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CALL TO ORDER

At 4:00 p.m., Speaker Jose De Venecia called the session to order.

THE SPEAKER. It is four o'clock. 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.

THE SPEAKER. Everybody will please remain standing for the Invocation to be delivered by the Representative from Palawan, Congressman Baham Mitra.

Everybody remained standing for the Invocation.

INVOCATION

REP. MITRA. Lord God, Almighty, before You are the elected servants of this Chamber for the Fourteenth Congress. We are those who sought for Your intervention in the preceding elections to be allowed to serve our respective constituencies for the next three years;

We praise and thank You, Lord, God, for this opportunity to serve as Representatives of our people, for the responsibilities that our people have entrusted us. But most of all, we praise and thank You for the assurance that You shall be our guiding light to hurdle the tremendous task in building our nation;

Lord, our Father, allow us to welcome the new and the returning Members of this august Body. May the paths of our labors and those that had come before us serve as blueprint of their fate as legislators;

Lord, we pray for wisdom as we serve our people. Guide us to formulate laws that will serve and protect the Filipino family. Let the wisdom of preserving life lay rest in our hearts as the President had explicitly implied in her State of the Nation Address (SONA) yesterday that we, as leaders, must always profess to celebrate life. For this, dear God, let us be one in asking for wisdom to protect and preserve life from the womb of a mother until we lay them to their tomb;

Guard each one of us from ungodly compromises, fear

and confusion. Give us vision and courage as we ponder decisions affecting peace, freedom, particularly the future of this country;

Make us more deeply aware of our heritage, realizing not only our obligation but also our duties and responsibilities as elected leaders;

Direct us as we go back to our stock and examine our role as legislators: For us to look forward towards the future and steer our nation to progress and development;

Most of all, Lord, God, let us be instruments of our people towards the fulfillment of their dreams.

Amen.

THE SPEAKER. The Acting Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we call the roll.

ROLL CALL

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL, *reading:*

Abante	Present*
Abaya	Present
Ablan	Present
Agbayani	Present
Aggabao	Present
Agyao	Present*
Akbar	Present
Albano	Present*
Alcala	Present*
Alfelor	Present
Almario	Present
Alvarez, Antonio C.	Present
Alvarez, Genaro Jr. M.	Present
Amante	Present
Amatong	Present
Angara	Present
Angping	Present*
Antonino	
Antonino-Custodio	Present
Apostol	Present
Aquino	Present
Arago	Present

* Appeared before/after the roll call

Arbison	Present	Dilangalen	Present
Arenas	Present	Dimaporo	
Arnaiz	Present*	Dominguez	Present
Arroyo, Diosdado		Domogan	Present
Macapagal		Duavit	Present
Arroyo, Ignacio "Iggy" T.	Present	Dueñas	Present
Asilo	Present	Dumarpa	Present
Bagatsing	Present	Dumpit	Present
Balindong	Present	Durano	Present
Barzaga	Present	Dy	Present*
Bautista	Present*	Ecleo	Present
Beltran	Present	Emano	Present
Biazon	Present	Enverga	Present
Bichara	Present*	Ermita-Buhain	Present
Binay	Present*	Escudero	Present
Biron	Present	Estrella, Conrado III M.	Present*
Bondoc	Present*	Estrella, Robert	
Bonoan-David	Present*	Raymund M.	Present
Bravo	Present	Fabian	Present
Briones	Present	Fernandez	Present
Bulut		Ferrer	Present
Cabilao	Present	Fua	Present
Cagas	Present	Fuentebella	Present
Cajayon	Present*	Garay	Present
Cajes	Present	Garcia, Albert S.	Present
Cari	Present	Garcia, Pablo P.	Present
Casiño	Present	Garcia, Pablo John P.	Present
Castelo-Daza	Present*	Garcia, Vincent J.	Present
Castro		Garin	Present*
Cayetano	Present	Gatchalian	Present
Celeste	Present	Gatlabayan	Present
Cerilles	Present	Go	Present
Chatto	Present	Golez	Present
Chavez	Present	Gonzales, Aurelio	
Chiongbian	Present	"Dong" Jr. D.	Present*
Chipeco	Present	Gonzales, Neptali II M.	Present*
Chong	Present	Gonzalez	Present*
Chungalao	Present	Guingona	Present
Clarete	Present*	Gullas	Present
Climaco	Present	Gunigundo	Present*
Codilla		Hofer	Present
Cojuangco	Present*	Hontiveros-Baraquel	Present
Coquilla	Present	Ilagan	Present
Coscolluela	Present	Jaafar	Present
Crisologo	Present	Jala	Present
Cua, Guillermo P.	Present*	Jalosjos.	Present
Cua, Junie E.	Present*	Jalosjos-Carreon	Present
Cuenco	Present*	Javier	Present
Dangwa	Present	Jikiri	Present*
Datumanong	Present	Joson	Present
Dayanghirang	Present*	Kho	Present*
Daza	Present	Labadlabad	
De Guzman	Present	Lacson	Present
De Venecia	Present	Lagbas	Present
Defensor, Arthur Sr. D.	Present	Lagdameo	Present
Defensor, Matias Jr. V.	Present	Lagman	Present
Del Mar	Present	Lapus	Present
Del Rosario	Present	Lazatin	Present
Diasnes	Present	Ledesma	
Diaz		Lim	Present

* Appeared before/after the roll call

Limkaichong	Present	Silverio	Present*
Locsin	Present	Singson, Eric D.	Present
Lopez	Present*	Singson, Ronald V.	Present
Macapagal Arroyo	Present*	Solis	Present
Madrona	Present	Soon-Ruiz	Present
Magsaysay	Present*	Suarez	Present
Malapitan	Present	Susano	Present
Mamba	Present*	Sy-Alvarado	Present
Mandanas	Present	Syjuco	Present*
Mangudadatu	Present	Taliño-Mendoza	Present*
Marañon	Present	Tan	Present*
Marcos	Present	Tañada	Present
Matugas	Present	Teodoro	Present
Maza	Present	Teves	Present
Mendoza	Present	Tieng	Present*
Mercado	Present	Tupas	Present
Miraflores	Present*	Umali, Alfonso Jr. V.	Present
Mitra	Present	Umali, Czarina D.	Present
Nava	Present	Ungab	Present
Nicolas	Present	Uy, Edwin C.	Present*
Nograles	Present	Uy, Reynaldo S.	Present
Ocampo	Present	Uy, Rolando "Klax" A.	Present
Olaño	Present	Valdez	Present
Ong	Present	Valencia	Present
Ortega	Present*	Vargas	Present
Pablo	Present	Velarde	Present
Padilla	Present	Villafuerte	Present
Pancho	Present	Villanueva	
Pancrudo	Present	Villar	Present
Piamonte	Present	Villarosa	Present
Pichay	Present	Vinzons-Chato	Present
Pingoy	Present	Violago	Present
Piñol	Present	Yap	Present
Plaza		Yu	Present
Ponce-Enrile	Present	Zamora, Manuel	
Prieto-Teodoro	Present	"Way Kurat" E.	Present
Puentevella	Present*	Zamora, Ronaldo B.	Present
Puno	Present	Zialcita	Present
Ramiro	Present	Zubiri	Present*
Remulla	Present*		
Reyes, Carmencita O.	Present*		
Reyes, Victoria			
Hernandez.	Present		
Robes	Present		
Rodriguez	Present		
Rodriguez-Zaldarriaga	Present		
Roman	Present		
Romarate	Present		
Romualdez	Present		
Romualdo			
Romulo	Present		
Roxas	Present*		
Salimbangon	Present*		
Salvacion	Present		
San Luis	Present		
Sandoval	Present		
Santiago, Joseph A.	Present		
Santiago, Narciso III D.	Present		
Seachon-Lanete	Present		
Seares-Luna	Present		

The House is in receipt of the official advice of absence of the following Members: Representatives Antonino, Arroyo (D.), Bulut, Codilla, Diaz, Dimaporo, Labadlabad, Ledesma, Romualdo and Villanueva.

Representatives Castro and Plaza are on official mission within the country.

The Speaker is present.

The results show that 178 Members responded to the call.

THE SPEAKER. With 178 Members present, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

Congratulations to the House!

REP. TUPAS. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. For what reason does the Gentleman from Iloilo, Congressman Tupas, rise?

REP. TUPAS. Just a parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Gentleman may please proceed.

* Appeared before/after the roll call

REP. TUPAS. Mr. Speaker, item no. 2 on the Order of Business is the approval of the Journal of the previous session. May we have a copy of the Journal of yesterday's session before we approve said Journal.

THE SPEAKER. It is now being printed, Mr. Speaker. It will be distributed a little bit later. Thank you.

REP. TUPAS. All right, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Acting Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we defer the approval of the Journal of the previous session.

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

I wish to inform the House that pursuant to tradition and in keeping with the practice of other parliaments, the majority coalition of the House of Representatives met, have consulted each other, and is happy to announce that it has unanimously chosen Congressman Arturo Defensor as the Majority Leader of the House. (*Applause*)

REP. ZAMORA (R.). Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. Before I recognize the Minority Leader, the Chair would like to complete its statement that the former Majority Leaders, Congressmen Nograles of Davao City and Neptali Gonzales, both having been brilliant floor leaders of the House, graciously withdrew nominations in their favor from the majority coalition and instead withdrew in favor of Congressman Arturo Defensor. Therefore, Congressman Defensor was also elected unanimously by the members of the majority coalition. (*Applause*)

Similarly, the Chair would like to congratulate another brilliant Member of the House, who yesterday the opposition, the minority, chose as the Minority Leader, Congressman Ronaldo Zamora. (*Applause*)

We congratulate you on your election, Congressman Zamora.

REP. ZAMORA (R.). Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The new Minority Leader is now recognized.

REP. ZAMORA (R.). Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this is a minor point but one that I am afraid I must question immediately. I noticed that even in yesterday's roll call my name was called ahead of my distinguished colleague from Compostela Valley, Congressman Manuel Zamora.

I have always believed that M preceded R. But I am a little surprised, because this is the second day. Is there a mistake or is there none? May I ask for a decision from the Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Secretary General shall direct this error forthwith.

REP. ZAMORA (R.). Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). Mr. Speaker, this is a minor detail. May I please make some correction—probably this is out of exuberance of the Speaker of the House of Representatives—my name is not Arturo. It is Arthur.

THE SPEAKER. Sir Arthur. I stand corrected.

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we elect the following Members ...

REP. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. Congressman Solis is recognized.

REP. SOLIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

My inquiry is major, not minor. I would just like to know from the record how I voted yesterday.

THE SPEAKER. We understand from the Secretary General that the Gentleman's vote was not recorded.

REP. SOLIS. Thank you.

THE SPEAKER. Perhaps it was not cast.

REP. SOLIS. Thank you.

THE SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the Gentleman. The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we elect the following Members of the House of Representatives as Deputy Speakers of the House: Reps. Raul V. Del Mar, Eric D. Singson, Simeon A. Datumanong and Arnulfo P. Fuentebella.

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

REP. ANTONINO-CUSTODIO. Mr. Speaker, may I seek a clarification?

THE SPEAKER. The Lady will please proceed.

REP. ANTONINO-CUSTODIO. We elected four Deputy Speakers right now. In the last Congress, we had a Deputy Speaker for Central Luzon, did we not? So, I would like to clarify if there are geographical assignments for our Deputy Speakers.

THE SPEAKER. The election of the Deputy Speakers reflects the political balance in the House, instead ...

REP. BALINDONG. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. ... of the tradition ...

REP. BALINDONG. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. ... adopted since last year. For what reason does Congressman Balindong rise?

REP. BALINDONG. In yesterday's records of session, it appears that the names of the three of us who voted for Speaker Jose De Venecia, instead of making it appear that we voted in his favor, have not been listed as such. I want to ask this question: Is this the prize for loyalty or is the Secretariat just ineffective? So, instead of raising a question ...

THE SPEAKER. Would the Gentleman state who are these three Gentlemen whose votes were printed erroneously?

REP. BALINDONG. Two Gentlemen came and had the same complaint, Mr. Speaker. Instead of raising a question of personal privilege, I am asking the Chair just to make the corrections in the records.

THE SPEAKER. The Gentleman cast his vote for whom?

REP. BALINDONG. For the sitting Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. And who are the other two Gentlemen whose votes....

REP. BALINDONG. I am not familiar with the names of my colleagues.

REP. LAGBAS. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. Congressman Lagbas and Congressman Amatong.

REP. LAGBAS. Mr. Speaker, Congressman Amatong and I.

THE SPEAKER. Yes.

