule on traditions and practices, Mr. Speaker?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). I think it will be submitted to the Body.

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

REP. CAYETANO. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The Gentleman from Pateros/Taguig is recognized.

REP. CAYETANO. Mr. Speaker, although my question may be prejudicial, I would allow the Majority Leader to finish the nomination, then I will ask for the floor afterwards. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. NOGRALES. I have already finished with the nomination.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The nomination has been approved.

REP. NOGRALES. And I am making a motion that the nominees be elected to the committees.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). Yes, Mr. Speaker.

REP. NOGRALES. Is there any other objection, Mr. Speaker? I believe there are no objections.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The Chair has already asked for any objection. There was none, so the nominations have been approved.

REP. NOGRALES. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The Gentleman from Pateros/Taguig is recognized.

REP. CAYETANO. Mr. Speaker, I raised a parliamentary inquiry earlier than the Gentleman from Capiz did.

REP. CASTRO. Point of order, Mr. Speaker. This Representation has filed...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The Gentleman may please state his point of order.

REP. CASTRO. Mr. Speaker, this Representation filed an earlier parliamentary inquiry a while ago. Therefore, the Gentleman's parliamentary inquiry is out of order.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The Gentleman may please state the point of order.

REP. CASTRO. May I now be allowed, Mr. Speaker.

REP. CAYETANO. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the Gentleman from Capiz.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The Gentleman may please state the point of order. He was asking for a point of order.

REP. NOGRALES. Mr. Speaker, the floor is yielded to the Honorable Fred Castro.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). What is the point of order of the Gentleman?

REP. CASTRO. Mr. Speaker, my question is simple. If we are going to look superficially at the meat of this question, it appears innocuous and inconsequential. But if we are going to go deeper, we will see that it starts a malpractice in the very fabric of this institution.

My question is simple: When is the first day that the House will entertain the filing of bills and resolutions?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The Majority Leader may answer.

REP. NOGRALES. The date is July 1, 2004 or, technically, after high noon of June 30, 2004.

REP. CASTRO. I am satisfied literally with the answer of the Majority Leader, but I am surprised at the same time. As early as eight o'clock in the morning of July 1, 2004, my secretary was already standing and lining up at the office of the Bills and Index Service of the House. She was advised that they have not started to accept bills and resolutions yet, only to find out that bills and resolutions of some Members of the House, without meaning to offend my colleagues, have already been earlier assigned docket numbers.

My next parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker, is: Is this "reservation of docket numbers" allowed in the House?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOGRALES. I am not aware of reservations in the numbering of bills filed, Mr. Speaker, and I believe that that is not being done.

REP. CASTRO. If this is not allowed—though I know out of my discreet investigation, it is—I thus formally move that we conduct an investigation on this practice. Everybody in this Chamber, including the neophyte Members of the House, who may not know of the maneuvering, may be placed on an unequal playing field in the House.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I move that an investigation be conducted on whether or not reservation of docket numbers is being done by our Bills and Index Service and that the result of the investigation be submitted to the House in plenary in order that the Members may know its result.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). Is the Gentleman formally filing a resolution?

REP. CASTRO. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The Gentleman's formal motion is noted.

The Gentleman from Makati is recognized.

REP. AQUINO (A.). I would like to propose an amendment that this investigation be conducted by the Committee on Rules.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). Is the amendment accepted?

REP. CASTRO. The amendment is accepted, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The amendment is approved.

REP. ANTONINO-CUSTODIO. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The Lady from South Cotabato is recognized.

REP. ANTONINO-CUSTODIO. Mr. Speaker, in conjunction with the parliamentary inquiry of the Honorable Castro, I would also like to ask which is the proper authority or office in the House that is authorized to accept the measures filed?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOGRALES. I think they are filed with the Bills and Index Service of the House.

REP. ANTONINO-CUSTODIO. Is this the proper authority, Mr. Speaker? Is there any other office that is authorized to accept bills and resolutions filed by the Members?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). I think it is the Secretariat of the House.

REP. NOGRALES. The Bills and Index Service is in charge of accepting and numbering the bills and resolutions filed before they are referred to the Committee on Rules.

REP. ANTONINO-CUSTODIO. Mr. Speaker, I had the same experience as that of the Honorable Castro. My staff actually lined up as early as six o'clock in the morning, and there was quite a queue in front of the Bills and Index Service office. However, I learned through my investigation that there were some bills and resolutions that were filed with the Secretary General's office. I would like to inquire now whether the Office of the Secretary General is authorized to receive bills and resolutions.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOGRALES. The Secretary General may receive these bills and resolutions only to refer them to the Bills and Index Service.

REP. ANTONINO-CUSTODIO. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). Is the Lady satisfied with the answer to her inquiry?

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. DATUMANONG. Mr. Speaker.

REP. CASTRO. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The Gentleman from Capiz is recognized.

REP. CASTRO. For the information of this Representation, considering the presence of the Majority Leader in the Committee on Rules, may I inquire on the time frame that this investigation may be conducted and terminated. This is also for the guidance of the Members of the House.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOGRALES. As soon as possible, especially when we facilitate the constitution of the Committee on Rules. As far as I am concerned, I am the only member of the said committee now, and we hope to nominate some more so we will be able to perform our tasks. But we will do it as soon as possible, Mr. Speaker.

REP. PARAS. Mr. Speaker.

REP. CAYETANO. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The Gentleman from Negros Oriental is recognized.

