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CALL TO ORDER

At 4:00 p. m., Deputy Speaker Raul M. Gonzalez called the session to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PRAYER

Pursuant to Section 35, Rule VIII of the Rules of the House, the House Chorale led the singing of the National Anthem and thereafter, Rep. Ted Failon delivered the following invocation:

Lord, on bended knees, we present ourselves before Your divine presence to beseech, with faithful repentance, Your most sacred pardon and mercy.

Our humble country has to bear at this moment various sorrowful ordeals. We see in tragedy after tragedy the meaningless deaths of our fellow Filipinos. We are steadily threatened and attacked by forces aiming to exploit and gain from general political and economic instability. Constant bickering, corruption and moral decline scandalize the foundations of the democratic institutions of our government.

And yet, organized criminals, local bandits and armed terrorists abound in the countryside and within our cities advancing their campaign of terror calculated for our society to submit to a rule of lawlessness, disorder and suppression. All these, Lord, occur in the middle of complete poverty.

Because of all these burdens, Lord, we have become cheerless and desolate. The deep despair that we are pressed to carry amidst these hardships has made us almost forget to acknowledge Your holy presence, Your love and even Your charity.

For this reason, Lord, please allow us to pause at this very moment to thank You -- Our Father and Our Light -- for all the blessings that You keep on showering us and the kindness that we ignore even as we cry for immediate salvation.

Thank You, Our Lord, for despite the pervading economic misery, You continue to give to us abundant hope; despite our frequent distress, You award us with equal measure of serenity; despite our daily suffering, we are able to survive; despite our painful losses, You give us the appropriate strength against the next challenge. Amidst all these, we thank You, Father, for giving us life today.

Lord, we know that under Your divine watch, we shall never fail; under Your constant guidance, there shall be wisdom in these noble halls; and under Your dominion, our brethren shall have courage and resilience.

We need all of our faith and common vigor to be sustained by Your compassion, O Lord, so that we could help our nation overcome its ordeals. Most especially, right now, we need You, our most forgiving and understanding Father, as we ask all of these through Your Son and our beloved Jesus Christ.

Amen.

ROLL CALL

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General called the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abaya (A.)
Bulut
Abayon

Cagas
Ablan
Cajes
Albano
Calalay
Alfelor
Carloto
Amatong
Castro
Amin
Chatto
Ancheta
Chiongbian
Andaya
Chipeco
Apostol
Chungalao
Aquino (A.)
Cojuangco (C.)
Aquino (B.)
Cojuangco (M.)
Arbison
Cua
Baculio
Dangwa
Badelles
De Venecia
Banaag
Defensor (A.)
Barinaga
Defensor (M.)
Baterina
Del Mar
Beltran
Dimaporo
Beratio
Domogan
Bersamin
Duavit
Biazon
Dumpit
Bueser
Durano
Dy (C.)
Nepomuceno
Dy (F.)
Nicolas
Escudero
Nieva
Espina
Nograles
Espino
Ocampo
Espinosa (Edgar)
Olaño
Estrella
Ortega
Failon
Perez
Fua
Pilando
Garcia (E.)
Puentevella

Garcia (V.)
Real
Gatchalian
Remulla
Gonzales
Roco
Gonzalez
Rodriguez (I.)
Gordon
Rodriguez (O.)
Gozos
Roman
Gullas
Romualdo
Imperial
Salapuddin
Jala
Saludo
Jaraula
Santiago
Jimenez
Seachon
Joaquin
Singson
Kintanar
Solis
Lacson
Suplico
Lagman-Luistro
Sy-Alvarado
Lanot
Torres
Lapus
Umali (Alfonso)
Locsin (V.)
Unico
Locsin (T.)
Uy (E.)
Lozada
Uy (R.)
Macarambon
Vicencio
Macias
Villar
Malanyaon
Villarama
Mamba
Villareal
Marañon
Wacnang
Martinez
Yapha
Maza
Ylagan
Mitra
Zamora (M.)
Monfort
Zamora (R.)
Montilla
Zialcita
Nachura

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Gonzalez relinquished the Chair to Speaker Jose De

Venecia Jr.

With 127 Members present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix 1)

The following Members appeared after the Roll Call:

Acosta
Bondoc
Almario
Cabilao
Amante
Calizo
Angara-Castillo
Cari
Antonino-Custodio
Castelo Daza
Barbers
Cayetano
Bautista
Celeste
Clarete
Mathay
Cruz-Ducut
Moreno
Cuenco
Nantes
Dadivas
Padilla
Dumarpa
Paras
Echiverri
Pichay
Enrile
Pingoy
Ermita-Buhain
Punzalan
Espinosa (V.)
Ramirez-Sato
Falcon
Ramiro
Floirendo
Reyes (E.)
Fuentebella
Reyes (V.)
Garin
San Juan
Gunigundo
Sandoval (V.)
Hizon
Silverio
Ipong
Soon-Ruiz
Jaafar
Suarez
Javier
Sumulong
Joson
Syjuco
Leviste
Taganas Layus
Libanan
Tulagan

Lobregat
Umali (Aurelio)
Lopez (J.)
Veloso
Lopez (R.)
Yumul-Hermida
Marcos
Zubiri
Matalam

MOTION OF REP. GONZALES

Thereupon, Majority Leader Neptali M. Gonzales II moved that the Body approve the Journal of the previous session.