REP. BALINDONG. Congressman Amatong and my other colleague here, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGBAS. My name, Mr. Speaker, was not also included as one of those who voted for Speaker De Venecia.

THE SPEAKER. I think it is going to be corrected now with the imminent approval of the Journal.

REP. LAGBAS. Yes, we demand that it should be corrected, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. Yes, the Secretary General apologizes to the distinguished Gentlemen for the errors.

REP. BALINDONG. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. Thank you.

REP. BALINDONG. I prefer it that way, instead of raising a question of personal privilege because that will affect the integrity of this Representation.

REP. CAJES. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. Congressman Cajes of Bohol is recognized.

REP. CAJES. Just a clarificatory question. I inquired from the Office of the Secretary General how I voted yesterday for the Speaker. It was not recorded with them that I voted for Speaker De Venecia. I remember it was just a roll call. Nobody asked us whether we vote for Speaker De Venecia or for somebody else. And I want that to be corrected, Mr. Speaker. All the while I signed the manifestation together with Congressman Jala, that I intend to vote for Speaker De Venecia.

THE SPEAKER. In the Gentleman's case, the Chair has just been informed by the distinguished Secretary General that no vote was ascribed to him. Does he wish that to be corrected, Mr. Speaker?

REP. CAJES. Yes, Mr. Speaker, together with Congressman Jala's vote, the three of us from Bohol.

THE SPEAKER. And the Gentleman is voting for whom, Mr. Speaker?

REP. CAJES. For Speaker De Venecia, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. For Congressman Cajes and Congressman Jala.

REP. CAJES. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. Congressman Jala's vote was recorded, but the Gentleman's vote was not recorded. It shall be corrected.

REP. CAJES. A while ago, I was informed by Mary Ann that the two of us, Congressman Jala and this Representation, were not recorded for your nomination, that is why I want that to be corrected, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. Congressman Bagatsing of Manila is recognized.

REP. BAGATSING. Mr. Speaker, I learned earlier that the Journal is not yet ready. I was wondering how come some of our Members of the House already know how they voted. So, this Representation would also like also to know how his vote was recorded in yesterday's proceedings.

REP. LOCSIN. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. There is an inquiry from Congressman Bagatsing of Manila. How was his vote cast or recorded yesterday? The Secretary General will please reply.

According to him, the Gentleman abstained, Mr. Speaker.

REP. BAGATSING. I would like it to be on record, Mr. Speaker. I wish that an asterisk (*), meaning, "did not participate," be put beside my name rather than abstain.

REP. LOCSIN. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. It shall be so corrected.

REP. LOCSIN. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. Congressman Jaafar of Tawi-Tawi is recognized.

REP. JAAFAR. Just for clarification, Mr. Speaker. I would like to be enlightened if I heard it right that there were four Deputy Speakers nominated. When I was a Deputy Speaker, I think there were only three. Is it correct to say that one will represent Luzon, one for the Visayas, one for Mindanao and one for imperial Manila?

THE SPEAKER. There is no representation from imperial Manila, Mr. Speaker.

REP. JAAFAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LOCSIN. Mr. Speaker

THE SPEAKER. The distinguished Congressman Locsin from Makati City is recognized.

REP. LOCSIN. My clarification is, I would like to know how we can record votes in an uncontested election. I understand that the Chair was elected unanimously. So, how do we reckon votes when there was no challenger? The challenge has never been posted since no one would nominate the other side.

THE SPEAKER. The Chair is inclined to agree, technically, with the Congressman from Makati City. However, since there are inquiries on how the votes were recorded yesterday, we were constrained to, in effect, just show the inclinations as expressed yesterday. Because if there was no election for the simple reason that there was no challenge from the other side, then effectively, the Gentleman is correct that technically these votes would not be—to all intents and purposes, although this statement would benefit me and therefore, I am not inclined to use it—in effect unanimous.

REP. LOCSIN. Mr. Speaker, there were two unanimous elections yesterday: one was the Chair as Speaker of the House, and the other was Ronny Zamora as Minority Leader. In fact, it is impossible now to determine who voted for whom since it was unanimous on both ends.

REP. GOLEZ. Mr. Speaker.

REP. VILLAFUERTE. Mr. Speaker.

REP. FUENTEBELLA. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. Congressman Fuentebella will be first recognized to be followed by Congressman Villafuerte.

REP. TUPAS. Mr. Speaker.

REP. GOLEZ. Mr. Speaker.

REP. FUENTEBELLA. I just want to make a clarification on the points raised.

THE SPEAKER. The distinguished Gentleman from Camarines Sur, former Congressman Fuentebella, is recognized.

REP. FUENTEBELLA. I am the Congressman right now, Mr. Speaker. I am not a former Congressman.

THE SPEAKER. I stand corrected, former Speaker and Congressman.

REP. FUENTEBELLA. I just like to clarify and make a legal point on the issue raised by the Gentleman from Makati City. Even if there was no challenger to the one who was nominated, his votes would have to be counted because of the constitutional mandate that a Speaker will have to be elected by a majority of all the Members of the House. So, whether the nominee is challenged or not, we still have to make the count.

THE SPEAKER. The clarification of the distinguished Gentleman from Camarines Sur is welcome. Congressman Villafuerte is now recognized.

REP. VILLAFUERTE. For the first time, Mr. Speaker, I would like to concur with the observation of my colleague from Camarines Sur. There was a roll call vote yesterday, and as already manifested by the others, they were inquiring how their votes were registered or recorded and many manifested that they either abstained or did not participate. So there can be no unanimity under those circumstances.

So, let it be of record, Mr. Speaker, that it is our position that notwithstanding the fact that there was no other nomination other than the Chair, still in all, the votes must be recorded. And I would suggest that by tomorrow, I think the actual recorded votes should be distributed, so that if there are further corrections that may be made, it can be done tomorrow. But in the meantime, it is on record that there was an announcement as to how many votes the Speaker-elect as of yesterday obtained, and that indicates exactly that the roll call vote reflected somehow those who voted for the Speaker-elect. Otherwise, the announcement will be in grave error, precisely because the votes of many of those who purportedly voted or did not vote are not yet clear.

So, if I may reiterate my suggestion, perhaps by tomorrow let us distribute the recorded votes in whatever manner the Members voted, whether for, against or whether they abstained or did not participate.

REP. GOLEZ. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. I believe that is a good suggestion, Mr. Speaker.

REP. GOLEZ. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. Congressman Golez of Parañaque City is recognized.

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

Mr. Speaker, I stand to manifest also that I concur with the observation of the honorable Deputy Speakers

Fuentebella and Villafuerte. It is theoretically possible that there would be 50 percent plus one abstention or non-participation, and if that happened, there will be no election of Speaker. The mandate of the Constitution is very clear that the Speaker will have to get 50 percent plus one votes of all the Members of the House of Representatives.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LOCSIN. Mr. Speaker.

REP. TUPAS. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. As has been announced, Congressman Locsin is recognized.

REP. LOCSIN. Just to follow up on that.

Then I think we should clarify this because it is not at all clear. Anything that is said now by the honorable Gentleman from Camarines Sur or anybody else, in fact, is after the fact. What, in fact, happened yesterday—you had the election of the Speaker, we had a motion that was unanimously approved, I believe, for the appointment of the Minority Leader. Usually, the Minority Leader in the House is the loser in a contest with the winning candidate for Speaker. But there was no contest because, in fact, there was no challenge. There was an amendment to the Rules, but everybody kept disputing that there were rules, in the first place. In fact, I was wondering about that—why points of order were raised which were supposed to be based on a violation of rules which everybody said did not exist.

So, I think we should clarify this along with the election of the Secretary General because, as Congressman Escudero pointed out before, we just cannot leave these things in limbo anymore. Something might happen again down the road. So let us clarify it, but let us not invent events that did not happen yesterday.

REP. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Gentleman is absolutely correct. Congressman Solis is recognized.

REP. SOLIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

It was mentioned by the honorable Congressman Locsin that there are no nominees. When Acting Majority Leader Art Defensor closed the nomination, I objected to it. And while I had an objection because there were other nominees for that matter, I was not recognized.

So, I wonder how we proceed with our parliamentary procedures here. That even if I shouted three times, I was never recognized and the voting continued. In a split second, one Congressman, Boyet Gonzales, shouted “my motion to elect the Speaker” even if it was not yet the time for that purpose. And the acting Majority Leader shouted, “I close the nomination.” The other one talked about election while the Majority Leader talked about closing the nomination.

I would like to look into this, Mr. Speaker, and correct whatever defects we had in yesterday’s election because it casts doubt actually on the election proper.

I was about to nominate Congressman Pablo Garcia of Cebu, but I was not even permitted and the election had already been started.

I would like it to be on record, Mr. Speaker, because we do not like that to happen again in other elections in this House.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The distinguished Congressman Zialcita has raised his hand.

REP. ZIALCITA. Mr. Speaker, I think what we are discussing here is pretty moot and academic. The record shows that 159 voted the Chair as Speaker and today, we have five or six of our colleagues saying that they voted for him as well but this was not recorded. So, we are really talking about more than 165 people that have complete trust and confidence in Speaker De Venecia. Therefore, we should not even discuss the idea that the elections yesterday were faulty or something was wrong with the procedures.

The fact of the matter is, more than majority of us believe in the Chair, Mr. Speaker, and that he is the duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives.

On the other hand, nothing would stop anyone in the Fourteenth Congress to move to declare all the seats open if there is substantial loss of confidence which we do not expect, Mr. Speaker.

For the record, I am saying that to emphasize that the elections yesterday were carried in most order, perhaps not as peaceful as we would wanted it to be, but the point is, the Chair is the duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives by a large majority and so be it, Mr. Speaker.

Thank you very much.

REP. LOPEZ. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. Congressman Jaime Lopez is recognized.

REP. LOPEZ. As a rejoinder and a follow up to the statement made by the Gentleman from Parañaque City, I would like to manifest that I voted for the Speaker and there should be no doubt about that.

I am sure that many of our colleagues here are sure that their votes were properly recorded. To those who are not certain as to how their votes were recorded, I would like to suggest, Mr. Speaker, that to simplify the matter, they should approach the Secretary General and inquire whether their votes were properly recorded and if they were not, the Secretary General will make the necessary corrections.

REP. ANGARA. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. Congressman Angara is recognized.

REP. ANGARA. Mr. Speaker, I understand my vote was not properly recorded. I voted for the Presiding Officer. I just want to make it clear because I might not get any committee assignments. *(Laughter)*

THE SPEAKER. The Presiding Officer yesterday was the Secretary General.

REP. ANGARA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like my vote to be recorded.

THE SPEAKER. No, excuse me, the Presiding Officer yesterday was the Secretary General.

REP. ANGARA. Well, I voted for the Chair, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. All right, I thank the Gentleman.

REP. ANGARA. Thank you.

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. VILLAFUERTE. Mr. Speaker, one final observation.

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). Mr. Speaker, just to avoid and obviate any further discussion on the matter under consideration, may I be permitted to suggest that we wait for the Journal. And then if the Journal does not accurately reflect the vote of a Member, then appropriate and immediate correction of his vote shall be made. So probably by tomorrow, the Secretariat might be ready with the Journal of yesterday's session. Then we will look at it, and if there is any inaccuracy or mistake, then we can make the necessary corrections.

REP. TUPAS. Mr. Speaker.

REP. VILLAFUERTE. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. Congressman Tupas is recognized, to be followed by Congressman Villafuerte.

REP. TUPAS. Mr. Speaker, we just elected four Deputy Speakers today. I just wonder, under what Rules are we operating right now? Have we already adopted the Rules of the Thirteenth Congress?

THE SPEAKER. The distinguished Gentleman from Iloilo is reminded that the Rules of the Thirteenth Congress was adopted provisionally yesterday, as amended.

REP. TUPAS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. Congressman Villafuerte is recognized.

REP. VILLAFUERTE. Mr. Speaker, I just want to put on record, in connection with the discussion on what vote was recorded yesterday, that when the roll call was made on the opening of the session, 232 Congressmen and Congresswomen were recorded as responding to the roll call, 232, if I may repeat. Now, if it is suggested, although that may be erroneous, that the Speaker obtained 155 votes, then there is a difference of 77 votes, that either voted against, abstained or did not participate.

REP. DATUMANONG. Mr. Speaker.

REP. LOCSIN. Mr. Speaker, I was first.

REP. GOLEZ. Mr. Speaker.

REP. LOCSIN. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. I wish to point out that the members from the minority, which has a substantial number in the House, perforce have to abstain because they are electing their own Minority Leader. Just for the record.