REP. PARAS. Mr. Speaker, this is in conjunction with the issues raised concerning the bills that were filed. Earlier, Congressman Barbers from Surigao del Norte raised the issue on bills and resolutions found in the Order of Business that are already referred to the committees. It seems to me that this has not yet been answered. May I reiterate again who are the ones making the referrals of these bills and resolutions since the Rules Committee has no members yet. Is the Speaker the one making the referrals of these measures or are the employees of the Committee on Rules doing this? In the referral, Mr. Speaker, it has to be determined where a particular bill should be properly referred, whether in this particular committee or in another committee. Now, may I have the answer, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOGRALES. The bills so far filed were referred to this Representation yesterday. Being an acting Majority Leader, I endorsed them to the technical staff of the Committee on Rules for referral to the proper committees, and they were referred to the proper committees as found in the Reference of Business.

REP. PARAS. Mr. Speaker, may I know which Rules did the Body follow? The Thirteenth Congress does not have any Rules yet.

REP. NOGRALES. We provisionally adopted the Rules of the House under the Twelfth Congress until such time that the incumbent House would have approved its own set of rules, Mr. Speaker.

REP. PARAS. Can adoption of the Rules be made by just one man, two men or several men?

REP. NOGRALES. This was...

REP. PARAS. I know for a fact that the Rules of the Twelfth Congress has been adopted because they are *functus officio*, Mr. Speaker, but I do not think they can be revived by a mere decision of the Speaker or the acting Majority Leader.

REP. NOGRALES. Mr. Speaker, yesterday morning, this Representation moved for the provisional adoption of the Rules of the Twelfth Congress, and the motion was unanimously adopted by the plenary.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). That is true.

REP. PARAS. I am not privy to that, Mr. Speaker. Is this in the Journal?

REP. NOGRALES. I think copies of the Journal are now being distributed. That is why earlier, I asked for the deferment of the approval of the Journal of the previous session because copies of the same were still being printed. But all our colleagues who have been listening yesterday morning will attest to the fact that there was no objection to the provisional adoption of the Rules of the House under the Twelfth Congress pending the approval of the Rules of the House in the Thirteenth Congress.

REP. PARAS. Mr. Speaker, be that as it may, under our Rules, is it allowed that only one member of the Rules Committee will decide on this issue?

REP. BATERINA. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry, with the permission of the Gentleman on the floor.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). Please hold it. We shall finish with this. The Gentleman may please go ahead.

REP. PARAS. Just one last inquiry.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The Gentleman from Negros Oriental is recognized.

REP. PARAS. I was saying, be that as it may, there was an adoption of the Rules of the House under the Twelfth Congress. May I know if under these Rules referral can be decided by only one member of the Rules Committee.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). What does the Majority Leader say?

REP. NOGRALES. Since I am the only member of the Rules Committee at the moment, I refer the matter to the technical staff. We are now in a hurry to fill up the membership of this committee so it can meet and refer the measures to the proper committees.

REP. CASTRO. Mr. Speaker.

REP. PARAS. I do not want to belabor the point. Since the Majority Leader has just been elected, I think he should be allowed to gain experience in this regard.

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

REP. CASTRO. Mr. Speaker.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). What is the desire of the Gentleman from Ilocos Sur?

REP. BATERINA. The two Gentlemen are debating on a matter of parliamentary inquiry. A parliamentary inquiry is not debatable, Mr. Speaker.

REP. CASTRO. Mr. Speaker, consistent with the manifestation of the Gentleman from Ilocos Sur, may I now ask for a ruling on my motion—whether it is approved or not—considering that I have formerly filed it.

REP. PARAS. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOGRALES. Mr. Speaker, I heard no objection to the motion of the Honorable Fred Castro, so I think we have already approved it.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The motion is approved.

REP. PARAS. Mr. Speaker.

REP. TEVES. Mr. Speaker.

REP. CAYETANO. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The Gentleman from Pateros/Taguig is recognized.

REP. CAYETANO. Mr. Speaker, I had an earlier parliamentary inquiry.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The Gentleman may please proceed.

REP. CAYETANO. All I want to ask, Mr. Speaker, was how many members we are going to elect because we adopted a provisional set of Rules only. But then we got into a discussion of who is in the minority and the majority and my classmate and batchmate, the Gentleman from Northern Samar, asked the same question, and if I may be allowed to answer him right now. The Rules itself provides for who should be the Minority Leader, except that we will not see it directly in the Rules but, rather,

indirectly. In the Rules, it is provided—and I beg the patience and indulgence of the Body—that the Speaker and the three Deputy Speakers are elected. As to the chairmanship of each House committee, that is found in Section 30, second paragraph of the provisional Rules of the House, and I quote:

Every standing committee shall have a chairperson and at least two (2) vice-chairpersons. The Member elected whose name appears first on the list of committee members shall be the committee chairperson.

So, it is clear, Mr. Speaker.

The question is: How do we determine who is the Minority Leader? Because there is no such provision in the Rules of the House under the Twelfth Congress, we can refer to Sections 146 to 147 of the same, thus:

Section 146. *Rulings as Precedents.* - Rulings on questions raised by Members shall form part of the parliamentary practice of the House.

Section 147. *Suppletory Provisions.* - The parliamentary practices of the Philippine Assembly, the House of Representatives, the Senate of the Philippines and the Batasang Pambansa shall be suppletory to these rules.