Before the Chair could act on the motion, Rep. Antonio Eduardo B. Nachura was recognized for his parliamentary inquiry.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY
OF REP. NACHURA

Rep. Nachura noted that for the past three weeks, the Body has been electing Committee chairmen and members to the various House Committees, including the Commission on Appointments (CA) and the House of Representatives Electoral Tribunal (HRET). He then asked whether the Body had followed some kind of proportional representation of political parties represented in the House in the matter of allocating members to the various House committees. More specifically, he asked whether the Body had complied with the constitutional mandate on proportional representation when it elected the members to the HRET.

With the permission of the Chair, Rep. Gonzales replied that while the obligation of the Majority Leader was merely to elect members to the various Committees, including members to the CA and the HRET, it was the Majority Coalition who decided thereon. He added that the Majority Coalition had used the same formula for all the Committees such that it had taken care of all its members by electing them, either as chairmen or as members, to the various Committees, including the CA and the HRET. He maintained that the proportional representation of political parties as provided for in the Constitution had been observed. Moreover, he said that the Supreme Court had interpreted proportional party representation as including members of the coalition.

For his part, Rep. Nachura stressed that the Constitution has specific provisions regarding membership in the Electoral Tribunal. He said that the Constitution provides that membership shall be chosen on the basis of proportional representation from political parties and parties or organizations registered under the party-list system represented in the House.

Rep. Nachura then stated that he is aware of the Supreme Court decision which provided a formula on the allocation of members to the CA. However, he said that he is not aware of any Supreme Court decision which includes coalitions in the definition of political parties as provided for in the Constitution.

In reply, Rep. Gonzales said that the House leadership is guided by the Supreme Court decision in the case of Daza vs. Coseteng which includes party coalitions in determining the threshold in electing members to the CA, so much so that the total number of House Members was divided by 12, being its members to the CA. Aside from this jurisprudence, he said that a Member who would be elected to the CA must be supported by a certain number of Members either in a party or in a coalition, which is more or less permanent in character.

Rep. Nachura clarified that the case cited was that of Raul Daza vs. Chavit Singson wherein the Supreme Court upheld the non-election of Mr. Daza to the CA because of the reduction in the membership of the Liberal Party in the House of Representatives when more than half of its members transferred to the Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino, the

Majority party at that time. He maintained that the aforecited decision had not referred to a coalition representing a political party as defined in the Constitution. He opined that the Constitution may have been violated if the aforecited decision had been used as a basis for the allocation of seats in the CA and in the HRET in the present Congress.

Thereafter, Rep. Gonzales pointed out that he had already responded to Rep. Nachura's parliamentary inquiry, and that under the House Rules, parliamentary inquiries are not subject to debate.
The Chair then noted the position of Rep. Nachura and stated that this will be subject to further discussion.

MOTION OF REP. GONZALES (N.)

Whereupon, Rep. Gonzales moved for the approval of the Journal of the previous session.

Thereupon, Rep. Joseph A. Santiago adverted to the last paragraph of page 16 of the Journal of the previous session and the succeeding page thereof and informed the Body that he was the one who interpellated Rep. Eduardo C. Zialcita and not Rep. Vicente A. Sandoval.

The Chair then noted Rep. Santiago's correction.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL,
AS CORRECTED

On motion of Rep. Gonzales, there being no objection, the Body approved the Journal of the previous session, subject to the aforementioned correction of Rep. Santiago.

REMARKS OF REP. GONZALES (N.)

Thereupon, Rep. Gonzales informed the Body that the Party-List Representatives from Bayan Muna, who had already been proclaimed by the Commission on Elections (COMELEC), were in the Session Hall and were now ready, in compliance with the Rules, to take their oath of office before Speaker De Venecia.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Rep. Gonzales then moved for the suspension of the session to allow the Bayan Muna Party-List representatives to ascend the rostrum for their oath-taking.

Thereupon, the Chair suspended the session at 4:22 p.m.

At this juncture, Reps. Saturnino C. Ocampo, Crispin B. Beltran and Liza L. Maza, ascended the rostrum and took their oath of office before Speaker De Venecia.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:26 p.m., the session was resumed.
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Subsequently, Rep. Francis G. Escudero acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the following guests:

1. Sisters Hsih Chin Vin and Hsih Chin Chow from the Chung Tai Chan Monastery and Chinese Century Buddhism Joint Alliance, who were guests of Speaker De Venecia;

2. Leaders of the following organizations affiliated with the Bayan Muna: KMU, Gabriela, Migrante International, KMP, CEGP, NUSP, MCPA, KAMP, TABAK, WARM, EMJP, Karapatan, KMPP, NNARA Youth, and Bagong Alyansang Makabayan (BAYAN);

3. Members of the Sangguniang Kabataan of South Cotabato, who were guests of Rep. Arthur Y. Pingoy Jr.; and

4. Members of the Mandaluyong City Council led by Vice Mayor Jesse C. Cruz and First District Councilors Danny de Guzman, Teresita Pillas, Epifanio de Guzman, Louie Espinosa, Avelino Beado, and Gerry Pe and Second District Councilors Cesar Bartolome, Rene Sta. Maria, Darius Razon, Cherrylyn Pablo-Santos and Titus Francisco, who were guests of Rep. Gonzales.

REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

The Chair likewise acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the progressive people's organizations on the historic oath taking of the Bayan Muna Party-List Representatives and the two women Buddhist leaders from China and from Taiwan.