REP. GOLEZ. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. Congressman Lagman is recognized, to be followed by Congressman Datumanong.

REP. GOLEZ. Mr. Speaker, I was ahead.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I read in several national newspapers that the distinguished Gentleman from Cebu, the Honorable Pablo Garcia Sr., stated that he desisted from pursuing his candidacy for Speaker and requested his allies not to nominate him. Can we ask his allies who are present today to confirm or deny such statement attributed to them?

REP. DATUMANONG. Mr. Speaker.

REP. GARCIA (P.). Mr. Speaker, I object.

REP. LAGMAN. Because if there is no confirmation or denial, then we will believe that such a statement is correct.

REP. LOCSIN. Mr. Speaker.

REP. GARCIA (P.). Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. In the order of those who stood, we are inclined to recognize Congressman Garcia but there is a prior signal from Congressman Datumanong who will be followed now by Congressman Pablo Garcia.

Congressman Datumanong is recognized.

REP. DATUMANONG. Mr. Speaker.

REP. GARCIA (P.). I rise on a matter of personal privilege at this time, Mr. Speaker, because my name has been mentioned, and it is the subject matter of the manifestation of Congressman Lagman. And I would not

THE SPEAKER. With the permission of Congressman Datumanong, the Chair is now inclined to recognize the distinguished Gentleman from Cebu.

REP. DATUMANONG. Mr. Speaker, willingly, I yield to the distinguished Gentleman from Cebu.

THE SPEAKER. And the distinguished Gentleman from Cebu, under the Rules, has 10 minutes.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE OF REP. GARCIA (P.)

REP. GARCIA (P.). Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to deny here and now what appears in the newspapers today. I think those of us who were present here

during the deliberation on the previous questions raised can attest to the fact that when there was a nomination for the office of Speaker, before that, Mr. Speaker, there was a motion to elect the Speaker, supposedly of the highest constitutional privilege, a motion to elect Congressman Jose De Venecia Jr. as Speaker of the House. However, after this, nothing was said about the motion although the movant was recognized by the Presiding Officer, even while others who were waving their hands and wanting to be recognized, were not recognized. At any rate, Mr. Speaker, after the nomination of the Speaker, it was followed immediately by a motion to close the nomination even while Congressman Jose Solis from Sorsogon was asking to be recognized. And immediately after the motion to close the nomination, the voting started. Several names were already called; the voting had started so it could not be interrupted. So, when Rep. Villafuerte asked, "Shall we nominate?" I said, "Huwag na lang." So, it is not true also as reported that Secretary Gabriel Claudio came to ask me to withdraw. I did not meet him yesterday. I spotted him somewhere there, but I did not approach him, neither did he approach me.

Nobody asked me to withdraw. I would have really wanted to run but we wanted first to present an interim rule for the purpose of electing a Speaker and then, somehow, we never got to present that motion. And so, we were electing a Speaker without any rule at all because in the Order of Business yesterday, the approval of the Rules came later. In fact, wonder of wonders, before that item in the Order of Business was even considered, the rules that were supposed to be approved were already amended.

This is the situation, Mr. Speaker, and I would like to speak more about this later. But I would just want to deny that this Representation did not want to run in the election for Speaker. That is not true. Only, we were not given a chance to enter the contest. That is the truth, Mr. Speaker. It is true that while the voting was going on already, Congressman Villafuerte, whose microphone was shut off, came to me and asked, "Pabling, what now? Shall we nominate?" "No more, the voting has started already," and I did not want to be subjected to further embarrassment and humiliation. That is the plain and simple truth, Mr. Speaker.

REP. DATUMANONG. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Chair just wishes to point out that the opposition had several hours, from ten o'clock in the morning until we adjourned at three o'clock in the afternoon, to raise these points, but at any rate, we now recognize the distinguished Gentleman from Maguindanao, Congressman Datumanong.

REP. DATUMANONG. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am happy to hear that the honorable and distinguished Gentleman from Cebu is with us in hoping that there will be no further discussion about yesterday's election. The thing is that the Speaker received the vote of more than one-half of the Members of the House of Representatives which elected him to the position of Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, with respect to those who did not participate and to those who abstained, they were not considered to have voted at all. And, therefore, whatever votes cast, whether for the Speaker or for another person—

but since there was only one candidate for Speaker, then there was only the Speaker to vote for—those were the only votes to be counted or reckoned with, not including those who abstained and those who did not participate.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LOCSIN. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The distinguished Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. LOCSIN. Mr. Speaker.

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. Congressman Lagman is recognized, to be followed by Congressman Locsin.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I think we should make this clear for the record. The distinguished Majority Leader, when he was the acting Floor Leader yesterday, made a very categorical clarification—that he moved for the closure of the nomination and seconding of the honorable Speaker as a candidate for Speaker. In other words, after he made that clarification, the plenary was still open to other nominations. There were none, Mr. Speaker. Ample opportunity was given to anyone to nominate. The record would show that no one rose to nominate any other candidate.

And the newspapers today documented what I have said, quoting the honorable Gentleman from Camarines Sur, my colleague, Congressman Villafuerte, as having been told by the distinguished Gentleman from Cebu that he was desisting from running for Speaker and was asking his allies not to nominate him anymore.

REP. LOCSIN. Mr. Speaker.

REP. VILLAFUERTE. Mr. Speaker, just to clarify the point.

THE SPEAKER. Congressman Locsin is recognized.

REP. VILLAFUERTE. My name was mentioned, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LOCSIN. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. Congressman Locsin is recognized, to be followed by Congressman Villafuerte.

REP. LOCSIN. Mr. Speaker, it is only the wish of this humble Representation that since it was announced yesterday that the proceedings were recorded, that the Journal reflect exactly what happened, to the extent it is possible, to ascertain it from the taped recordings. We do not depend on the newspapers which are only evidence of what is printed, which is basically ink on paper. And newspapers are never evidence of what actually transpired.

The only evidence is the recordings. I suggest that that be done and that votes not be changed, otherwise, this will become like the regular Philippine elections where votes are changed even after election day. It is very clear that the

Speaker got more than 50 percent. Fine. But those who wish to change their votes may do so in their hearts, but not in the Journal of the House. Please, just let it reflect what happened.

And if the Journal records a chaotic effect, if it records a chaotic effect, that is fine, because we can learn from that, the first lesson being the immediate election of the Secretary-General, as Congressman Escudero has insisted and the adoption of the Rules, as Congressman Tupas has said. So, let us do that and let us be very clear about it so this will not be raised again in the next Congress.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. GOLEZ. Mr. Speaker.

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. Congressman Villafuerte is recognized first, then the Majority Leader.

REP. GOLEZ. Mr. Speaker.

REP. VILLAFUERTE. My colleague from Camarines Sur, Mr. Speaker, said that the motion of the acting Floor Leader yesterday was to close the nomination but only insofar as one candidate is concerned. There is no such parliamentary procedure. When there is a contest, the nomination by one side cannot be closed. That is sole nomination. The other side must be allowed to nominate. Any closure of nomination is effectively an attempt, as what happened, to bar the nomination of other candidates.

REP. GOLEZ. Mr. Speaker.

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). Mr. Speaker.

REP. GOLEZ. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The distinguished Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). The subject matter in question has more than sufficiently been discussed and that it is the wish of the distinguished Gentleman from Cebu that we put an end to the discussion and deliberations on this particular question.

But before we proceed to another matter, may I just correct the impression that the motion that I presented was intended to close the nomination. The motion presented was to close the nomination insofar as the nomination of the Honorable Jose De Venecia for Speaker was concerned. That was done because I know for a fact that before the nomination was made there were three, not only one, who wanted to make the nomination, and that there were also three who wanted to second the nomination. So, because we were running out of time and in one hour's time the President would be arriving to deliver her SONA and we would be receiving her, I acceded to the request and proposal that we do away with additional nominations. That is why I presented that motion to close the nomination for the Honorable Jose De Venecia. We would just like to make this clarification for the record.

REP. GOLEZ. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Chair would like to correct the statement of the Majority Leader that he closed not the nominations but the seconding of the nominations because he wanted to save on time.

REP. DEFENSOR (M.). Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The distinguished Congressman Mat Defensor is recognized, and next to him is Congressman Golez.

REP. GOLEZ. Mr. Speaker, I was ahead.

REP. DEFENSOR (M.). Mr. Speaker, that is the manifestation which I would like to make and the Chair has already clarified the matter.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. Congressman Golez is recognized.

REP. GOLEZ. Mr. Speaker, earlier, there were several Members of the House who wanted their votes corrected. Now, may I know the correct procedure in a matter like this? Because right now, it is of no import. But if the votes, for example, were tight, let us say it was 125 against 124 and then Members would be rising the following day to correct their votes, we would have a very messy situation here. I do not think we should tolerate something like this. The vote yesterday should have been final, unless otherwise shown by the record, as suggested by our colleague from Makati City. I do not think it is healthy to allow any Member to stand here and have his vote corrected or altered, Mr. Speaker. So, I would like to know the procedure.

THE SPEAKER. The Chair takes note of the Gentleman's observation.

REP. GOLEZ. No, Mr. Speaker, I am asking—what is the correct procedure?

THE SPEAKER. The correct procedure is to wait for the Journal of the House. It shall be forthcoming and there we will see the actual events as they transpired yesterday.

REP. GOLEZ. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The distinguished Lady from Camarines Norte, Congresswoman Vinzons-Chato, is recognized.

REP. VINZONS-CHATO. Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of order and point of clarification. When was the Rules of the Thirteenth Congress adopted? Was it before or after the amendment that was made by the opposition? That is my point of order. And my point of clarification is: When there was that motion to elect Congressman Zamora as the Minority Leader, how was the minority determined? Because we were not asked if we were a majority or minority member and I do not remember being asked if I was voting for the minority.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Majority Leader will respond.

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). This Representation or the majority for that matter is not in a position to discuss or react to a decision of the minority. The election of the Minority Leader is a matter of concern only of the minority and the majority cannot, in any way, intervene or participate in the election. I was made to understand that that was the decision and it was shown by the reaction of those who are identified with the minority that they practically voted overwhelmingly, if not unanimously, for the distinguished Gentleman from San Juan, the Honorable Ronaldo Zamora.

REP. VINZONS-CHATO. Mr. Speaker, I just want to be clarified because my understanding was that the one who will become the Minority Leader under the Rules in the Thirteenth Congress would be anyone who would get the second highest vote in a contest for speakership. But I would have wanted to be considered a minority but I do not remember being asked if I was voting for it.

So, I was really taken aback in terms of how the Minority Leader was determined because in following the procedures in the House, I did not hear any motion for the adoption of the Rules of the Thirteenth Congress at that time, even before an amendment was made by the Gentleman from Cagayan de Oro.

THE SPEAKER. I understand Congresswoman Darlene Antonino-Custodio would make a statement.

REP. ANTONINO-CUSTODIO. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Lady is recognized, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ANTONINO-CUSTODIO. Mr. Speaker, prior to the elections here in the House, the opposition had conducted several meetings outside the House to organize ourselves, similar to the manner the members of the majority had organized themselves.

The good Lady from Camarines Norte is of course very welcome to join the minority. We have been talking to both the Speaker and Congressman Garcia to establish ourselves as the minority of the House as we believe that the opposition of the House should hold this bloc in this position.

Mr. Speaker, during the said caucuses, majority of the members of the opposition unanimously agreed to nominate and elect Congressman Ronny Zamora as the Minority Leader and representative of the opposition in the House.

Mr. Speaker, sa ngayon, ang bilang po ng kasapi sa minority na kasama at kaalyado ni Congressman Zamora ay nasa 25. Anyone else who has spoken to other members of the majority during the organizational squabbles is very welcome to join our ranks.

REP. VINZONS-CHATO. That is not the point, Mr. Speaker. I just raised that issue. I am not even objecting to the election of the honorable Gentleman from San Juan. I was just talking about how the procedure was followed in terms of the determination of who would be the minority.

And I just feel that there was some shortcut somewhere because we were told that we would have to register first as a minority member after the election of the Speaker. And

that would be the time when we would have the choice or the election of the Minority Leader.

It was really quite a surprise that we would have first a Minority Leader before we could even elect a Speaker. And I think it has to be explained why the procedure was inverted or reversed.

REP. ANTONINO-CUSTODIO. All be it, Mr. Speaker, the way it was done was reversed. However, I believe that every Congress can make its own rules provided that it is governed by the Members.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday, Congressman Rufus Rodriguez made a motion to adopt a certain rule of procedure in choosing the Minority Leader. And this was unanimously adopted by the House as there were no objections by the House Members. This is what governed our choosing and nominating Congressman Ronny Zamora as the Minority Leader. And after Speaker Joe De Venecia was elected, it was again adopted just like when we adopted the Rules of the Thirteenth Congress.