Tradition and former parliamentary practice is part of these Rules. What took place on Monday, July 23, 2001, oddly enough, by force of coincidence or by Divine Providence, was when Representative Zamora raised a parliamentary inquiry and Representative Paras raised a point of order. What did Representative Zamora of San Juan inquire? He inquired whether the Members who will vie for the position of Speaker of the House may come from both majority and minority coalitions in the House. Representative Gonzales' reply was, and I quote: "Traditionally, the Member who wins the speakership race shall become the Speaker and the head of the majority coalition. As pointed out by a former Justice Secretary and now our colleague, the Honorable Datumanong, who was the leader then of the majority coalition, 'The Member who is defeated in the same race shall become the Minority Leader'." Representative Zamora further inquired whether the minority in the House is the same as the opposition and whether it is possible that both the winner and the loser in the speakership race will be from the majority coalition.

Mr. Speaker, the then Majority Leader Neptali "Boyet" Gonzales Jr. and the Speaker of the House—this is now part of parliamentary tradition and practice—ruled that if a Member voted for the winning Speaker, he or she will be in the majority. If he voted for the loser in the speakership, he will be in the minority. But that is not a permanent arrangement. A Member can go to the Secretary General and manifest that he is switching sides. But in the meantime—and this is now an addition—the Members will have to recognize the losing candidate for the speakership who got the highest number of votes, logically, as the Minority Leader. If later on a group of Congressmen decides to move to the minority, holding a resolution with enough signatures and say: "We are replacing the Minority Leader and we will have an election," so be it. But until that time, Mr. Speaker, we have no choice but to recognize

the Minority Leader. In fact, if a group of Congressmen claiming to come from the minority would present a resolution with signatures stating that they have a new Minority Leader, and if the signatures reach 120, then he will not be the Minority Leader but will now be the Speaker of the House; in the same manner that if Rep. Chiz Escudero can present to the Body 120 signatures tomorrow, he will not be Minority Leader but be the Speaker of the House. But, Mr. Speaker, why are we discussing this? Because the committees cannot function unless there is a member of the minority. The Rules of the Twelfth Congress—with the indulgence and patience of the Body—is provisionally approved to be used as the Rules of the Thirteenth Congress. Under said Rules, the Minority Leader is automatically a member of the Committee on Rules. So the recognition of Congressman Escudero as Minority Leader will allow these committees to function. If we choose to ignore that, then the election of Members to the committee will be useless because the committees cannot function. All of this will be invalid because there will be no minority member. So, I think all of us in the minority will agree that we do not want to talk about this in the session hall. We can discuss this matter in a caucus later on—we can talk about it, look at the decisions, et cetera. But while there is no motion on the floor showing a sufficient number to beat the 13 votes that made Representative Escudero, the Gentleman from the First District of Sorsogon, the second placer in the speakership fight, he should be recognized as the Minority Leader so that the committees could function.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). I think that is what happened in the case cited by Rep. Cayetano.

REP. CAYETANO. Yes, Mr. Speaker, this was on July 23, 2001.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). Precisely.

REP. CAYETANO. We had the same Speaker then, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). Precisely. I think the Gentleman is referring to that case where both the minority and the majority belonged to the same majority coalition.

REP. CAYETANO. So, Mr. Speaker, unless the ruling of the Speaker is overturned by the entire Body, we will have to follow the same ruling. But I doubt if the majority would like to get involved now and overturn said ruling because it will be tantamount to interfering in the affairs of the majority.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). Yes, it will be tantamount to interfering with the affairs of the majority.

REP. CAYETANO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). Mr. Speaker.

REP. ABAYON. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The Gentleman from Iloilo is recognized.

REP. ABAYON. Mr. Speaker.

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). The decision ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). With the permission of the Gentleman from Northern Samar, the Gentleman from Iloilo is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). The matter of who is or who will be the Minority Leader is not a domain that the Majority Leader is supposed to interfere in since this is an exclusive prerogative of the members of the minority.

While it is true that yesterday the Honorable Escudero of Sorsogon obtained the second highest number of votes—and there is a tradition that he may become the Minority Leader—that is a matter that has to be affirmed by the members of the minority. That cannot only be the subject of an assumption. In the past, there were incidents when those who ran for the position of speakership and obtained the second highest number of votes were not automatically designated or elected as Minority Leaders. May I cite a specific instance in the case of the speakership fight between Congressmen Mitra and Sumulong wherein the latter obtained the second highest number of votes. But I am sure the records of this House will bear us out that he was not elected nor designated as Minority Leader.

The decision of whether who will be the Minority Leader is a matter that will be decided upon by the members of the minority themselves. And the matter as to who will belong to the minority is also a matter that has to be decided and identified by the members of the minority themselves.

So, I think there is sense in the suggestion of the distinguished Gentleman from Pateros/Taguig that the members of the minority should first convene themselves and then manifest to the House leadership who will represent them as their Minority Leader. But at this point, I think it would not be wise for us to assume that—while tradition may play a part—and make a conclusive assumption that a Member who obtained the second highest number of votes in the election for the speakership becomes the Minority Leader.

That, *ipso facto*, does not follow.

REP. CAYETANO. Mr. Speaker.

REP. ABAYON. Mr. Speaker.

REP. TEVES. Mr. Speaker.

REP. ABAYON. Mr. Speaker.

REP. TEVES. Mr. Speaker.

REP. CAYETANO. Mr. Speaker, may I reply.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The Gentleman from Negros Oriental, Congressman Teves, is recognized.

REP. TEVES. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

I have been hearing too much of minority and majority. I am confused, Mr. Speaker. Does it mean that those in the opposition who voted against the President and will work against the President but who voted for the Speaker will become part of the majority? May I ask that as a parliamentary inquiry?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). Can the Majority Leader answer the question?