The Chair stated that Buddhist leaders had come to the Philippines to inaugurate the beginnings of a Christian Buddhist dialogue which was a parallel effort to the process of a Christian-Muslim dialogue that had already been started in the country. He pointed out that the Buddhist leaders will be returning to Taiwan and eventually to China to expand the level of dialogue between the Christian and Buddhist churches.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

On motion of Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Body elected the following as members to the Committee on Public Information, on the part of the Majority:
1. Rep. Romualdo T. Vicencio
2. Rep. Ma. Victoria L. Locsin
3. Rep. Ted Failon
4. Rep. Ace S. Barbers
5. Rep. J. Apolinario L. Lozada Jr.
6. Rep. Augusto H. Baculio
7. Rep. Ernesto "Banzai" Nieva
8. Rep. Roy S. Pilando
9. Rep. Reynaldo S. Uy
10. Rep. Trinidad G. Apostol
11. Rep. Enrico R. Echiverri
12. Rep. Alipio Cirilo V. Badelles
13. Rep. Imee R. Marcos
14. Rep. Antonino P. Roman

ELECTION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

On motion of Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Body elected the following as additional members to the Committee on Appropriations, on the part of the Majority:

1. Rep. Alipio Cirilo V. Badelles
2. Rep. Reynaldo S. Uy

ELECTION OF REP. MONFORT
AS ADDITIONAL MEMBER TO
THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC
EDUCATION AND CULTURE

On motion of Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Body elected Rep. Narciso D. Monfort, on the part of the Majority, as additional member to the Committee on Basic Education and Culture.

ELECTION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON
DANGEROUS DRUGS

On motion of Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Body elected Rep. Joseph "Ace" H. Durano, after the name of Rep. Antonio V. Cuenco as additional member, on the part of the Majority, to the Committee on Dangerous Drugs.

Likewise, on Rep. Escudero's motion, there being no objection, the Body elected the following as additional members to the Committee on Dangerous Drugs, on the part of the Majority:

1. Rep. Jurdin Jesus M. Romualdo
2. Rep. Juan Pablo "Rimpy" P. Bondoc
3. Rep. Francis G. Escudero
4. Rep. Gilberto C. Teodoro Jr.
5. Rep. Darlene Magnolia Antonino-Custodio
6. Rep. Lorna C. Silverio
7. Rep. Renato J. Unico Jr.
8. Rep. Mark O. Cojuangco
9. Rep. Carlos O. Cojuangco

ELECTION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

On motion of Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Body elected the following as additional members to the Committee on Energy, on the part of the Majority:

1. Rep. Aleta C. Suarez
2. Rep. Antonino P. Roman
3. Rep. Rafael P. Nantes
4. Rep. Augusto "Boboy" Syjuco
5. Rep. Douglas RA. Cagas
6. Rep. Ma. Victoria L. Locsin
7. Rep. Roberto C. Cajes
8. Rep. Ernie Dulalas Clarete
9. Rep. Raul V. Del Mar
10. Rep. Enrico R. Echiverri
11. Rep. Raul L. Villareal
12. Rep. Alfredo G. Marañon Jr.

ELECTION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

On motion of Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Body elected the following as additional members to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, on the part of the Majority:

1. Rep. Raul L. Villareal
2. Rep. Victoria H. Reyes
3. Rep. Eric D. Singson
4. Rep. Sherwin T. Gatchalian
5. Rep. Eduardo C. Zialcita

ELECTION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON
GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS

On motion of Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Body elected the following as additional members to the Committee on Games and Amusements, on the part of the Majority:

1. Rep. Augusto "Boboy" Syjuco
2. Rep. Rafael P. Nantes
3. Rep. James J. Gordon Jr.
4. Rep. Rodolfo C. Bacani
5. Rep. Eileen Ermita-Buhain
6. Rep. Manuel E. Zamora
7. Rep. Jose G. Solis
8. Rep. Lynnette A. Punzalan
9. Rep. Mark O. Cojuangco
10. Rep. Oscar S. Rodriguez

11. Rep. Antonio M. Abaya

ELECTION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON
GOOD GOVERNMENT

On motion of Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Body elected Rep. Enrico R. Echiverri vice Rep. Ernesto "Banzai" Nieva, as additional member, on the part of the Majority, to the Committee on Good Government.

Likewise, on Rep. Escudero's motion, there being no objection, the Body elected the following as additional members to the Committee on Good Government, on the part of the Majority:

1. Rep. Oscar L. Gozos
2. Rep. Cho Roco
3. Rep. Eduardo C. Zialcita
4. Rep. Douglas RA. Cagas
5. Rep. Jacinto V. Paras

ELECTION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

On motion of Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Body elected the following as additional members to the Committee on Health, on the part of the Majority:

1. Rep. Cielo Krisel Lagman-Luistro
2. Rep. Eleuterio R. Violago
3. Rep. Cho Roco
4. Rep. Douglas RA. Cagas
5. Rep. Jose G. Solis
6. Rep. Eladio "Boy" Jala
7. Rep. Jose R. Gullas
8. Rep. Roberto C. Cajes
9. Rep. Edgar M. Chatto
10. Rep. Antonio Eduardo B. Nachura
11. Rep. Herminio G. Teves
12. Rep. Fausto L. Seachon Jr.
13. Rep. Joseph "Ace" H. Durano

ELECTION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

On motion of Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Body elected the following as additional members to the Committee on Higher and Technical Education, on the part of the Majority:

1. Rep. Del R. De Guzman
2. Rep. J. Apolinario L. Lozada Jr.
3. Rep. Belma A. Cabilao
4. Rep. Oscar L. Gozos
5. Rep. Eduardo C. Zialcita
6. Rep. Antonio M. Abaya
7. Rep. Jurdin Jesus M. Romualdo
8. Rep. Cho Roco
9. Rep. Jose G. Solis
10. Rep. J.R. Nereus O. Acosta
11. Rep. Josephine Y. Ramirez-Sato

ELECTION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING
AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

On motion of Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Body elected Rep. Enrico R. Echiverri after Rep. Ismael G. Mathay III, as additional member, on the part of the Majority, to the Committee on Housing and Urban Development.