I hope that satisfies the Congresswoman or the Representative from Camarines Norte as I believe that, indeed, she will be part of us and an ally of the minority.

REP. VINZONS-CHATO. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. Congresswoman Vinzons-Chato is recognized.

REP. VINZONS-CHATO. Yes, I just want it on record that I find it odd that you would have an election of a Minority Leader before there can even be a unanimous vote by the majority for the speakership. So, how do we determine the minority and the majority? I do not have anything against joining the minority or how it was done. All I am saying is, I find it odd and I think that has to be clarified. And I think it is really a point of order for this Congress to now say: Is it alright to elect first the minor officials before we go to the voting of Speaker of the House?

THE SPEAKER. All right. I think we have discussed this subject extensively. The Chair takes note of the observations of these two brilliant women leaders of the House.

REP. BARZAGA. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The distinguished Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). Mr. Speaker, considering that there was no objection in the election of the Deputy Speakers

THE SPEAKER. With the permission of the distinguished Majority Leader, we recognize the distinguished Gentleman from Cavite, the lawyer-accountant, Congressman Barzaga.

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

For more than one hour, we have been discussing events which transpired yesterday. As a matter of fact, there are

different versions coming from the honorable Members of this House. Memories of men are sometimes or most of the time erroneous. Therefore, I think the most practical approach to end all these discussions is to wait for the Journal so that everybody could see what is actually reflected in the Journal of the proceedings held yesterday.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. We welcome the statement of Congressman Barzaga.

The distinguished Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). Mr. Speaker, considering that there was no objection to the election of the following Members as Deputy Speakers of the House: Reps. Raul V. Del Mar, Eric D. Singson, Simeon A. Datumanong and Arnulfo P. Fuentesbella, I move for the suspension of session to enable the distinguished Deputy Speakers-elect to take their oath before the distinguished Speaker.

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

The distinguished Deputy Speakers are invited to the rostrum to take their oath. (*Applause*)

May we ask the distinguished Members of the House to rise to witness the oath-taking of the four Deputy Speakers.

At this juncture, Reps. Raul V. Del Mar, Eric D. Singson, Simeon A. Datumanong and Arnulfo P. Fuentesbella ascended the rostrum and took their oaths of office as Deputy Speakers before the Honorable Jose De Venecia.

OATH-TAKING

THE SPEAKER. For your oath, please repeat after me and raise your hand.

I, Raul V. Del Mar/Eric D. Singson/Simeon A. Datumanong/Arnulfo P. Fuentesbella of the First District of Cebu City/Second District of Ilocos Sur/Lone District of Maguindanao/Third District of Camarines Sur, 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; and 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*)

The distinguished Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). Mr. Speaker, before we proceed further, may we acknowledge the presence in the gallery of the following guests: The Reform CARP Movement, supporters of House Bill No. 1257, guests of the Party-List Akbayan.

THE SPEAKER. Welcome to the House and congratulations to the guests of the Party-List Akbayan. (*Applause*)

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). May we welcome the Serve Ireland Volunteers: Messrs. Patrick Hayes, Niall O'leary, Martin Walsh and James O'Loughlin, guests of Philippine Legislation Action Committee for Children.

THE SPEAKER. Welcome to the House. We are happy to receive you. (*Applause*)

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). Mr. Speaker, I move for the election of the Honorable Prospero C. Nograles as head of the House contingent to the Commission on Appointments.

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

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). Mr. Speaker, I move for the election of the Honorable Neptali Gonzales as senior member of the Committee on Rules and Sr. Dep. Majority Leader.

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

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we elect the Honorable Roberto P. Nazareno as the Secretary General of the House of Representatives.

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

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). I move that we elect the Honorable Retired General Bayani Fabic as Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives.

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

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). Mr. Speaker, I move that the honorable Secretary General and the Sergeant-at-Arms be permitted to ascend the rostrum for them to take their oath before the honorable Speaker of the House.

THE SPEAKER. The Secretary General of the House and the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House duly elected are invited to the rostrum to take their respective oaths before the Members of the House whom they are destined to serve.

Please rise for the oath-taking of our new Secretary General and new Sergeant-at-Arms.

At this juncture, the Honorable Roberto P. Nazareno and the Honorable Bayani N. Fabic ascended the rostrum and took their oaths of office as Secretary General and Sergeant-At-Arms, respectively, before the honorable Speaker Jose De Venecia Jr.

OATH-TAKING

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

I, Roberto P. Nazareno/Bayani N. Fabric, having been elected to the position of Secretary General/Sergeant-at-Arms, 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; and 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. DILANGALEN. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. Congressman Dilangalen is recognized.

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

Yesterday, we had a very lengthy and exhaustive debate regarding the authority of the honorable Secretary General Roberto Nazareno.

First of all, I would like to congratulate him on his election as Secretary General and the honorable General Bayani Fabric as Sergeant-at-Arms. My only advice to the two is, just in case Secretary General Roberto Nazareno will be confronted with a situation like yesterday's, he will not just rule in favor of the majority but rather in favor of the rule of law.

I appeal because yesterday, the Chair made a ruling that I should be thrown out of the plenary hall and almost instantly, the Sergeant-at-Arms, General Fabric, got the mace and approached this Representation only to be hindered by the honorable Members of the House.

It turned out, Mr. Speaker, that the ruling of the acting Presiding Officer yesterday was without basis in fact and in law. It is a clear fact that declared this Representation out of order and as a matter of fact, he even invoked without stating it cloture so that I should be thrown out of the plenary hall.

I hope that will not happen again. After all, it turned out that this Representation was right from the very start.

I also hope that the Sergeant-at-Arms will not act mechanically. That was a purely mechanical act. This is a place where intellectual misfits are not allowed.

I hope, Mr. Speaker, that when the two will be confronted with a similar situation, they will be very careful.

Yesterday was the second time this Representation was attempted to be thrown out of the plenary hall. I hope this will not happen again. We are here to maintain and preserve the rule of law. I hope my position is very clear.

And by the way, Mr. Speaker, personally, I would like to congratulate Speaker Jose De Venecia for his election as Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. *(Applause)*

THE SPEAKER. The Chair thanks Congressman Dilangalen.

REP. PUENTEVELLA. Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER. Congressman Monico Puentevella is recognized.

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

With all due respect to my good friend from the District of Shariff Kabunsuan with Cotabato City—I hope I pronounced it well and right so that I will not also be corrected by the good Gentleman—while I partially agree with him, I think I would like to go home tonight getting something out of my chest.

Yesterday was the very first session day of the Fourteenth Congress and I was hoping that I would come here knowing that we will have a better and more sober Congress, a Congress that would be enough for everyone in this country to call as honorable. I was very disappointed, whether I was on the right side or on the wrong side, it did not matter anymore. I just felt that there was enough circus going around, in the opening ceremony and in the first few hours, that I have to appeal now to my friends in this august hall to be more honorable and to be more dignified in our actuation. It seems that whether my friend is right or wrong, I will probably agree with him but there were instances when four or five or six microphones were being used at the same time.

I seldom talk, Mr. Speaker, but I would like to hope that in the next three years,...

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

REP. PUENTEVELLA. ...we will have a decent....

REP. DILANGALEN. Point of order.

REP. PUENTEVELLA. I still have the floor.

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

REP. PUENTEVELLA. The Gentleman did the same thing yesterday.

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). Mr. Speaker, I move for a suspension of the session.

REP. PUENTEVELLA. When somebody was on the floor, the Gentleman was also coming in. Now, again, he....

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). Mr. Speaker, I move for a one-minute suspension of the session.

THE SPEAKER. With the permission of the distinguished Gentlemen, the session is suspended for a few minutes.

It was 5:29 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:38 p.m., the session was resumed with Deputy Speaker Arnulfo P. Fuentesbello presiding.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Fuentesbello). The session is resumed.

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Fuentesbello). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. PUENTEVELLA. Mr. Speaker.

REP. AMANTE. Mr. Speaker, please.

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). I move that we recognize the distinguished Gentleman from Bacolod City so he can finish his statement.

REP. PUENTEVELLA. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Fuentesbello). The distinguished Gentleman from Bacolod City is recognized.

REP. PUENTEVELLA. Maraming salamat po, Mr. Speaker. I would like to just end my observation with the hope that in the next three years, we will act with more decorum, with malice towards none. I treat everybody here the same way with honor, and I have treated everyone here for the last six years as my friend. I would just like to appeal on the floor for a reminder that I hope in the next three years, we will act as honorables, as how people call us outside the august hall.

Maraming salamat po, Mr. Speaker.

REP. AMANTE. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Fuentesbello). The Chair joins the Gentleman from Bacolod City in his crusade on this matter.

REP. DILANGALEN. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Fuentesbello). The Gentleman from Shariff Kabunsuan with Cotabato City is recognized.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Fuentesbello). What is the pleasure of the Gentleman?

REP. DILANGALEN. First of all, I would like to rise on a matter of personal and collective privilege.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Fuentesbello). Will the Gentleman state the matter of his collective and personal privilege?

REP. DILANGALEN. My name was mentioned by the

Representative from Bacolod City as having acted dishonorably and unparliamentarily yesterday. So, this affects my integrity and will affect my performance here in the House of Representatives.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Fuentesbello). The Gentleman will please proceed. He has 10 minutes.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE OF REP. DILANGALEN

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

Yesterday's proceedings were very lively. The debate was very lively, it took us over four hours and 30 minutes. And if the debate was so unruly, I am surprised, Mr. Speaker, why the Gentleman from Bacolod City is complaining only today. Why not yesterday? That was the appropriate time. And he is advising this Representation to act favorably. And he addressed this Representation in my first name.

Mr. Speaker, when a Member of Congress, as in this case, addresses another Member in his first name and not in the third person, that violates parliamentary procedure. That is out of order because that becomes *ad personam* or a matter of personality.

So, I hope that when somebody stands before the honorable Members of Congress, he must know first what he is talking about and he must know the Rules of the House and the rules of parliamentary procedure. If the Members can not stand the heat of the debate, they are free to get out. If they want to participate, there are six microphones here. The only problem was, the Gentleman from Bacolod City was listening but he never participated. I do not know why he did not interrupt me.

I hope that the Gentleman from Bacolod City will not engage in personalities because it is out of order. That is *ad personam*. And because he engaged in personalities, Mr. Speaker, and because he should be declared out of order, I move that whatever statement he made as *ad personam* or personality be stricken off the Record.

Thank you very much.

REP. PUENTEVELLA. Mr. Speaker.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Fuentesbello). The Chair declares a suspension of session.

It was 5:42 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:46 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Fuentesbello). The session is resumed.

REP. AMANTE. Mr. Speaker, please.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Fuentebella). The Gentleman from Shariff Kabunsuan with Cotabato City would like to finish with his motion, so let us dispose of this action first.

REP. DILANGALEN. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Just for the benefit of students of parliamentary procedure, I would like to withdraw my motion that the statement of the Gentleman from Bacolod City be stricken off the Record, it being out of order. It is really out of order but let it stay on the Record so that future Members of Congress will be guided accordingly and next time, they will not attempt to engage in personalities or *ad personam*. I hope that this will serve also as a lesson to the Gentleman from Bacolod City.

Thank you very much.

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

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. PADILLA. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Fuentebella). What is the pleasure of the Gentleman from Nueva Vizcaya?

REP. PADILLA. May I just be allowed to make a manifestation similar to that of the Gentleman from Shariff Kabunsuan with Cotabato City, not insofar as his reply to the Gentleman from Bacolod City, but in connection with the election of the Secretary General, Mr. Speaker?

I wish to put on record, Mr. Speaker, that I would not have stood anymore if it were simply the integrity of this humble Representation which is at stake. But I believe I have to stand because two of the rulings made by the acting Presiding Officer yesterday were not properly pointed out to be erroneous—although of course it is already moot and academic—but at least for future debates, Mr. Speaker, it would be a bad precedent.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recall that yesterday when I filed a motion to adjourn, there was a suspension of session. When the session was resumed, I was not immediately recognized but at any rate, because of my insistence, I was ultimately recognized and the Chair remembered my motion to adjourn. There was a voting, truly we lost in the voting. But, Mr. Speaker, immediately after the voting, I submitted a motion to call for a nominal voting. Unfortunately, my motion was ruled out. I believe that the decision of the Chair has no basis in procedure, parliamentary or otherwise, and in fact nominal voting is enshrined in our Constitution. How can the Speaker, whether acting or regular, rule out a motion for a nominal voting when no less than paragraph 4, Section 16, Article VI of the Constitution so gives that privilege if not prerogative, to any group in the House, Mr. Speaker, particularly the minority?