REP. NOGRALES. Under our present tradition and practices, those who voted for the winning Speaker will comprise the majority in the House and those who voted for the losing candidate will comprise the minority in the House.

REP. TEVES. Mr. Speaker, then said Member will be prohibited to vote against any legislative proposals of the administration because he belongs already to the majority?

REP. NOGRALES. Mr. Speaker, that has never been done in all of the Congresses. Even the majority members sometimes vote or abstain on administration bills. Each votes according to his own personal judgment.

REP. TEVES. Mr. Speaker, we have a two-party system and this never happens in a two-party system. But right now, we are confused as to who belongs to the majority and the minority.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ABAYON. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The Gentleman from Northern Samar is recognized.

REP. ABAYON. Actually, Mr. Speaker, I should have kept my mouth shut but because my name was alluded to, I do not want to appear that I do not know the law.

While I was in law school, Mr. Speaker, I learned that tradition will only hold if there is no established jurisprudence on a certain matter. Precisely, during the Batasang Pambansa, tradition would still be applied, but there was already a decision in 1998. So, when there is already an established jurisprudence, tradition must give way to what has been established as jurisprudence. Otherwise, we cannot say now that we can still go on with our tradition even if it is not legally correct because there is already an established jurisprudence. Now, my classmate and my batchmate—we were together in the Eleventh Congress and up to now—would like to make a comparative analysis of the 2001 speakership where practically there was only one candidate for the minority leader then, because there were only two candidates for the Speaker. But now there are four contenders for the speakership. Even if there was only one candidate for the Minority Leader, it does not follow also that those who did not vote for Rep. Carlos M. Padilla before would not be considered as members of the minority. So that we will clarify all matters and I do not want to be labeled as ignorant of what I have been speaking, I will read the Supreme Court ruling on the case of *Santiago vs. Guingona*, G.R. No. 134577, November 18, 1998, page 777 of the SCRA. I will go immediately to the second issue of the case because that was the one raised by the honorable Gentleman from Pateros/Taguig, and I quote:

Second Issue. Violation of the Constitution.

Having assumed jurisdiction over the petition, without going to the next crucial question and recognizing respondent Guingona as the Senate Minority Leader, did the Senate or the officials, particularly Senate President Fernan, violate the Constitution or the laws?

Answer: As a result, petitioners assert respondent Guingona cannot be the legitimate Minority Leader since he voted for respondent Fernan as Senate President. Furthermore, the members of the Lakas-NUCD-UNDP cannot choose the Minority Leader because they did not belong to the Minority having voted for Fernan and accepted committee chairmanships. This is now the ruling.

We believe, however, that the interpretation proposed by petitioners finds no clear support from the Constitution, the laws, the rules of the Senate or even the practices of the Upper House.

The question, again, Mr. Speaker, is: Which will prevail, tradition or established jurisprudence? That is the main issue. In effect, I think it could be understood what is the effect.

It is very clear here, Mr. Speaker, that the term “Majority” has been judicially defined. I hope my distinguished batchmate will read this case in order to put this issue to rest.

REP. CAYETANO. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The Gentleman from Pateros/Taguig is recognized.

REP. ABAYON. I am not yet through. I do not want to interfere and meddle with the affairs of the minority, but I just want to set the records straight. I raised this point of information again so that we will not be banking on the traditions of Congress. We will not be talking of Batasang Pambansa, the Eleventh, Tenth, Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Congresses. We will be talking of the Supreme Court decisions because I think we are all amenable that the Supreme Court must be followed.

Anyway, Mr. Speaker, I hope my name will no longer be alluded to so that I will not be compelled to stand and explain. If my name will not be alluded to, I am already amenable to a ceasefire. But if I will be alluded to and I would be made to appear that I do not know the law, I have to stand again, because I believe I am supported with what the law says. I cannot agree, Mr. Speaker, on the issues in 2001 and 2004. Well, whatever it is, Mr. Speaker, again, I repeat, that is grammatically wrong. But I would like to emphasize that the law is clear, and we now have an established jurisprudence.

REP. CAYETANO. Mr. Speaker.

REP. ABAYON. And we will read this case so that we will know who will determine the minority. I will not read who will determine because this is very clear on this page which I cited earlier.

So, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I hope this issue will be put to rest.

REP. CAYETANO. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The Gentleman from Pateros/Taguig is recognized.

REP. CAYETANO. I apologize to my colleague for alluding to his name because he brought up that argument. I have much respect for the Gentleman. He was a key player in the Eleventh and Twelfth Congresses. Unfortunately, we did not go to the same law school. In Ateneo, Mr. Speaker, we were taught to look at both the *ratio decidendi* and also at the *obiter dictum*, not only at the facts of the case but also on the ruling and its applicability to other similar incidents.