Likewise, on Rep. Escudero's motion, there being no objection, Body elected the following as additional members to the Committee on Housing and Urban Development, on the part of the Majority:

1. Rep. Jose G. Solis
2. Rep. Oscar S. Rodriguez

ELECTION OF ADDITIONAL
MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE
ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

On motion of Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Body elected the following as additional members to the Committee on Labor and Employment, on the part of the Majority:

1. Rep. Oscar L. Gozos
2. Rep. Sherwin T. Gatchalian

ELECTION OF ADDITIONAL
MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE
ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

On motion of Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Body elected the following as additional members to the Committee on Local Government, on the part of the Majority:

1. Rep. Josephine Y. Ramirez-Sato
2. Rep. Harlin Cast. Abayon
3. Rep. Ernie Dulalas Clarete
4. Rep. Jacinto V. Paras

ELECTION OF REP. ARBISON AS
ADDITIONAL MEMBER TO THE
COMMITTEE ON MUSLIM AFFAIRS

On motion of Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Body elected Rep. Munir M. Arbison as additional member, on the part of the Majority, to the Committee on Muslim Affairs.

ELECTION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL
CULTURAL COMMUNITIES

On motion of Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Body elected the following as additional members to the Committee on National Cultural Communities, on the part of the Majority:

1. Rep. Alfonso V. Umali Jr.
2. Rep. Perpetuo B. Ylagan
3. Rep. Roseller L. Barinaga

ELECTION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE

On motion of Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Body elected the following as additional members to the Committee on National Defense, on the part of the Majority:

1. Rep. Aniceto G. Saludo Jr.
2. Rep. Prospero C. Nograles
3. Rep. Jesnar R. Falcon
4. Rep. Edmund O. Reyes Jr.
5. Rep. Eileen Ermita-Buhain
6. Rep. Eric D. Singson

7. Rep. Cho Roco
8. Rep. Ismael G. Mathay III
9. Rep. Glenda B. Ecleo
10. Rep. Eduardo C. Zialcita
11. Rep. Lynnette A. Punzalan
12. Rep. Uliran T. Joaquin

Likewise, on motion of Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Body elected Rep. Eduardo R. Veloso after Rep. Mark "MJ" Jimenez as additional member to the Committee on National Defense, on the part of the Majority.

ELECTION OF REP. FAILON AS
ADDITIONAL MEMBER TO THE
COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

On motion of Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Body elected Rep. Ted Failon as additional member, on the part of the Majority, to the Committee on Natural Resources.

ELECTION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC ORDER AND SECURITY

On motion of Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Body elected the following as additional members to the Committee on Public Order and Security, on the part of the Majority:

1. Rep. Cho Roco
2. Rep. Arthur D. Defensor
3. Rep. Antonio M. Abaya
4. Rep. Josephine Y. Ramirez-Sato
5. Rep. Enrico R. Echiverri
6. Rep. Jacinto V. Paras
7. Rep. Prospero A. Pichay Jr.
8. Rep. Faustino G. Dy III
9. Rep. Prospero C. Nograles

Likewise, on Rep. Escudero's motion, there being no objection, the Body elected Reps. Benigno C. Aquino III and Ace S. Barbers, after Rep. Amado T. Espino Jr., as additional Members, on the part of the Majority, to the Committee on Public Order and Security.

At this juncture, the Speaker relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Gerry A. Salapuddin.

ELECTION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC
WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

On motion of Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Body elected the following as additional members to the Committee on Public Works and Highways, on the part of the Majority:

1. Rep. Rafael P. Nantes
2. Rep. Reynaldo S. Uy
3. Rep. Jose R. Gullas

Likewise, on Rep. Escudero's motion, there being no objection, the Body elected Rep. Wilhelmino Sy-Alvarado as member on the part of the Majority, after Rep. Junie E. Cua, to the Committee on Public Works and Highways.

ELECTION OF REP. DADIVAS AS
ADDITIONAL MEMBER TO THE
COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

On motion of Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Body elected Rep. Rodriguez D. Dadivas, on the part of the Majority, as additional member to the Committee on Revision of Laws.

ELECTION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

On motion of Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Body elected the following as additional members to the Committee on Ways and Means, on the part of the Majority:

1. Rep. Oscar S. Rodriguez
2. Rep. Raul V. Del Mar
3. Rep. Narciso D. Monfort
4. Rep. Felix R. Alfelor Jr.

ELECTION OF REP. ANGPING AS
ADDITIONAL MEMBER TO THE
COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY

On motion of Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Body elected Rep. Harry C. Angping as additional member, on the part of the Majority, to the Committee on Science and Technology.

ELECTION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE
AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

On motion of Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Body elected the following as additional members to the Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms, on the part of the Majority:

1. Rep. Arthur D. Defensor
2. Rep. Eduardo C. Zialcita
3. Rep. Enrico R. Echiverri
4. Rep. Jack Enrile
5. Rep. Salacnib F. Baterina
6. Rep. Mark "MJ" Jimenez

ELECTION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

On motion of Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Body elected the following as additional members to the Committee on Tourism, on the part of the Majority:

1. Rep. Ismael G. Mathay III
2. Rep. Nenet S. San Juan
3. Rep. Eleuterio R. Violago
4. Rep. Enrico R. Echiverri

Likewise, on Rep. Escudero's motion, there being no objection, the Body deleted the name of Rep. Rodolfo S. San Luis from the names of members, on the part of Majority, to the Committee on Tourism.