What the acting Speaker should have done is for him to submit it for the consideration of the Body to find out whether the provision of the Constitution is duly complied with. And what is that? That at least one-fifth of the entire membership should support that motion calling for a nominal voting.

But unfortunately, I consider that a bad precedent not for Carlos Padilla but for the House, especially to the members of the minority. It was immediately ruled out.

Mr. Speaker, what the Speaker should have done was to ask for a voting, whether at least one-fifth would have supported my motion. At any rate, because I was ruled out immediately, I appealed the decision of the Chair. Again, I was ruled out. The next thing for a Member of the House to do, if ruled out, is either to sit down if he does not want to appeal or to submit an appeal in order that he will be in order. That is precisely what I did. Again, I was ruled out upon the insistence of the acting Majority Leader.

Mr. Speaker, this is already moot and academic. What has been done can no longer be undone. But the reason I am standing today is that I want to put on record that this should not be a precedent, even if he was the acting Speaker.

I am afraid that any ruling here, be it made by an acting Speaker or acting Presiding Officer, would form part of our procedure, Mr. Speaker. It is on this note that I took the floor today.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REP. AMANTE. Mr. Speaker, please.

REP. KHO. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Fuentebella). The Chair would like to state that with respect to the manifestation made by the Gentleman from Nueva Vizcaya, his statements are properly recorded and that in due time, they will form part and be considered a precedent of this House.

REP. KHO. Mr. Speaker.

REP. ABANTE. Mr. Speaker, please, this side.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Fuentebella). The Gentleman from Manila is recognized, after whom the Gentleman from Masbate.

REP. ABANTE. I also would like to make a manifestation, Mr. Speaker, if I may be allowed.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Fuentebella). The Chair has earlier recognized the Gentleman from Manila with the indulgence of the Gentleman from Agusan del Norte.

REP. AMANTE. We can keep quiet only for a little while. This is speaking for the crowd here.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Fuentebella). The Gentleman from Manila is recognized. He has the floor.

REP. ABANTE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was the one who raised the point of order, Mr. Speaker, when the Gentleman from Shariff Kabunsuan with Cotabato City was speaking. And I was not even favored by the Presiding Officer, although I knew I was right in raising the point of order. In fact, I was even thinking that the Presiding Officer was favoring the Gentleman from Shariff Kabunsuan with Cotabato City. I am standing because I am not a lawyer. I do

not claim to be brilliant but I would think that among 236 Congressmen in this Chamber, nobody has the monopoly of “know it all,” telling us that we do not know the Rules of the House.

I think that we ought to be given a chance to even speak. Kahapon po, Mr. Speaker, parang filibustering na ang nangyari, ano po, kaya ako ay tumayo to remind the Gentleman that there are 236 Congressmen in the House.

He mentioned when he was speaking that he was right after all. He also said yesterday, Mr. Speaker, that he was right. I do not know why he said that because the motion that he raised on the floor was defeated overwhelmingly by the House. So, I do not think that he was right.

I have learned in this Chamber na kapag pala binabanggit mo ang opinyon mo at kapag hindi ka sinagot ng sinuman, tama na. Palagay ko ay hindi naman siguro tama iyon, Mr. Speaker. Iyon lamang. Gusto ko lamang sabihin iyan. We are all civilized men here at palagay ko naman, being honorable, we ought to be given equal and proper respect, Mr. Speaker.

Thank you very much.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Fuentebella). Very well. The statements of the Gentleman are duly recorded and noted.

REP. HONTIVEROS-BARAQUEL. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Fuentebella). The Chair earlier agreed to the recognition of the Gentleman from Agusan del Norte.

REP. KHO. Mr. Speaker, what about my reservation?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Fuentebella). For what reason does the Gentleman from Agusan del Norte rise?

REP. AMANTE. I ask that the Lady would yield, please. I have been standing here and I am already 74. I might fall already.

REP. KHO. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Fuentebella). That is why the Gentleman is recognized now.

REP. AMANTE. This is a point of information.

I am pleading that, if possible, to avoid this animosity, we are not going to call ourselves the “House of Representatives” but the “Home of Representatives” so that we can be the core of building a greater love for this nation, because a home is where love abides. And our Speaker is *idem sonans* to divinity—divine. J-D-V: J for just, D for devotion, and V is venture to victory. So, why should we quarrel? The Gentleman from Shariff Kabunsuan with Cotabato City may be a little bit raising his voice but his love can be raised when our name will be changed to “Home of Representatives.”

Mr. Speaker, I would like to see that Mindanao grow. And I am pleading because my time is not so much. I am now

living in the twilight of my life but there is still the light and I would like this light to so shine in order that I will even see a President one day whose heart is also for Mindanao. While the president of this heart is, there is so much disagreement and discontinuity among us. We clash here but believe me, we have been elected by our people because we are deemed to pursue the best there is.

I am pleading at this point of information and I hope that if we can build this nation out of a great love, prepared to suffer so that others will not suffer anymore, to sacrifice so that we will no longer make others sacrifice.

Mr. Speaker, I am very happy to be here. I come from a humble barrio, now representing Agusan del Norte. And believe me, all of us will be very proud to go home if our country will be as beautiful as the Lady who will speak after me.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (*Applause*)

REP. KHO. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Fuentebella). Thank you.

REP. KHO. For the fourth time the Chair failed to recognize me. What is wrong, Mr. Speaker?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Fuentebella). The Gentleman from Masbate is recognized now.

REP. HONTIVEROS-BARAQUEL. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Fuentebella). After the Gentleman from Masbate, the Lady will be recognized by the Chair.

REP. KHO. A point of inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Fuentebella). The Gentleman may please proceed.

REP. KHO. From my observations on yesterday’s election of the Speaker and with the continuing discussion up to date, Mr. Speaker, just a very short inquiry: Can we still change the result of the Speaker’s election? If we cannot, we better shut up and instead proceed with the Order of Business.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Fuentebella). The Chair would like to respond to that query.

The Gentleman has a point but the House is a deliberative Body and the Chair should allow every Member who seeks recognition to speak out and say his piece of mind, provided it is within the parliamentary procedure and the Rules of the House.

The Lady from the party list, the Honorable Hontiveros-Baraquel, is recognized.

REP. HONTIVEROS-BARAQUEL. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am from Akbayan Party.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Fuentebella). The Lady is from Akbayan Party.

REP. HONTIVEROS-BARAQUEL. The kind words of the Gentleman from Agusan del Norte notwithstanding, and while I join my colleagues in the minority, I am congratulating the four Deputy Speakers as well as the Secretary General and the Sergeant-at-Arms who were just elected and who took their oaths of office before the Speaker.

I wish to point out, however, and with all due respect, Mr. Speaker, to those who took their oaths that for the second time in four years, suddenly it rankled that the House leadership saw it fit to swear into office all men for officers of the House of Representatives.

I wish to point out, Mr. Speaker, in this day and age when various bills on gender equity in government service have been filed including those of Akbayan, in this Fourteenth Congress, we women constitute 54 of the membership of the House and truly there are many capable sisters that I have in the majority who could serve as Deputy Speakers as well. In this day and age that there are many senior, highly capable, long-standing members of the House Secretariat, I simply wish to put a strong, though gentle, reminder to the House leadership that women are here as well inside the House of Representatives aside from outside in the general population.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Fuentebella). The point of the Lady is well taken. The Chair would like to bring this to the attention of the Majority Leader so that at some future time, I think the lady Members of this Chamber will be given a chance to participate in whatever capacity they may qualify.

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Fuentebella). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). In view of the lateness of the hour, I move that we proceed to the Reference of Business.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Fuentebella) 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 and Resolutions on First Reading, and Communications, and the Deputy Speaker made the corresponding references:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 1, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR CHEAPER MEDICINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Biron and Lacson
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 2, 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 AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 3, entitled:

“AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES AS THE PREMIER STATE UNIVERSITY”

By Representative Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING A NATIONAL POLICY ON TOURISM AS THE PRIMARY ENGINE OF INVESTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, GROWTH AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND STRENGTHENING THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

House Bill No. 5, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE CAMARINES SUR STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PILI, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CENTRAL BICOL STATE UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

House Bill No. 6, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING PRESCHOOL AND PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN FEEDING PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

House Bill No. 7, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING CONSUMER PROTECTION IN THE PURCHASE OF BRAND-NEW MOTOR VEHICLES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Zamora (M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 8, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING COMPULSORY COMPUTER EDUCATION IN ELEMENTARY

AND HIGH SCHOOL LEVELS THROUGH THE INCLUSION OF APPROPRIATE COMPUTER SUBJECTS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Teodoro
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 9, entitled:

"AN ACT EXEMPTING SENIOR CITIZENS FROM THE PAYMENT OF VALUE-ADDED TAX, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED SEVENTY-FOUR HUNDRED AND THIRTY-TWO, AS AMENDED"

By Representative Antonino-Custodio
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 10, entitled:

"AN ACT REQUIRING CERTIFICATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (DSWD) TO DECLARE A 'CHILD LEGALLY AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION' AS A PREREQUISITE FOR ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT OF 1998, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8043, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE INTER-COUNTRY ADOPTION CODE, PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 603, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CHILD AND YOUTH WELFARE CODE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Lacson
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 11, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES EXTENSION CAMPUS IN THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, BULACAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

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

House Bill No. 12, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PHILIPPINES (EMP) AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Duavit
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION, THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 13, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OVERSEAS FILIPINO BANK AND FOR

OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Lopez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 14, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONE OF THE ENTIRE PROVINCE OF CEBU, INCLUDING CAMOTES AND BANTAYAN ISLANDS CREATING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE CEBU ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONE AUTHORITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Gullas
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. 15, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1464, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Tañada
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 16, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING TWO 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

House Bill No. 17, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NATIONAL POLICY ON REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH, RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD AND POPULATION DEVELOPMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Lagman
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 18, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ROUTINE HEPATITIS B IMMUNIZATION OF ALL INFANTS AT BIRTH"

By Representative Abaya
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 19, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH

OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF DUMALAG, AND FOUR BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITIES OF TAPAZ, SAPIAN, CUARTERO AND SIGMA OF THE PROVINCE OF CAPIZ, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 (G) AND SECTION 30 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980,' AS AMENDED, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Castro
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 20, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED 5173, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT CREATING A PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD, PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES BY ESTABLISHING A SEPARATE AND DISTINCT PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD SERVICE ATTACHED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Golez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 21, entitled:

"AN ACT INSTITUTING REFORMS IN LAND ADMINISTRATION"

By Representative Zialcita
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 22, 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. 23, entitled:

"AN ACT TO QUALIFY INCUMBENT TEACHERS IN THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO WHO HAVE SERVED FOR FIVE YEARS IN THE TEACHING PROFESSION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 26 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7836 AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9293, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE TEACHERS PROFESSIONALIZATION ACT OF 1994"

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

House Bill No. 24, entitled:

"AN ACT TO EXEMPT FROM THE INCOME REQUIREMENT CAPITAL TOWNS OF THE PROVINCES SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 450 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9009, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Hofer
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 25, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE SYNCHRONIZED ELECTIONS IN 2010, EXTENDING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991"

By Representative Gonzales (N.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 26, entitled:

"AN ACT PENALIZING PERSONS DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL AND/OR DANGEROUS DRUGS"

By Representative Puentevella
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 27, entitled:

"AN ACT MANDATING EACH BUSINESS ENTITY, CORPORATION, FIRM, RETAIL OUTLET, ESTABLISHMENT AND ENTERPRISE IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO SHARE TEN PER CENT (10%) OF ITS ANNUAL NET PROFITS TO ITS RESPECTIVE EMPLOYEES AND WORKERS OVER AND ABOVE WHAT THEY RECEIVE AS WAGES AND OTHER BENEFITS PURSUANT TO EXISTING LAWS, ESTABLISHING THE MECHANISM AND PROPER STANDARDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Domogan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 28, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SOUTHERN PALAWAN SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREEPORT, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE SOUTHERN PALAWAN SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREEPORT AUTHORITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Mitra
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. 29, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY AGAY-AYAN, MUNICIPALITY OF TINAMBAC, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR TO BE KNOWN AS THE AGAY-AYAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Fuentesbella