I think if the Gentleman would allow me to expound on that decision, does it not mention that primarily, the consideration is the Rules of the Senate or the House? That is what the decision points to. The Rules of the Senate are different from the Rules of the House. What I was pointing to a while ago was that the Rules of the House point to parliamentary tradition and that in 2001, which is after the 1998 decision, the Chair made a ruling and the House did not object to it. It means that it

is now part of our Rules that the losing candidate for speaker is the Minority Leader. But, Mr. Speaker, I would agree to a “ceasefire.” This is my question: Is anyone in this hall objecting to Representative Escudero as the Minority Leader? Because if nobody is, there is no point in arguing. We are electing chairmen to the committees. If we recognize Representative Escudero, the committees can function; if we do not, there is no committee that will function. That is the Rules of the House, Mr. Speaker, and I do not wish to debate on that because the decision can be used depending on different situations. If no one from this House will question the assumption, Mr. Speaker, if I appoint myself as a Minority Leader and no one questions it, not even Rep. Chiz Escudero, will this reach the Supreme Court? Will they interfere? Will they decide that I am not the Minority Leader? No. Why? Primarily, it is the Rules of the House. Second, it is the will of the majority of the House. So, I respect what Congressman Defensor from Iloilo was saying—that the majority should not interfere. But by telling us what process to follow, they are in effect telling us what to do. The Gentleman from Northern Samar is a member of the majority and not a member of the minority.

REP. ABAYON. Mr. Speaker, may I just be allowed to reply.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The Gentleman from Northern Samar is recognized.

REP. ABAYON. I will continue, Mr. Speaker, so that my batchmate will be clarified. I was all the while thinking that he was already satisfied with my explanation, but because he was not. I will read further the Supreme Court’s ruling, to wit:

“Who could therefore elect the Minority Leader? Verily, no law or...”

REP. ABANTE. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ABAYON. May I just proceed, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ABANTE. This is in relation to what...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The distinguished Gentleman from Manila is recognized. What is the desire of the Gentleman?

REP. ABANTE. This is very important, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The Gentleman may proceed.

REP. ABANTE. I have been holding my peace for the last two hours. I am the only bishop in this House. And when we have a vigorous debate, Mr. Speaker, even

if we do not have a set of rules, we follow personal respect and ethics. That is what we are.

As I remember, the Gentleman from Pateros/Taguig is saying that he is a member of the majority. If I would remember right, Mr. Speaker, about an hour ago, Representative Abayon was being asked if he is in the majority and he said, "It does not matter." I would like to ask him now: Is he is in the majority or in the minority?

REP. ABAYON. Mr. Speaker, in response to that query, I would like to invoke my constitutional right to remain silent. (*Laughter*)

REP. ABANTE. Mr. Speaker, may I continue.

REP. ABAYON. But, Mr. Speaker, I am not yet through.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). One by one please. The Gentleman from Manila is recognized.

REP. ABANTE. The Gentleman from Northern Samar has been bragging that he has memorized the Rules of the House but he is telling us right now that they do not matter.

REP. ABAYON. Precisely, Mr. Speaker. I repeat, I do not want to interfere with the affairs of the minority.

REP. ABANTE. So, he is in the majority, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). One by one, please.

REP. ABAYON. I am not yet through, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). Go ahead, please.

REP. ABAYON. I do not want to interfere with the affairs of the minority because I would invoke my right to remain silent under the Constitution. Now, I just want to clarify matters. What I want to state for a fact, Mr. Speaker, is, we should only be guided by what the law and the established jurisprudence provide. Then precisely, I am only answering the distinguished Gentleman from Pateros/Taguig. As what I have stated earlier, I have nothing to do with the minority but I only want to set the record straight that what I am telling is what the law says. I will read, thus:

In effect, while the Constitution mandates that the President of the Senate must be elected by a number constituting more than one-half of all the

Members thereof, it does not provide that the Members who will not vote for him shall *ipso facto* constitute the Minority.

That is very clear.

So, who therefore elects the Minority Leader? Verily, no law or regulation states that a defeated candidate shall automatically become the Minority Leader. My question is: Do we have any provision in our Rules which stipulates who will be the Minority Leader?

REP. CAYETANO. Yes, we do, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ABAYON. There is none.

REP. CAYETANO. We do, Mr. Speaker. By direct implication, there is.

REP. ABAYON. And then we go with the issue of tradition, Mr. Speaker. This case did not tell us that we go with the tradition. In other words, Mr. Speaker, we only have to study this so that we will be able to understand it. That is only my point. I am not interfering with the minority. I do not know who the Minority Leader will be. I have no issue on that, but I only brought this matter as a point of information so that we will be guided accordingly.

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). Mr. Speaker.

REP. ABAYON. So, my point, Mr. Speaker, is, if we will only follow this, then we will have no problem. I do not buy the idea that those who voted for the Speaker cannot become members of the minority. In the same way, those who voted for any of the three other candidates who did not win yesterday cannot join the majority. That is my point here.

REP. CAYETANO. So, the Gentleman has no objection.

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). Mr. Speaker.

REP. ABAYON. That is only my point. I have nothing to do with the rumblings in the minority.

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). Mr. Speaker.

REP. ABAYON. I only want to make it clear that this is the law and the established jurisprudence. My law professor told me when I was in law school that tradition will only prevail if there is no jurisprudence because there is no conflict. But if there is a conflict, tradition must yield, unless a specific provision of the Rules provides for it.

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The Gentleman from Iloilo is recognized. What is his desire?

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). Mr. Speaker, if I will be minded to suggest, I believe that both the Gentlemen on the floor are correct in claiming that tradition in the House provides that a Member who gets the second highest number of votes in the fight for the speakership becomes the Minority Leader. But that is not a conclusive tradition and that the presumption is that it needs affirmation by the members of the minority who still have to officially identify themselves as such.

In the case of the distinguished Gentleman from Northern Samar, he is also right that there is a Supreme Court decision which states that it does not necessarily mean that the Member who got the second highest number of votes in the fight for the speakership automatically becomes the Minority Leader.