ELECTION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON
TRADE AND INDUSTRY

On motion of Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Body elected the following as additional members to the Committee on Trade and Industry, on the part of the Majority:

1. Rep. Raul V. Del Mar
2. Rep. Ismael G. Mathay III
3. Rep. Eduardo C. Zialcita

4. Rep. Ma. Theresa T. Defensor
5. Rep. Augusto H. Baculio
6. Rep. Uliran T. Joaquin

Likewise, on Rep. Escudero's motion, there being no objection, the Body deleted the name of Rep. Rodolfo S. San Luis from the names of members, on the part of the Majority, to the Committee on Trade and Industry.

ELECTION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION AND
COMMUNICATIONS

On motion of Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Body elected the following as additional members to the Committee on Transportation and Communications, on the part of the Majority:
1. Rep. Cho Roco
2. Rep. Monico O. Puentevella
3. Rep. Josephine Y. Ramirez-Sato
4. Rep. Sherwin T. Gatchalian

ELECTION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

On motion of Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Body elected the following as additional members to the Committee on Dangerous Drugs, on the part of the Majority:
1. Rep. Ted Failon
2. Rep. Salacnib F. Baterina
3. Rep. Rodolfo B. Albano
4. Rep. Jose Carlos V. Lacson
5. Rep. Oscar G. Garin
6. Rep. Junie E. Cua
7. Rep. Douglas RA. Cagas
8. Rep. Oscar S. Rodriguez
9. Rep. Isidoro E. Real Jr.
10. Rep. Prospero C. Nograles
11. Rep. Antonio M. Abaya
12. Rep. Gilbert C. Remulla
13. Rep. Darlene Magnolia R. Antonino-Custodio

ELECTION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

On motion of Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Body elected the following as additional members to the Committee on Ways and Means, on the part of the Majority:

1. Rep. Oscar S. Rodriguez
2. Rep. Raul V. Del Mar
3. Rep. Narciso D. Monfort

ELECTION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

On motion of Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Body elected the following as additional members to the Committee on Transportation and Communications, on the part of the Majority:

1. Rep. Cho Roco
2. Rep. Monico O. Puentevella
3. Rep. Josephine Y. Ramirez-Sato
4. Rep. Sherwin T. Gatchalian
5. Rep. Antonio Eduardo B. Nachura
6. Rep. Gerardo S. Espina
7. Rep. Reynaldo S. Uy

ELECTION OF REP. LAGMAN-LUISTRO
AS ADDITIONAL MEMBER TO

THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN

On motion of Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Body elected Rep. Cielo Krisel Lagman-Luistro as additional member to the Committee on Women, on the part of the Majority.

ELECTION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH
AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

On motion of Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Body elected the following as additional members to the Committee on Youth and Sports Development, on the part of the Majority:

1. Rep. Abdullah D. Dimaporo
2. Rep. Cho Roco
3. Rep. Antonio M. Abaya

ELECTION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE
ON BASES CONVERSION

On motion of Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Body elected the following as additional members to the Special Committee on Bases Conversion, representing the Majority:

1. Rep. Wilhelmino M. Sy-Alvarado
2. Rep. Zenaida G. Cruz-Ducut

ELECTION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON
INTER-PARLIAMENTARY
RELATIONS AND DIPLOMACY

On motion of Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Body elected the following as additional members to the Committee on Inter-Parliamentary Relations and Diplomacy, on the part of the Majority:

1. Rep. Felix R. Alfelor Jr.
2. Rep. Harry C. Angping
3. Rep. Arthur D. Defensor
4. Rep. Wilhelmino M. Sy-Alvarado
5. Rep. Ma. Victoria L. Locsin
6. Rep. Raul L. Villareal
7. Rep. Renato J. Unico Jr.
8. Rep. Jurdin Jesus M. Romualdo
9. Rep. Joseph "Ace" H. Durano
10. Rep. Juan Pablo "Rimpy" P. Bondoc

ELECTION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT

On motion of Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Body elected the following as additional members to the Committee on Oversight, on the part of the Majority:

1. Rep. Harry C. Angping
2. Rep. Renato J. Unico Jr.

ELECTION OF ADDITIONAL
MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE
ON APPROPRIATIONS

On motion of Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Body elected the following as

additional members to the Committee on Appropriations, on the part of the Majority:

1. Rep. Roque R. Ablan Jr.
2. Rep. Benasing O. Macarambon Jr.
3. Rep. Eduardo K. Veloso

ELECTION OF REP. MACARAMBON
AS ADDITIONAL MEMBER TO THE
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

On motion of Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Body elected Rep. Benasing O. Macarambon Jr. as additional member to the Committee on Veterans Affairs, on the part of the Majority.

ELECTION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

On motion of Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Body elected the following as additional members to the Committee on Rules, on the part of the Majority, after Rep. Antonio R. Floirendo Jr.:

1. Rep. Danton Q. Bueser
2. Rep. Jesli A. Lapus

ELECTION OF REP. ESPINA AS
ADDITIONAL MEMBER TO THE
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

On motion of Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Body elected Rep. Gerardo S. Espina as additional member to the Committee on Public Information, on the part of the Majority.

ELECTION OF REP. DY AS
ADDITIONAL MEMBER TO
THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

On motion of Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Body elected Rep. Faustino G. Dy III as additional member to the Committee on Energy, on the part of the Majority.

ELECTION OF REP. CLARETE
AS ADDITIONAL MEMBER TO THE
COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

On motion of Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Body elected Rep. Ernie Dulalas Clarete as additional member to the Committee on Dangerous Drugs, on the part of the Majority.