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

House Bill No. 30, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR FILIPINO GIFTED CHILDREN, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Lacson

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND WELFARE OF SPECIAL PERSONS

House Bill No. 31, 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 Lacson

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND WELFARE OF SPECIAL PERSONS

House Bill No. 32, 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 PURPOSES”

By Representative Lacson

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM AND THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 33, 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 AND THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 34, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING ALL AGRICULTURAL LANDS WITH NOT LESS THAN TEN PERCENT (10%) AND NOT MORE THAN THIRTY PERCENT (30%) PLANTED TO TREES FROM THE COVERAGE OF RA 6657, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM LAW, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Lacson

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM

House Bill No. 35, 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 AND THE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM

House Bill No. 36, 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. 37, 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 AND FOOD AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 38, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 7722,

ENTITLED 'AN ACT CREATING THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,' STRENGTHENING THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED), AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Lacson
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 39, 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

House Bill No. 40, entitled:

"AN ACT REORGANIZING THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY INTO THE NATIONAL FOOD CORPORATION, REDEFINING ITS POWERS, AND CREATING THE FOOD DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATORY ADMINISTRATION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Lacson
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 41, 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. 42, 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. 43, 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. 44, 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. 45, 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. 46, entitled:

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By Representative Lacson
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House Bill No. 47, entitled:

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By Representative Lacson
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House Bill No. 48, entitled:

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NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

By Representative Lacson

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By Representative Biazon

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By Representative Biazon

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ORDER NO. 209 AS AMENDED BY
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PHILIPPINES, MAKING IT MANDATORY FOR
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By Representative Biazon

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By Representative Biazon

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By Representative Biazon

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SAFETY

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By Representative Biazon

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SOLD, ALIENATED OR OTHERWISE
ENCUMBERED FOR DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES,
BE SEGREGATED FOR SOCIALIZED HOUSING
PROJECTS”

By Representative Biazon

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AND THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND
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DEFENSE AND SECURITY OF THE REPUBLIC
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By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE
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House Bill No. 60, entitled:

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By Representative Biazon

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TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

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By Representative Biazon
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House Bill No. 63, entitled:

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By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 64, entitled:

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By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 65, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION IN THE HIRING OF EMPLOYEES OR WORKERS IN GENERAL WITH REGARD TO THEIR AGE AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FROM WHICH THEY EARNED THEIR DEGREES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 66, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED EIGHTY-FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-TWO, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL MUSEUM ACT”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 67, entitled:

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

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 68, 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. 69, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING CIVIL SERVICE ELIGIBILITY TO CONTRACTUAL AND COTERMINOUS GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE RENDERED A TOTAL OF FIVE (5) YEARS OF EFFICIENT SERVICE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 70, 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 TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 71, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FILING OF CERTIFICATES OF CANDIDACY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SEC. 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. 72, 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. 73, 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 FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 74, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL MUSEUM LEGISLATIVE ENDOWMENT FUND”

By Representative Biazon

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

House Bill No. 75, entitled:

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

By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 76, entitled:

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

By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 77, 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 TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 78, 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 ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 79, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209
AS AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.
227, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAMILY
CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, THEREBY
LIMITING MARRIAGE TO NATURAL BORN
MALES AND NATURAL BORN FEMALES”

By Representative Biazon

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House Bill No. 80, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A TWO-LEVEL NATIONAL
POLICE, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE
SECTION TWENTY-FIVE (25) OF REPUBLIC
ACT NUMBERED SIXTY NINE HUNDRED
AND SEVENTY FIVE (R.A. 6975), OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE ‘ACT ESTABLISHING THE
PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE UNDER A
REORGANIZED DEPARTMENT OF THE
INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES’ ”

By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND
SAFETY

House Bill No. 81, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR GOVERNMENT
REGULATION AND SELF-REGULATION WITHIN
THE COOPERATIVE SECTOR OF
COOPERATIVES ENGAGED IN FINANCIAL
SERVICES, AND DEFINING THE
RESPONSIBILITIES, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS
OF COOPERATIVES AND COOPERATIVE
FEDERATIONS ENGAGED IN SAVINGS, CREDIT
AND OTHER FINANCIAL SERVICES, AMENDING
THEREFOR REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED 6938,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE COOPERATIVE
CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND REPUBLIC
ACT NUMBERED 6939, CREATING THE
COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY”

By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVES
DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 82, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COLLEGE
EDUCATION TRUST FUND FOR CHILDREN
OF GSIS AND SSS MEMBERS”

By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
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House Bill No. 83, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT THROUGH
VETERANS BONDS OF ARREARS IN THE
VETERANS PENSIONS MANDATED BY REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 7696, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS
AND WELFARE

House Bill No. 84, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE INSTALLATION AND
MAINTENANCE OF CHECKPOINTS”

By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND
SAFETY

House Bill No. 85, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE POSITION OF MUSLIM
AFFAIRS OFFICER IN ALL CITIES AND
MUNICIPALITIES WHERE SIGNIFICANT
NUMBERS OF MUSLIM FILIPINOS RESIDE,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC
ACT NUMBERED SEVENTY-ONE HUNDRED
SIXTY, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT
AND THE COMMITTEE ON MUSLIM AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 86, entitled:

“AN ACT TO GOVERN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY
AND HEALTH IN THE CONSTRUCTION
INDUSTRY”

By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 87, 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 REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 88, entitled:

“AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF BOOK FOUR OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBERED 442 AS AMENDED OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 89, entitled:

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

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 90, 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 APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 91, 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 THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 92, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION OF PRE-PAID SIM CARD USERS AND MOBILE PHONE UNITS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 93, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE HOUSING AND

EMERGENCY SHELTER ACT OF 2007, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Lim
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 94, entitled:

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

By Representative Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 95, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8545, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘EXPANDED GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS AND TEACHERS IN PRIVATE EDUCATION ACT’ PROVIDING FOR AN EXPANDED VOUCHER OR COUPON SYSTEM IN SECONDARY AND TERTIARY EDUCATION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 96, 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 APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 97, entitled:

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

By Representative Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 98, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION OF THE NATIONAL CULTURAL HERITAGE, STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR CULTURE AND THE ARTS (NCCA), AND ITS AFFILIATED CULTURAL AGENCIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 99, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE SHEIKH KARIMUL

MAKHDUM MOSQUE, CONSIDERED AS THE FIRST AND OLDEST MUSLIM HOUSE OF PRAYER OR MOSQUE IN THE PHILIPPINES, 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. 100, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF THE WORDS ‘MUSLIMS’ AND ‘CHRISTIAN’ IN MASS MEDIA TO DESCRIBE ANY PERSON SUSPECTED OF OR CONVICTED FOR HAVING COMMITTED CRIMINAL OR UNLAWFUL ACTS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON MUSLIM AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 101, 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. 102, 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. 103, 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

House Bill No. 104, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY STO. NIÑO, CITY OF MARIKINA TO BE KNOWN AS STO. NIÑO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

House Bill No. 105, 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. 106, 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. 107, 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. 108, 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. 109, entitled:

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

By Representative Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 110, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING GOVERNMENT
HOSPITALS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH (DOH) TO RETAIN AND UTILIZE ALL
THEIR INCOME AND INTEREST DERIVED
FROM DEPOSITS, FOR MAINTENANCE AND
OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES, CAPITAL
OUTLAYS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 111, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PRE-
SCHOOL EDUCATION, INCREASING THE
MONTHLY COMPENSATION OF DAY CARE
WORKERS 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 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 R.A. NO. 7160, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 113, 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
STRENGTHENING 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. 114, entitled:

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

By Representative Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 115, 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 Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 116, 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 GOVERNMENT
ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 117, 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. 118, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CREDIT
INFORMATION SYSTEM AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND
FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 119, entitled:

“AN ACT ADOPTING A SALARY SCHEDULE FOR
THE MEMBERS OF THE BENCH AND OTHER
LAWYERS IN THE JUDICIARY, PROVIDING
FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 120, 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 8424, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE TAX REFORM ACT OF 1997”

By Representative Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 121, 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 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 127, entitled:

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By Representative Angara

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By Representative Angara

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By Representative Angara

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By Representative Angara

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By Representative Angara

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By Representative Angara

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“AN ACT GRANTING EXEMPTION TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS FROM THE COVERAGE OF REPUBLIC ACT 6758, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SALARY STANDARDIZATION LAW AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Angara

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House Bill No. 131, entitled:

“AN ACT TO STANDARDIZE AND ENHANCE THE PRACTICE OF AGROFORESTRY IN THE COUNTRY, CREATING THE BOARD OF AGROFORESTRY UNDER THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATIONS COMMISSION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara

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House Bill No. 126, entitled:

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“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REHABILITATION OR LIQUIDATION OF FINANCIALLY DISTRESSED ENTERPRISES”

By Representative Angara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

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By Representative Angara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 134, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ACCELERATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF IDLE AND UNDERUTILIZED AGRICULTURAL LANDS AS A MEANS TO GENERATE EMPLOYMENT”

By Representative Angara

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

House Bill No. 135, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A FIVE-YEAR EMERGENCY SCHOOL BUILDING PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Angara

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

House Bill No. 136, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING REFORMS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM BY ENHANCING DNA TECHNOLOGY ANALYSIS AS A POTENT INVESTIGATIVE TOOL, CREATING THE DNA ADVISORY BOARD UNDER THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara

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“AN ACT INSTITUTING A SELF-SUSTAINING FOREST MANAGEMENT PROGRAM BY PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO TREE PLANTERS ON PRIVATE LANDS, FOREST LANDS, AND OTHER PUBLIC LANDS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara

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House Bill No. 138, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara

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

House Bill No. 139, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING BENEFITS TO DEPENDENTS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL

TEACHERS AMENDING FOR THESE PURPOSES REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER FORTY-SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY (R.A. NO. 4670) OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MAGNA CARTA FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 140, entitled:

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

By Representative Angara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 141, entitled:

“AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE COMPENSATION BENEFITS AND OTHER PRIVILEGES AND INCENTIVES FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL PROSECUTION SERVICE AND THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF STATE COUNSEL IN THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, AND THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 142, entitled:

“AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF DENTISTRY, DENTAL HYGIENE, AND DENTAL TECHNOLOGY IN THE PHILIPPINES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4419, OR THE PHILIPPINE DENTAL ACT OF 1965, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 143, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS OF THE CORPORATE BUDGET OF ALL GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, THEIR SUBSIDIARIES AND AFFILIATES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 13 OF PD 1177, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘BUDGETARY REFORM ACT OF 1977’”

By Representative Angara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 144, entitled:

“AN ACT GIVING OFFENDERS THE FULLEST BENEFIT OF PREVENTIVE IMPRISONMENT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 29 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED,

OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED
PENAL CODE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara

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House Bill No. 145, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF
REPUBLIC ACT 8239, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE ‘PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 2007’
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 146, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR BENEFITS TO
MILITARY DEPENDENTS, CREATING THE
MILITARY DEPENDENTS WELFARE OFFICE,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE
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STUDENT FARE DISCOUNT PRIVILEGES ON
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By Representative Angara

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FRAMEWORK FOR REAL ESTATE
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By Representative Angara

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By Representative Angara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND
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IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM IN THE
PHILIPPINES, CONSTITUTING FOR THE
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By Representative Angara

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COCONUT FARMERS ADVERSELY AFFECTED
BY LOW PRICES OF COPRA AND OTHER
COCONUT PRODUCTS, AND PROVIDING
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Angara

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House Bill No. 152, entitled:

“THE REGULATION OF ALL CIVIL AVIATION
ACTIVITIES AND INSTITUTION OF SAFETY
REQUIREMENTS, DEFINING ITS POWERS
AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara

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ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 153, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLES 83, 87, 100, 128,
AND 131 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE 442, OR
THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Angara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND
EMPLOYMENT

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“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING REFORMS IN
REAL PROPERTY APPRAISAL AND
ASSESSMENT PRACTICES IN THE
PHILIPPINES, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE
THE NATIONAL APPRAISAL AUTHORITY
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
REORGANIZATION

House Bill No. 155, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF
PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1464,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE TARIFF AND
CUSTOMS CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS
AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara

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VALUE ADDED TAX THE SALE OF GOODS
AND SERVICES TO SENIOR CITIZENS,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 9257, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
‘EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZEN ACT OF 2003’”

By Representative Angara

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House Bill No. 157, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE CENTER FOR LEADING-
EDGE EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGIES,
PROVIDING FOR ITS ORGANIZATIONAL