I would suggest, Mr. Speaker, if I will be minded to do so, that those who believe that they are members of the minority should gather today or tomorrow morning before tomorrow's session and come back tomorrow afternoon and officially manifest to the House leadership who the Minority Leader is. While it is the House tradition that as in yesterday's election the Member who obtained the second highest number of votes becomes the Minority Leader, we would like only an affirmation from the members of the minority today or tomorrow morning of their official manifestation as to who the Minority Leader is before the session starts.

REP. CAYETANO. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The Gentleman from Pateros/Taguig is recognized.

REP. CAYETANO. Mr. Speaker, I respect the Gentleman's desire not to get involved with the affairs of the minority. But the problem is, the Gentleman from Iloilo is saying that they do not want to meddle in our affairs. But no one here is objecting or questioning the leadership of Rep. Chiz Escudero as Minority Leader. But they are amending the Rules of the House or the parliamentary practice of 2001. While the Gentleman from Northern Samar stated that he is just making a point of information, he followed it up by claiming that something will happen in the House if we do not follow the proposition he cited.

I just like to point out two things, Mr. Speaker: 1) the right to remain silent is a right guaranteed if one is under custodial investigation and he is charged with a crime. It is not a crime to be in the majority or to be in the minority.

The reason I was asking if Representative Abayon is in the majority is that if he is in the majority, why is he bringing up that ruling of the Supreme Court? Why does not one of the members of the minority bring it up? Why someone in the majority?

So, Mr. Speaker, I go back to my first question. Binubuo po natin ang mga committee. May nagtanong po kanina, “Bakit ngayon binubuo ang mga committee?” Ang sagot po ng Speaker ay sapagkat mga essential committees ito katulad ng Committee on Accounts at Committee on Appropriations, pati na ang Office of the Majority Leader. Kailangang-kailangan ang mga ito. Ang sagot ko naman po, “kailangang-kailangan.” Pero hindi pwedeng gumana ang mga ito pag wala ang Minority Leader. Kaya, ang may pinakamataas na boto na lumaban sa pagka-Speaker ay si Kinatawan Chiz Escudero. Dapat lang kilalanin natin siya. Bukas, pag may dumating ditong may hawak na papel at may mas maraming boto, mas marami ang may gusto na siya ang gawing Minority Leader, doon pa lang natin papalitan si Kinatawan Chiz Escudero. Bukas, pag dumating si Kinatawan Chiz Escudero at 120 ang pumirma para sa kanya, we will install him as Speaker. But for someone to tell us right now, especially from the majority, how we should choose our Minority Leader, Mr. Speaker, with all due respect to all my idols in the majority, please let us settle this among ourselves, and as of now it is settled. Gusto ba ninyong magmiting mamayang hapon o mamayang gabi ang mga Committee on Appropriations, Rules at Accounts na walang miembro ng minority ang kumakatawan? I think even those in the other factions of the minority would agree with me about this, whether there are really factions in the minority or there are none.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. SUPLICO. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The Gentleman from Iloilo is recognized.

REP. SUPLICO. Mr. Speaker, may I know if the House, as an institution, has taken judicial knowledge of the parties constituting the coalition that supported Speaker De Venecia? A while ago, I was with a Member of the Nationalist People’s Coalition (NPC) and he told me that he is a member of that coalition. May I know whether this is true at this time that the NPC is a member of the coalition supporting Speaker De Venecia?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. NOGRALES. As far as this Representation is concerned, it is our stand that those who voted for Speaker De Venecia, who won the election for speakership, numbering 191, is part of the majority coalition.

REP. SUPLICO. Is that a “yes” or a “no,” Mr. Speaker?

REP. NOGRALES. Yes, regardless of party affiliation.

REP. SUPLICO. So, the answer is yes, Mr. Speaker.

Now, this case was decided upon in the light of the 1998 elections for the President and Vice-President, and the minority here who call themselves minority belonged to the losing candidate who was in fact the incumbent Speaker, Speaker De Venecia, who lost against the candidate of LAMMP then, President Joseph Estrada.

The Gentleman from Pateros/Taguig earlier asked if anyone opposes the Gentleman from Sorsogon's attempt to be the Minority Leader. The question is: Are we willing to accept a Minority Leader who is a member of the coalition supporting the administration? I wish to put my objection on record, Mr. Speaker.

REP. NOGRALES. Mr. Speaker, this Representation would like to say that this is a matter best left to the discretion of the minority coalition, whatever party they may belong to, as long as they did not vote for Speaker De Venecia. And I would suggest that this is not a matter that should be taken up by the Body in plenary session since the 193 of us who voted for Speaker De Venecia cannot meddle in the affairs of the 28 people who voted for the three other candidates. So, I would like to ask that we already close the debates on this matter and that this matter be left resolved in a caucus of the minority without involving the plenary in the House.

REP. SUPLICO. Be that as it may, Mr. Speaker, since. . .

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The Chair believes that the issue has been sufficiently discussed, so we are ready to close it.

REP. SUPLICO. Mr. Speaker, may I be allowed to ask one more parliamentary inquiry of the distinguished Gentleman from Davao City.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). Last parliamentary inquiry.

REP. SUPLICO. Mr. Speaker, since we have adopted the Rules of the previous Congress as our interim Rules, does it have any provision providing for the election of the Minority Leader?

REP. NOGRALES. I do not know of any such provision in the Rules providing for the election of the Minority Leader.

REP. SUPLICO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker

As a product of that law school from Makati, a distinguished graduate of the Ateneo College of Law, will the Gentleman agree with me if I say, since there is no such provision in our Rules, then a Supreme Court decision applies?