ELECTION OF REP. VILLAREAL
AS ADDITIONAL MEMBER TO
THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE
ON BASES CONVERSION

On motion of Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Body elected Rep. Raul L. Villareal as additional member to the Special Committee on Bases Conversion, on the part of the Majority.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY
OF REP. GOZOS

Upon recognition by the Chair, Rep. Oscar L. Gozos inquired on the period of existence of a special committee. This, as he cited the second paragraph of Section 24 of the Rules of the House which states that each special committee shall exist for a period of one (1) year from the date of its organization. He inquired whether a special

committee would cease to exist ipso facto one year after its creation.

With the permission of the Chair, Rep. Escudero replied that the Body had provisionally adopted the Rules of the House for the Eleventh Congress. He stated that the suggestion of Rep. Gozos will be taken into consideration as the Chamber is now in the process of undertaking a review or revision of said Rules for the Twelfth Congress.

ELECTION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON
LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

On motion of Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Body elected the following as additional members to the Committee on Legislative Franchises, on the part of the Majority:

1. Rep. Eduardo K. Veloso
2. Rep. Edmund O. Reyes Jr.
3. Rep. Arthur F. Celeste
4. Rep. Raul L. Villareal

MOTION OF REP. ESCUDERO

Whereupon, Rep. Escudero moved that the Body proceed to the Reference of Business.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY
OF REP. REMULLA

Before the Chair could act on Rep. Escudero's motion, Rep. Gilbert C. Remulla inquired whether the Members' colleagues from the Party-List Bayan Muna have signified their intention to join the Majority or the Minority.

With the permission of the Chair, Rep. Escudero manifested that as of the moment, the Representatives from the Party-List Bayan Muna have just taken their respective oaths of office. He said that the House has not yet received any communication from said Members indicating whether they would wish to align themselves with the Majority or the Minority.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY
OF REP. ABAYA (A.)

Upon recognition by the Chair, Rep. Antonio M. Abaya inquired on the timetable set by the House for the adoption of its Rules, including the rules governing the committees, and its Rules of Procedure Governing Inquiries In Aid of Legislation. He manifested that some committees have already held their organizational meetings and among the initial questions raised was that of the committee rules to be adopted.

With the permission of the Chair, Rep. Escudero replied that the subcommittee which was authorized to conduct a review of the House Rules had only been organized the previous week, but it is expected to submit its recommendations during the meeting of the Committee on Rules that is scheduled the following day. He expressed hope that the Committee would be able to finalize within the week the Rules of the House for the Twelfth Congress. At the same time, he expressed doubt on whether final copies of the House Rules may be printed out that same week, for the perusal of the Members.

He surmised that copies of the Rules will most likely be distributed to the Members by next week, at the earliest.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

As previously moved by Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Reference of Business.

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the titles of the following Bills and Resolutions on First Reading, which were referred to the appropriate

Committees hereunder indicated, including a Communication that was consigned to the Archives:

House Bill No. 2294, entitled:

"AN ACT DISQUALIFYING FROM FILING A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY FOR ANY POSITION IN ANY NATIONAL OR LOCAL ELECTION PERSONS CHARGED WITH AND DETAINED FOR OR CONVICTED OF NON-BAILABLE OFFENSES"

By Representative Bueser

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 2295, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING EXEMPTION TO THE MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY, INCLUDING THE CHIEF JUSTICE AND ASSOCIATE JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT, AND THEIR PERSONNEL FROM THE COVERAGE OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6758, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SALARY STANDARDIZATION LAW"

By Representative Bueser

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 2296, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE LANZONES AUTHORITY"
By Representative Bueser

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION

House Bill No. 2297, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING ANOTHER CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT IN THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED EIGHTY-NINE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-THREE, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CHARTER OF THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY"

By Representative Cabilao

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2298, entitled:

"AN ACT REQUIRING ALL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO PROVIDE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS TO AT LEAST TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THEIR STUDENT POPULATION WHO ARE POOR BUT DESERVING STUDENTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Rodriguez (O.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2299, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REHABILITATION AND MODERNIZATION OF THE CATTLE BREEDING STATION AND STOCK FARM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DUMARAO, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Castro

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

House Bill No. 2300, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CONCRETE BRIDGE AT BARANGAY LAWA-AN IN THE

MUNICIPALITY OF DUMARAO, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Castro

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

House Bill No. 2301, entitled:

"AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF REAL ESTATE SERVICE IN THE PHILIPPINES, CREATING A REAL ESTATE COMMISSION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Zialcita

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

House Bill No. 2302, entitled:

"AN ACT MANDATING ALL AGENCIES IN THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT A POVERTY ALLEVIATION IMPACT STATEMENT (PAIS) IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF EACH DEPARTMENT FOR CONSIDERATION IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT"

By Representative Locsin (V.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 2303, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING ADDITIONAL TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL INCOME EARNERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION THIRTY-FOUR OF 'THE TAX REFORM ACT OF 1997' "

By Representative Locsin (V.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 2304, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY LIMINANGCONG, MUNICIPALITY OF TAYTAY, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN TO BE KNOWN AS THE LIMINANGCONG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, PROVIDING FOR ITS FUNDING AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Sandoval (V.)

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

House Bill No. 2305, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PANLAITAN, MUNICIPALITY OF BUSUANGA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN TO BE KNOWN AS THE PANLAITAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, PROVIDING FOR ITS FUNDING AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Sandoval (V.)