STRUCTURE, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 158, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE MINDANAO RAILWAYS CORPORATION, PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES, AND PROVIDING FOR THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR ITS OPERATION”

By Representative Angara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS AND RO-RO (ROLL ON – ROLL OFF) SYSTEMS

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“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PRE-NEED CODE OF 2007”

By Representative Angara

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By Representative Angara

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“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CREDIT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR OVERSEAS WORKERS”

By Representative Angara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

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“AN ACT GRANTING THE RIGHT OF REPLY AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Angara

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House Bill No. 163, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE QUEZON CANAL ZONE AUTHORITY, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara

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“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MAGNA CARTA FOR WOMEN”

By Representative Angara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN

House Bill No. 165, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING MECHANISMS FOR THE REDUCTION OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF MERCURY-ADDED PRODUCTS AND ITS PROPER DISPOSAL THEREOF IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE INTRODUCTION OF MERCURY INTO THE ENVIRONMENT”

By Representative Angara

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House Bill No. 166, entitled:

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

By Representative Angara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 167, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE CORDILLERA TERRACES AUTHORITY, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 168, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A DENTAL UNIT IN EVERY RURAL HEALTH UNIT UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AS PART OF THE PRIMARY APPROACH IN THE DELIVERY OF HEALTH SERVICES AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Angara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 169, entitled:

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By Representative Angara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 170, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING THE MAGNA CARTA OF
FILIPINO SEAFARERS”

By Representative Angara
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AFFAIRS

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By Representative Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
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ON NATURAL RESOURCES

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“AN ACT ENHANCING ECONOMIC COORDINATION,
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By Representative Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

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By Representative Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

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By Representative Angara
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“AN ACT DECLARING MAY 7 OF EVERY YEAR
AS ‘HEALTH WORKERS’ DAY’ ”

By Representative Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 176, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING THE CRIME OF ART
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BOARD AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

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“AN ACT PROVIDING ADDITIONAL INSURANCE
BENEFITS TO BARANGAY CAPTAINS,
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By Representative Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 178, entitled:

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REQUIRE COMMUNITY SERVICE IN LIEU
OF IMPRISONMENT FOR THE PENALTY OF
ARRESTO MENOR, AMENDING FOR THAT
PURPOSE ARTICLE 88 OF THE REVISED
PENAL CODE, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 179, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 26, CHAPTER 4,
BOOK VI OF EXECUTIVE ORDER
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‘THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987’ ”

By Representative Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 180, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9136,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ELECTRIC
POWER INDUSTRY REFORM ACT OF 2001
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 181, 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
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By Representative Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 182, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE STRICT LABELING
OF FOOD AND BEVERAGE PRODUCTS BY
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By Representative Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 183, entitled:

“AN ACT ADOPTING AN OMNIBUS JOB
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STANDARDIZATION SYSTEM IN THE CIVIL
SERVICE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR,
PROVIDING PENAL SANCTIONS FOR
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PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 184, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING THE DEVELOPMENT,
UTILIZATION AND COMMERCIALIZATION
OF CLEAN, RENEWABLE AND ALTERNATIVE

ENERGY RESOURCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 185, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE EXCEPTIONS FROM THE NIGHTWORK PROHIBITION OF WOMEN EMPLOYEES, THEREBY AMENDING ARTICLE 131 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBER FOUR HUNDRED AND FORTY TWO (PD 442), AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 186, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR INVESTMENT INCENTIVES TO ACCELERATE DEVELOPMENT IN MINDANAO, CREATING THE MINDANAO INCENTIVES DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THIS PURPOSE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON MINDANAO AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 187, entitled:

“AN ACT EMPOWERING WOMEN BY PROVIDING THEM WITH FINANCIAL EDUCATIONAL AND INFORMATION ASSISTANCE IN ORDER FOR THEM TO EXCEL IN COMMERCE AND TRADE”

By Representative Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN

House Bill No. 188, entitled:

“AN ACT TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE 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 Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 189, entitled:

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

By Representative Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 190, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING CYBERCRIME, PROVIDING FOR PREVENTION, SUPPRESSION AND IMPOSITION OF PENALTIES THEREFOR AND

FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 191, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING FROM TAXATION ALL DONATIONS, GRANTS OR GIFTS TO NON-STOCK AND NON-PROFIT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS”

By Representative Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 192, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING THE MAGNA CARTA FOR THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE UNIFORMED AND NON-UNIFORMED PERSONNEL AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 193, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EDUCATION TRUST FUND FOR GRANTEEES OF GSIS AND SSS MEMBERS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 194, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RIGHT OF ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN GUARANTEED UNDER SECTION SEVEN, ARTICLE III OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 195, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING MECHANISMS TO REGULATE THE IMPORT, TRANSIT, EXPORT, AND REPATRIATION OF CULTURAL PROPERTY INTO AND FROM THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 196, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR BENEFITS TO DEPENDENTS OF MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE, CREATING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE DEPENDENTS WELFARE OFFICE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 197, 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 Angara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 198, entitled:

“AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES AS THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY”

By Representative Chatto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 199, entitled:

“AN ACT FURTHER CHANGING THE NOMENCLATURE OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY INTO THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF THE PHILIPPINES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 1 AND 2 OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY THREE, ENTITLED: AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF THE BUREAU OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES TO THE NATIONAL LIBRARY”

By Representative Chatto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 200, 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. 201, 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 R.A. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Chatto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 202, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE POSITION OF TOURISM OFFICER IN ALL PROVINCES, FIRST CLASS

MUNICIPALITIES AND CITIES, OR MUNICIPALITIES AND CITIES WHERE TOURISM IS CONSIDERED A MAJOR LOCAL INDUSTRY, AND DEFINING ITS QUALIFICATIONS, POWERS AND DUTIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE”

By Representative Chatto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 203, entitled:

“AN ACT TO 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. 204, 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. 205, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE OPERATION OF MOTORCYCLES AS PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLES WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTIONS OF MUNICIPALITIES AND CITIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BOOK III, TITLE 2, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 3, SECTION 447, SUBPARAGRAPH (1), (VI) AND BOOK III, TITLE 3, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 3, SECTION 458, SUBPARAGRAPH (3) (VI) OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER SEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY, ENTITLED: LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Chatto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 206, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 29 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NONWORKING PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALILIHAN, PROVINCE OF BOHOL”

By Representative Chatto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 207, entitled:

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THE CUSTODY OF THE BARANGAY CAPTAIN
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By Representative Zamora (M.)
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By Representative Antonino-Custodio
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By Representative Antonino-Custodio
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

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By Representative Antonino-Custodio
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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“AN ACT REQUIRING PHILIPPINE EMBASSIES AND CONSULATES TO CONDUCT CLASSES FOR CHILDREN OF FILIPINOS IN OTHER COUNTRIES, TO EDUCATE THEM ON PHILIPPINE HISTORY, CULTURE, LANGUAGE AND CIVICS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Antonino-Custodio
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House Bill No. 273, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PROGRAM FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LIBRARIES NATIONWIDE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-THREE, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CONGRESSIONAL, CITY AND MUNICIPAL LIBRARIES AND BARANGAY READING CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES, APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’”

By Representative Antonino-Custodio
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 274, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING YOUTH CENTERS IN ALL FIFTEEN (15) REGIONS OF THE COUNTRY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Antonino-Custodio
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 275, entitled:

“AN ACT ADDRESSING THE SYSTEM OF PROSTITUTION OF HUMAN BEINGS, ESPECIALLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN, IMPOSING PENALTIES ON ITS PERPETRATORS, PROVIDING PROTECTIVE MEASURES AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR ITS VICTIMS, AND DECRIMINALIZING VAGRANCY, REPEALING [AMENDING] FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 202 AND 341 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Antonino-Custodio
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 276, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1185, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘FIRE CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES’, PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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House Bill No. 277, entitled:

“AN ACT RATIONALIZING TUITION AND OTHER SCHOOL FEES IN ALL HIGHER, BASIC AND TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING, THEREBY AMENDING BATAS PAMBANSA 232, AS AMENDED, CREATING A TUITION FEE REGULATORY BOARD, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Antonino-Custodio
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 278, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING RETIREMENT INCENTIVE AND HEALTH CARE BENEFITS TO PROFESSIONAL FILIPINO ATHLETES WHO HAVE WON WORLD TITLES OR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Antonino-Custodio
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 279, entitled:

“AN ACT ENSURING OBJECTIVITY AND THE PROTECTION OF WITNESSES IN THE PROSECUTION OF CASES BY THE OMBUDSMAN AND ALLOWING PRIVATE LAWYERS TO ACT AS PROSECUTORS ON ITS BEHALF, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 15 AND 31 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6770, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE OMBUDSMAN ACT OF 1989,’ AS AMENDED”

By Representative Antonino-Custodio
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 280, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE IN THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, BULACAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Robes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 281, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, BULACAN TO BE KNOWN AS THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE”

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

House Bill No. 282, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ACCREDITATION

CENTER IN THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, BULACAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Robes

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

House Bill No. 283, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DRUG REHABILITATION CENTER IN THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, PROVINCE OF BULACAN, HEREINAFTER KNOWN AS THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE DRUG REHABILITATION CENTER (CSJDM - DRC) APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Robes

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House Bill No. 284, entitled:

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By Representative Robes

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By Representative Robes

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By Representative Duavit

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“AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Duavit

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“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE EDUCATION SERVICE CONTRACTING FOR BASIC EDUCATION”

By Representative Duavit

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By Representative Duavit

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By Representative Lopez

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By Representative Lopez

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By Representative Lopez
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By Representative Gullas
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FOR FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Gullas
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PARENTS WHO WERE DISQUALIFIED TO
MARRY EACH OTHER BY REASON OF
MINORITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE

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By Representative Gullas
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House Bill No. 309, entitled:

“AN ACT REINSTATING THE MANDATORY RESERVE OFFICERS’ TRAINING CORPS (ROTC) IN ALL PRIVATE AND PUBLIC COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES AND SIMILAR LEARNING INSTITUTIONS REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9163, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAM (NSTP) ACT OF 2001 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Gullas
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“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CEBU LIGHT RAIL TRANSPORT SYSTEM FOR OPERATION IN CEBU CITY AND METRO CEBU AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Gullas
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“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BAMBOO NURSERY IN THE CITY OF TALISAY, PROVINCE OF CEBU, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Gullas
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House Bill No. 312, entitled:

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By Representative Gullas
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By Representative Gullas
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House Bill No. 314, entitled:

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By Representative Gullas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

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“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TRAINING CENTER FOR THE LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY INDUSTRY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARCAR, PROVINCE OF CEBU, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Gullas
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By Representative Gullas
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House Bill No. 317, 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 Gullas
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By Representative Tañada
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By Representative Tañada
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 320, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 10 OF REPUBLIC ACT 6728 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS AND TEACHERS IN PRIVATE EDUCATION (GASTPE)”

By Representative Tañada
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 321, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE TAGKAWAYAN

MUNICIPAL HIGH SCHOOL, LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGKAWAYAN, PROVINCE OF QUEZON, INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

House Bill No. 322, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE LAMON BAY SCHOOL OF FISHERIES ANNEX IN BARANGAY ALONEROS, MUNICIPALITY OF GUINAYANGAN, PROVINCE OF QUEZON FROM THE LAMON BAY SCHOOL OF FISHERIES MAIN, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS ALONEROS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

House Bill No. 323, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 4 (PARAGRAPH 58) AND PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL SECTION ON MUNICIPAL FISHERIES, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE I OF R.A. 8550, ENTITLED: ‘AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION OF THE FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES, INTEGRATING ALL LAWS PERTINENT THERETO, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.’”