REP. NOGRALES. Mr. Speaker, I reiterate...

REP. SUPLICO. So, the answer is either yes or no, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). One by one, please.

REP. NOGRALES. I reiterate my previous position that it is not a matter for the House to discuss and for the majority to meddle with.

REP. SUPLICO. Mr. Speaker, the Supreme Court decision applies to all; not only to a particular set of people in this country.

REP. NOGRALES. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). One by one, please.
The Majority Leader may proceed.

REP. NOGRALES. Mr. Speaker, it is the position of the majority that this is best left with the minority to thresh out among themselves who has the numbers among them.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The Gentleman from Makati is recognized.

REP. AQUINO (A.). Mr. Speaker, I am getting embarrassed with all of these long debates on the leadership of the minority. May we give the minority a deadline, that by Monday they should come out with whoever is going to be the Minority Leader. If possible, tomorrow, but I am saying Monday as a deadline, just in case there is a stalemate tomorrow.

So, if this is the case, we can end the debate and let all the minority members meet. Right now, the minority comprises 31 members, Mr. Speaker, which is composed of the 28 who did not vote for Speaker De Venecia and the three candidates for the position of Speaker, or a total of 31. Let the 31 decide. I am happy there are 31—it is an odd number—so that we can come out with one leader, once and for all, for the sake of everybody.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). I think the issue has been sufficiently discussed. I move that we terminate the debates on the issue of leadership of the minority.

Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the debate is closed.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.RES. NO. 58
ON SECOND READING

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP

REP. NOGRALES. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 58.

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

REP. NOGRALES. Mr. Speaker, since copies of the resolution have been previously distributed, I move that we dispense with the reading of the text of the resolution.

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

Consideration of House Resolution No. 58 is now in order. With the permission of the Body, the Secretary General will read only the title of the resolution without prejudice to inserting in the Record the text thereof.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Resolution No. 58, entitled: RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEMISE OF THE HONORABLE ESTEBAN S. MADRONA, FORMER REPRESENTATIVE, LONE DISTRICT OF ROMBLON, AND FATHER OF HONORABLE ELEANDRO JESUS F. MADRONA, FORMER REPRESENTATIVE DURING THE NINTH, TENTH AND ELEVENTH CONGRESSES.

The following is the text of the resolution:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 58

Introduced by Rep. Jose De Venecia and Rep. Roque R. Ablan Jr.

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEMISE OF THE HONORABLE ESTEBAN S. MADRONA, FORMER REPRESENTATIVE, LONE DISTRICT OF ROMBLON, AND FATHER OF HONORABLE ELEANDRO JESUS F. MADRONA, FORMER REPRESENTATIVE DURING THE NINTH, TENTH AND ELEVENTH CONGRESSES

WHEREAS, the Honorable Esteban S. Madrona, former Member of the House of Representatives, 7th Congress (1969-1972), passed away last July 26, 2004;

WHEREAS, Honorable Madrona was an accomplished civil engineer and a seasoned politician;

WHEREAS, he was a lieutenant USAFFE who actively participated in various programs that enhanced the loyalty, patriotism and dedication of the Filipino soldiers, for which he was awarded the Visayas-Mindanao Campaign ribbon;

WHEREAS, the Honorable Madrona first entered the political arena in 1952 when he was elected municipal councilor of the Municipality of Badajos, now known as Municipality of San Agustin, and served until 1955; he joined the civil service as associate civil engineer in the Romblon Highway Engineering District, from 1954 to 1962, and was promoted to Assistant Provincial Engineer on December 16, 1968; he ran in 1969 as Congressman in the Lone District of Romblon and won;

WHEREAS, the Honorable Madrona as a municipal councilor and then as a Member of the House or Representatives worked for the passage of measures which sought to address the major problems of the people of Romblon such as agriculture, peace and order, education, infrastructure, irrigation facilities and other basic services;

WHEREAS, in his stint as Member of the 7th Congress, he worked for the enactment of Republic Act 6275, establishing an artificial insemination station in the Municipality of Magdiwang, Island of Sibuyan, Romblon and Republic Act 6220, changing the name of Lumbang Elementary School in Cajidiocan, Romblon to Damaso Ramilo Memorial Elementary School;

WHEREAS, he worked for the enactment of House Bill No. 1069, Further amending Section Six of Republic Act 9017, Providing Funds for Salaries and Wages of Supervisory and Administrative Staff of Highway Engineering Districts, which on August 9, 1971 the then President Ferdinand Marcos certified for immediate passage. However, it was overshadowed by the imposition of Martial Law;

WHEREAS, a good family man, the Honorable Madrona inculcated in his children virtues of hard work, self-discipline, courage, love of God and country, and he likewise supported endeavors of his son, Honorable Eleandro Jesus Madrona, three-term representative of the Lone District of Romblon to be of service to the people of his district and the country;

WHEREAS, his lifetime work, advocacy and initiatives inspired his constituents and colleagues to work harder, thus leaving a legacy of devoted service to the nation;

WHEREAS, Honorable Madrona was a public servant par excellence worthy of emulation by all those who aim to serve our people;

WHEREAS, the passing away of this well-loved and respected man is a great loss not only to his family, relatives and friends, but also to the people of the Lone District of Romblon as well as the Filipino nation: Now therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, To express, as it hereby expresses, its profound condolence on the demise of the Honorable Esteban S. Madrona, former Representative of the Lone District of Romblon, and father of Honorable Eleandro Jesus F. Madrona, former Representative during the Ninth, Tenth, and Eleventh Congresses.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished the family of the deceased.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Espinosa, E.R.). The Majority Leader is recognized.