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

House Bill No. 2306, entitled:

"AN ACT TO MAXIMIZE THE COLLECTION OF REVENUES BY REQUIRING THE FILING OF STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND NETWORTH AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND BY GRANTING TAX AMNESTY ON ALL UNPAID INTERNAL REVENUE TAXES IMPOSED BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT FOR TAXABLE YEAR 2000 AND PRIOR YEARS"

By Representative Suarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 2307, entitled:

"AN ACT SEPARATING THE AURORA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX IN BARANGAY BALIDE, MUNICIPALITY OF AURORA, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR FROM THE COMMONWEALTH NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY COMMONWEALTH OF THE SAME MUNICIPALITY AND CONVERTING THE SAME INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE AURORA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Real

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

House Bill No. 2308, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR AND/OR IMPROVEMENT OF A MULTIPURPOSE SPORTS CENTER IN BARANGAY MELGAR, MUNICIPALITY OF BASILISA, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Ecleo

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

House Bill No. 2309, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING THE MUSLIM DEVELOPMENT MULTIPURPOSE COOPERATIVE A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO STATIONS ANYWHERE IN THE PHILIPPINES"

By Representative Macarambon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 2310, entitled:

"AN ACT UPGRADING THE PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN VIRAC, CATANDUANES TO A TERTIARY LEVEL II HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE CATANDUANES REGIONAL HOSPITAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Santiago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
House Bill No. 2311, entitled:

"AN ACT UPGRADING THE SECONDARY HOSPITAL IN VIGA, CATANDUANES TO TERTIARY LEVEL I HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE VIGA PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Santiago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 2312, entitled:

"AN ACT UPGRADING THE SECONDARY HOSPITAL IN PANDAN, CATANDUANES TO TERTIARY LEVEL I HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE PANDAN PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Santiago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 2313, entitled:

"AN ACT UPGRADING THE PRIMARY HOSPITAL IN CARAMORAN, CATANDUANES TO SECONDARY HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE CARAMORAN PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Santiago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 2314, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING THE SAN MIGUEL DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN MIGUEL, PROVINCE OF CATANDUANES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Santiago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
House Bill No. 2315, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING THE PANGANIBAN DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PANGANIBAN, PROVINCE OF CATANDUANES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Santiago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 2316, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING THE BAGAMANOC DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAGAMANOC, PROVINCE OF CATANDUANES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Santiago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 2317, entitled:

"AN ACT UPGRADING THE SECONDARY HOSPITAL IN BATO, CATANDUANES TO TERTIARY LEVEL I HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE BATO PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Santiago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 2318, entitled:

"AN ACT UPGRADING THE PRIMARY HOSPITAL IN BARAS, CATANDUANES TO A SECONDARY HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE BARAS DISTRICT HOSPITAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Santiago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
House Bill No. 2319, entitled:

"AN ACT UPGRADING THE PRIMARY HOSPITAL IN GIGMOTO, CATANDUANES TO SECONDARY HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE GIGMOTO DISTRICT HOSPITAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Santiago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 2320, entitled:

"AN ACT UPGRADING THE SECONDARY HOSPITAL IN SAN ANDRES, CATANDUANES TO A TERTIARY LEVEL I OR PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE JMA MEMORIAL PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Santiago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 2321, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE LONOY HEROES MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL, MUNICIPALITY OF JAGNA, PROVINCE OF BOHOL INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE LONOY HEROES MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Jala

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

House Bill No. 2322, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE CONCEPCION HIGH SCHOOL, MUNICIPALITY OF MABINI, PROVINCE OF BOHOL INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE CONCEPCION NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Jala

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

House Bill No. 2323, entitled:

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

By Representative Jala

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

House Bill No. 2324, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE HINAWANAN HIGH SCHOOL, MUNICIPALITY OF LOAY, PROVINCE OF BOHOL INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE HINAWANAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Jala

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

House Bill No. 2325, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE LA HACIENDA HIGH SCHOOL, MUNICIPALITY OF ALICIA, PROVINCE OF BOHOL INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE LA HACIENDA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Jala

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
House Bill No. 2326, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY NUEVA FUERZA, MUNICIPALITY OF CARMEN, PROVINCE OF BOHOL TO BE KNOWN AS POLICRONIO DANO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Jala

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

House Bill No. 2327, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY NUEVA VIDA ESTE, MUNICIPALITY OF CARMEN, PROVINCE OF BOHOL TO BE KNOWN AS NUEVA VIDA ESTE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Jala

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

House Bill No. 2328, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE PILAR HIGH SCHOOL, MUNICIPALITY OF PILAR, PROVINCE OF BOHOL INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE PILAR NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Jala

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

House Bill No. 2329, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE ANDA HIGH SCHOOL, MUNICIPALITY OF ANDA, PROVINCE OF BOHOL INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE ANDA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Jala

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

House Bill No. 2330, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE GARCIA HERNANDEZ HIGH SCHOOL, MUNICIPALITY OF GARCIA HERNANDEZ, PROVINCE OF BOHOL INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE GARCIA HERNANDEZ NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Jala

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

House Bill No. 2331, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY LIPAY, MUNICIPALITY OF STA. CRUZ, PROVINCE OF ZAMBALES TO BE KNOWN AS THE LIPAY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Torres

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

House Bill No. 2332, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE BOTOLAN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BOTOLAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBALES INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE BOTOLAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Torres

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

House Bill No. 2333, entitled:

"AN ACT TO LIBERALIZE PHILIPPINE CIVIL AVIATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Ablan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

House Bill No. 2334, entitled:

"AN ACT PENALIZING ANY GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL WHO REFUSES TO RELEASE IMMEDIATELY A DETAINED PRISONER WHO HAS POSTED BAIL AND/OR CLEARED OF CHARGES BY COMPETENT AUTHORITIES"