By Representative Tañada
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

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“AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE IMPOSITION OF FINES AND PENALTIES FOR CRIMES COMMITTED, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED THIRTY-EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Tañada
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 325, 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 SARANGANI STATE POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Chiongbian
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House Bill No. 326, entitled:

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

By Representative Lagman
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

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“AN ACT PENALIZING THE COMMISSION OF ACTS OF TORTURE AND OTHER CRUEL, INHUMAN AND DEGRADING TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT, PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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By Representative Lagman
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 329, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 26, CHAPTER 4, BOOK VI OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBERED 292, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987’”

By Representative Lagman
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 330, entitled:

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

By Representative Lagman
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 331, 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. 332, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA OF STUDENTS”

By Representative Lagman
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 333, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING CITY MAYORS, MUNICIPAL MAYORS AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS FROM MAKING APPOINTMENTS TWO MONTHS IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE NEXT LOCAL ELECTIONS AND PENDING ASSUMPTION TO OFFICE OF THEIR SUCCESSORS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Lagman
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF THE SCHOOL HEALTH AND NUTRITION PROGRAM (SHNP) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, 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 HEALTH

House Bill No. 335, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING MERCHANDISING STORES AND SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS FROM CHARGING MORE THAN THE CASH RETAIL PRICE OF GOODS AND SERVICES PURCHASED WITH CREDIT CARDS AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR ANY VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Lagman
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 336, entitled:

“AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE HOUSING SECTOR CREATING THEREBY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, DEFINING ITS STRUCTURE, PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Abaya
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 337, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 26 OF THE NEW CIVIL CODE TO INCLUDE AS ACTIONABLE WRONG THE DISCLOSURE OR DISSEMINATION TO THIRD PARTIES A MAILING LIST OF PERSONAL INFORMATION OF PERSONS GIVEN IN CONFIDENCE”

By Representative Abaya
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 338, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE AS THE HISTORICAL CAPITAL OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Abaya
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 339, entitled:

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By Representative Abaya
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

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By Representative Abaya
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 341, entitled:

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By Representative Abaya
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 342, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4566, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CONTRACTORS’ LICENSE LAW”

By Representative Abaya
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 343, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT FOR THE CONSTITUTION OF A FAMILY HOME UNDER THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 157 THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Abaya
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

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By Representative Abaya
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By Representative Abaya
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By Representative Abaya
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By Representative Abaya
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By Representative Abaya
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By Representative Abaya
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House Resolution No. 4, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF R.A. 7836, AS AMENDED BY R.A. 9293, ON UPGRADING TEACHER COMPETENCIES VIS-A-VIS THE ADEQUACY OF TEACHERS WILLING TO BE ASSIGNED IN THE MISSIONARY AREAS IN THE ARMM"

By Representative Jaafar
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 5, entitled:

"RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, FOR THE RESTORATION OF REPRESENTATION AND TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCE (RATA) OF PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, WHICH WAS SUSPENDED SOMETIME IN 1988"

By Representative Lacson
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 6, entitled:

"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE JOINT COMMITTEES ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND APPROPRIATIONS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION RELATIVE TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 393, PARAGRAPH 4 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, WHICH

PROVIDES FOR A STUDY GRANT PROGRAM FOR BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND THEIR LEGITIMATE DEPENDENTS”

By Representative Chatto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 7, entitled:

“RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF AN AD HOC COMMITTEE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO INVESTIGATE THE ALLEGED EXTORTION RACKET IN THE COMMISSION OF APPOINTMENTS”

By Representative Rodriguez (R.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 8, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE FEASIBILITY OF EXPORTING IN SUBSTANTIAL QUANTITY PHILIPPINE MADE CARS TO THE UNITED STATES BY THE YEAR 2009”

By Representative Golez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 9, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, TO DETERMINE THE REASON BEHIND THE CONSISTENT FAILURE ON THE PART OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT (DBM) TO ALLOCATE OR TO PRIORITIZE THE ALLOCATION, OR BOTH, OF SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP) VETERANS’ AND RETIREES’ BENEFITS”

By Representative Golez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 10, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING HER EXCELLENCY, PRESIDENT GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO REVIEW AND EVALUATE THE PERFORMANCE OF ALL HOLDERS OF FOREST AGREEMENTS OR TENURIAL INSTRUMENTS, AND WHENEVER APPROPRIATE AND AS FINDINGS AND EVIDENCE WARRANT, TO SUSPEND OR TERMINATE SUCH AGREEMENTS OR INSTRUMENTS DUE TO VIOLATIONS OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREOF”

By Representative Golez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Resolution No. 11, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE PRESIDENT TO DOUBLE THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE OF

THE OMBUDSMAN IN ITS BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2008”

By Representative Golez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Resolution No. 12, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY AND THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SECURITY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON HOW THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES CONCERNED ARE PERFORMING THEIR RESPECTIVE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE PRESIDENT’S SIXTEEN (16) POINT COUNTER-TERRORISM PROGRAM”

By Representatives Golez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 13, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON HOW THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES, THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE, AND OTHER RELEVANT AGENCIES HAVE COMPLIED WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FELICIANO COMMISSION IN RESPECT OF THE MUTINY COMMITTED BY SOME 300 SOLDIERS LAST 27 JULY 2003, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE OAKWOOD MUTINY”

By Representative Golez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 14, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS AND THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE EXCESSIVE NOISE CREATED BY THE TAKING OFF AND LANDING OF AIRCRAFT AT THE DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WHICH HAS DIRECTLY AFFECTED THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF THOSE WHO RESIDE IN ITS IMMEDIATE VICINITY”

By Representative Golez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 15, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING POWER SECTOR ASSETS AND LIABILITIES MANAGEMENT CORPORATION (PSALM) TO CONSIDER THE OPTION OF THE SECURITIZED SALE OF NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION (NAPOCOR) ASSETS, I.E., SELLING SHARES OF STOCKS TO THE PUBLIC, INSTEAD OF SELLING ASSET TO A FEW BUYERS, IN ORDER TO DEMOCRATIZE THE OWNERSHIP OF SAID ASSETS”

By Representatives Golez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Joint Resolution No. 1, entitled:

“JOINT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE APPROVAL BY BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE REORGANIZATION PLAN PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8551 ENTITLED, ‘AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REFORM AND REORGANIZATION OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’, AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, ENTITLED, ‘AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE UNDER A REORGANIZED DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’”

By Representative Abaya
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Joint Resolution No. 2, entitled:

“JOINT RESOLUTION URGING AN INQUIRY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF THE CONGRESSIONAL COMMISSION ON EDUCATION (EDCOM) BASIC, POST SECONDARY AND TEACHER EDUCATION LAWS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING IF THE INTENDED OUTCOMES OF SUCH LEGISLATIONS HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED AND CALLING FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF ALL PENDING BASIC AND TEACHER EDUCATION BILLS INTO A COMPREHENSIVE BASIC EDUCATION REFORM AGENDA (CBERA)”

By Representative Duavit
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Concurrent Resolution No. 1, entitled:

“CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A JOINT INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALARMING STATE OF POLITICALLY MOTIVATED KILLINGS, SUMMARY EXECUTIONS AND ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCES UNDER THE ARROYO GOVERNMENT, AND TO INITIATE AND RECOMMEND CONCRETE MEASURES AND SANCTIONS TO STOP SUCH ATROCITIES AND VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS”

By Representatives Ocampo, Maza and Beltran
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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Rep. Mary Ann L. Susano for House Bills No. 1, 3, 4, 6, 7; and

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COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated May 30, 2007 of Juan De Zuñiga Jr., Assistant Governor and General Counsel, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, furnishing the House of Representatives with a certified copy of BSP Circular No. 570, series of 2007 dated May 24, 2007

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letter dated June 1, 2007 of Her Excellency, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, certifying to the necessity of the immediate enactment of House Bill No. 6062, entitled: “AN ACT TO PROVIDE SURVIVORSHIP RETIREMENT BENEFITS TO MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY”

TO THE ARCHIVES

Letter dated June 4, 2007 of Joaquin C. Lagonera, Senior Deputy Executive Secretary and Acting Head, Presidential Legislative Liaison Office, Office of the President transmitting herewith two (2) original copies each of Republic Acts No. 9483, 9484 and 9485 which were approved and signed into laws on June 2, 2007 by Her Excellency, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, to wit: Republic Act No. 9483, 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 VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”;

Republic Act No. 9484, 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’”; and

Republic Act No. 9485, entitled:

“AN ACT TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY IN THE DELIVERY OF GOVERNMENT SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC BY REDUCING BUREAUCRATIC RED TAPE, PREVENTING GRAFT AND CORRUPTION, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR”

TO THE ARCHIVES

Letter dated June 4, 2007 of Oscar G. Yabes, Senate Secretary, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate

approved on Second Reading the following bills:

Senate Bill No. 2605, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SAMAL ISLAND SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE IN THE ISLAND GARDEN CITY OF SAMAL, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE SAMAL ISLAND SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”;

H. B. No. 6041, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF NAGA IN THE PROVINCE OF CEBU INTO A COMPONENT CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CITY OF NAGA”; and

H. B. No. 5970, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE PROVINCE OF QUEZON DEL SUR
TO THE ARCHIVES

Letter dated June 8, 2007 of Joaquin C. Lagonera, Senior Deputy Executive Secretary and Acting Head, Presidential Legislative Liaison Office, Office of the President transmitting herewith two (2) original copies of Republic Act No. 9486 which was approved and signed into law on June 7, 2007 by Her Excellency, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BUHISAN WATERSHED FOREST RESERVE, THE MANANGA WATERSHED FOREST RESERVE, THE SUDLON NATIONAL PARK, THE CENTRAL CEBU NATIONAL PARK AND THE KOTKOT-LUSARAN WATERSHED FOREST RESERVE SITUATED IN THE CITIES OF CEBU, TALISAY, TOLEDO AND DANA O AND IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF MINGLANILLA, CONSOLACION, LI-LOAN, COMPOSTELA AND BALAMBAN, PROVINCE OF CEBU INTO ONE PROTECTED AREA TO BE KNOWN AS THE CENTRAL CEBU PROTECTED LANDSCAPE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

TO THE ARCHIVES

Letter dated May 28, 2007 of Amando M. Tetangco Jr., Governor, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, furnishing the House of Representatives a copy of the printed version of the BSP Inflation Report for the First Quarter of 2007
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

2006 Annual Report of the Observatory for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Letter dated June 21, 2007 of Joaquin C. Lagonera, Senior Deputy Executive Secretary and Acting Head, Presidential Legislative Liaison Office, Office of the President transmitting herewith two (2) original copies of Republic Act No. 9487 which was approved and signed into law on June 20, 2007 by Her Excellency, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, entitled:
“AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL

DECREE NO. 1869, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
PAGCOR CHARTER”

TO THE ARCHIVES

Letter dated June 25, 2007 of Joaquin C. Lagonera, Senior Deputy Executive Secretary and Acting Head, Presidential Legislative Liaison Office, Office of the President transmitting herewith two (2) original copies of Republic Act No. 9488 which lapsed into law on June 24, 2007 without the signature of the President, pursuant to the provisions of Section 27(1), Article VI of the Constitution, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE SAGRADA-LIDONG ROAD EXTENDING FROM THE PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR TO THE PROVINCE OF ALBAY AS DIOSDADO MACAPAGAL HIGHWAY”

TO THE ARCHIVES

Letter dated June 29, 2007 of Joaquin C. Lagonera, Senior Deputy Executive Secretary and Acting Head, Presidential Legislative Liaison Office, Office of the President transmitting herewith two (2) original copies of Republic Act No. 9489 which was approved and signed into law on June 29, 2007 by Her Excellency, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO MR. JOSE R. RODRIGUEZ”

TO THE ARCHIVES

Letter dated July 2, 2007 of Joaquin C. Lagonera, Senior Deputy Executive Secretary and Acting Head, Presidential Legislative Liaison Office, Office of the President transmitting herewith two (2) original copies of Republic Act No. 9490 which was approved and signed into law on June 29, 2007 by Her Excellency, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, entitled:

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

TO THE ARCHIVES

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER. (Rep. Fuentebella). The Majority Leader is recognized. That was a long trip.

REP. AGBAYANI. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Fuentebella). The Gentleman from Pangasinan is recognized.

REP. AGBAYANI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to register a correction to the Journal of yesterday's proceedings.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). Mr. Speaker, I move for a suspension of the session.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Fuentebella). The session is suspended.

It was 6:50 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 7:01 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Fuentebella). The session is resumed.

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Fuentebella). The Gentleman from Pangasinan still has the floor.

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). Mr. Speaker, with the permission and the kind indulgence of the distinguished Gentleman from Pangasinan, he has kindly consented that we make the necessary corrections to the Journal in tomorrow's session after we have moved for its approval.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Fuentebella). Is the Gentleman amenable to the suggestion of the Majority Leader?

REP. AGBAYANI. Yes, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Fuentebella). The manifestation is well noted.

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Fuentebella). The Majority Leader is recognized.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). Mr. Speaker, considering the lateness of the hour, I move that we suspend the session until four o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Fuentebella). Is there any objection?

REP. DEFENSOR (A.). The session is adjourned until four o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Fuentebella). There is a motion to adjourn. It is not debatable.

The session is adjourned until four o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

It was 7:02 p.m.