ADOPTION OF H.RES. NO. 58

REP. NOGRALES. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adopt House Resolution No. 58.

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

House Resolution No. 58 is adopted.

REP. NOGRALES. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the Honorable Antonio V. Cuenco would have delivered a privilege speech but he was not able to. I move that his privilege speech be inserted in the Record of the House.

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

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. CUENCO

Mr. Speaker, today I rise before this august Body to defend our country's honor. For never have we been discredited and ridiculed as seriously as we have been in the past week. The 17 days of terror saw Angelo de la Cruz's life hang on the balance.

After Angelo won a new lease on life, through a resolute action by our President, our nation and people have been repeatedly maligned by the local and international media, maligned even by our allies in the international community. In one American television talk show, Mr. Speaker, we have been called: "wimps, weaklings, cowards." They rashly downgraded our heroic decision to secure his freedom as "capitulation to terrorists, an act of cowardice, endangering the lives of others, a shameful retreat."

A Filipino abroad delivered the most stinging blow when he wrote in the *Washington Post*, and I quote:

Add the flag of the Philippines to the International Hall of Appeasers.
Sign this pitiful nation up for a lifetime membership to the Axis of Weasels.
And remind me never again to brag about the proud fighting spirit of my

ancestors. I never thought that I would say this, but I am deeply, mortifyingly ashamed of my parents' native land. . . The Battling Bastards of Bataan have given way to the Mollycoddling Milksops of Manila.

This condemnation from a kababayan, one of our own, has exacerbated our pain.

So, I stand Mr. Speaker, in defense of the honor of our nation.

I say to these critics that the pullout of our humanitarian contingent from Iraq is a moral and patriotic act; it was justified by the need to secure the life of Angelo dela Cruz, and beyond that, in a much larger context, protect the lives of millions of Filipinos working in the Middle East. This decision put premium value on life.

Our allies must understand that long before they launched the war on terror, we have long fought terror on our soil. We understand the nature of terror better than most of them. We have lived with this terror for years—we do not need a lecture from our friends on how to deal with terror and its aftermath.

Still, we affirm our solidarity with the international coalition fighting the terrorists in that region of the world. In so affirming, they should see the other side of our presence in the Middle East: millions of Filipino contract workers, skilled engineers, nurses, doctors, technicians and mechanics.

As our Labor Secretary Delia Albert said, labor migration has become a phenomenon in the Philippines, that out of every 10 Filipinos, one is a migrant somewhere in the world. The protection of their lives and their families is as much a priority of our government as the protection of lives on the home front. We cannot allow a situation to persist where their lives are constantly at risk and then stand idly by. That would be downright immoral, an abdication of this government's moral duty to extend protection to its people.

We have made great sacrifices for the sake of peace and for the sake of justice. This situation has not changed simply because we brought one Filipino home alive!

We believe in sacrificing for a cause, but that cause must be unquestionably just.

That the Philippines did join the ranks of the Coalition of the Willing when all other nations were hesitant to follow suit speaks well of this commitment. This is not cowardice; this is human solidarity with the peoples in the world fighting for the cause of peace.

We joined the US and its allies, as one columnist puts it, "at the risk of condemnation from the United Nations, the Pope and every other decent person." Sending a 51-man humanitarian contingent was a strong symbol of support for the coalition, lending to it a certain degree of international legitimacy.

But there is now an admission by the US and UK intelligence that there was a flawed assessment on the presence of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, which was the primary reason they launched a military strike on Baghdad. Now that the entire premise of the coalition's presence in Iraq has been seriously undermined, are we not allowed to re-examine the need for our presence there? Is it not our sovereign right to determine whether the war in Iraq justifies risking our people's lives?

The pullout was not cowardice. It was a courageous act that risked the displeasure of a valued ally.

Now we can re-assess whether we can still morally justify our presence in Iraq in the face of mounting evidence that the US itself has been misled.

It is undeniable that our commitment should be to the national interest first. The President, no doubt, considered this in making her decision. The administration needed to balance between its commitment to the international community and the need to look after the welfare of its people.

That is a highly patriotic decision.

We have been accused by the US Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld, that our pullout compromised the safety of other nationals. Let me point out that the Iraqi militants have been taking and killing hostages long before this crisis involving Angelo de la Cruz. This is not only childish and ridiculous. The brunt of the blame is on the US and the UK. It is their rash action, based on misleading intelligence, that gave rise to the insurgency in Iraq and the action of Muslim militants elsewhere. This is hatred caused by the US and the UK, not by us.

But let me also emphasize, Mr. Speaker, that the Philippines' and the United States' close relations should not be destroyed because of one unfortunate incident. We differed with the US on this single incident. It should not put the breaks on the long-standing relationship of cooperation and friendship between our two sovereign nations.

We must rise beyond this incident.

Rather than demeaning the honor of our nation, our critics should be asking themselves whether they could take comfort in the fact that their governments would risk all to save their lives, or would sacrifice a human being in the name of a cause that is, after all, flawed and not entirely justified.

Mr. Speaker, honorable colleagues, let me declare once again that the decision to pull out our troops in Iraq, painful as it was, was made in the spirit of nationalism and patriotism. It was a morally justified and courageous decision and we all should stand by it.

Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. NOGRALES. There being no other matter and business to be taken today, I move that we adjourn the session until four o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

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

The session is adjourned until four o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

It was 6:56 p.m.