By Representative Singson

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2335, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY BAB-ASIG IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF QUIRINO, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR"

By Representative Singson

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2336, entitled:

"AN ACT REQUIRING PRIVATE CONTRACTORS DOING PUBLIC WORK PROJECTS TO EMPLOY INDIGENTS WHO ARE IN THE ROSTERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (DSWD), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED SIXTY-SIX HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE"

By Representative Singson

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2337, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE CEBU STATE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM IN CEBU CITY INCLUDING ITS SATELLITE COLLEGES IN THE PROVINCE OF CEBU INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CEBU TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY (CTU)"

By Representative Gullas

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

House Bill No. 2338, entitled:

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

By Representative Lapus

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

House Bill No. 2339, entitled:

"AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ROMBLON PROVINCIAL SPORTS COMPLEX IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ODIONGAN, PROVINCE OF ROMBLON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Ylagan

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

House Bill No. 2340, entitled:

"AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN IRRIGATION SYSTEM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PROVINCE OF ROMBLON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Ylagan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FISHERIES AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
House Bill No. 2341, entitled:

"AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN IRRIGATION SYSTEM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CAJIDIOCAN, PROVINCE OF ROMBLON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Ylagan

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

House Bill No. 2342, 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. 2343, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING THE MULTI-MEDIA RADIO BROADCASTING SERVICES (MMRBS), INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES"

By Representative Romualdo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 2344, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE COMPOSITION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF VALENZUELA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 10 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8526, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF VALENZUELA"

By Representative Gunigundo I
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2345, entitled:

"AN ACT REQUIRING ALL LAW SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES TO INTEGRATE IN THEIR CURRICULUM A CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR CITIZENS RESIDING IN DEPRESSED AREAS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Rodriguez (O.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2346, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING NEW LIFE IN CHRIST FELLOWSHIP INCORPORATED (NLCF, Inc.), A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS IN

THE PHILIPPINES"

By Representative Banaag

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 2347, entitled:

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

By Representative Banaag

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

House Bill No. 2348, entitled:

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

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

House Bill No. 2349, entitled:

"AN ACT UPGRADING THE BATANGAS SUBDISTRICT ENGINEERING DISTRICT OFFICE OF LIPA CITY INTO A REGULAR DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"
By Representative Gozos

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

House Bill No. 2350, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PADRE GARCIA, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS TO BE KNOWN AS THE PADRE GARCIA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Gozos

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

House Bill No. 2351, entitled:

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

By Representative Nograles

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 2352, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES' THE RIGHT TO PEACEFUL CONCERTED ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO STRIKE AS A MEANS OF LAST RESORT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW"

By Representative Jala

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 2353, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE DUERO HIGH SCHOOL, MUNICIPALITY OF DUERO, PROVINCE OF BOHOL INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE DUERO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Jala

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

House Bill No. 2354, entitled:

"AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF MICROBIOLOGY IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Padilla

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 2355, entitled:

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

By Representative Suplico

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

House Bill No. 2356, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BINULUANGAN ISLAND, MUNICIPALITY OF CARLES, PROVINCE OF ILOILO TO BE KNOWN AS THE FELIPE V. SICAD NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Suplico

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

House Bill No. 2357, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY HDA. CONCHITA, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN DIONISIO, PROVINCE OF ILOILO TO BE KNOWN AS THE RAMON LOPEZ NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Suplico

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

House Bill No. 2358, entitled:

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

By Representative Zamora (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 2359, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING A SPECIAL AGRICULTURAL FUND OUT OF THE TEN PERCENT (10%) GROSS ANNUAL INCOME OF THE PHILIPPINE AMUSEMENT AND GAMING CORPORATION (PAGCOR) FOR THE YEARS 2001-2010 TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE LANDBANK OF THE PHILIPPINES FOR LENDING TO SMALL FARMERS

AND FISHERFOLKS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Abaya (P.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FISHERIES

House Bill No. 2360, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TABID, OZAMIZ CITY, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE TABID NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Ramiro

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

House Bill No. 2361, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY GALA, OZAMIZ CITY, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE GALA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Ramiro

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

House Bill No. 2362, entitled:

"AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF THE PROFESSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES"

By Representative Soon-Ruiz

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 2363, entitled:

"AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF GOVERNMENT AMBULANCES IN NON-EMERGENCY CASES OR ITS NON-USE BY REASON OF MATERIAL CONSIDERATION OR POLITICAL DISCRIMINATION AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF"

By Representative Soon-Ruiz

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
House Bill No. 2364, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF CORDOVA BARANGAY HIGH SCHOOL SITUATED AT BARANGAY DAY-AS CORDOVA, CEBU INTO A FULLY NATIONALIZED HIGH SCHOOL TO BE NAMED AS CORDOVA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Soon-Ruiz

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

House Bill No. 2365, entitled:

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

By Representative Soon-Ruiz

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

House Bill No. 2366, entitled:

"AN ACT DECLARING APRIL 27 OF EACH YEAR AS A NONWORKING PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN THE CITIES OF LAPULAPU, MANDAUE AND CEBU, PROVINCE OF CEBU AND ALL OF ITS COMPONENT CITIES TO BE KNOWN AS 'KADAUGAN SA MAKTAN DAY' "

By Representative Soon-Ruiz

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS
House Bill No. 2367, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 447 AND 458 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, ALSO KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE"

By Representative Soon-Ruiz

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2368, 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 Soon-Ruiz

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN

House Bill No. 2369, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 442, 452 AND 461 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, BY INCREASING THE AVERAGE ANNUAL INCOME REQUIREMENT FOR THE CREATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS"

By Representative Sumulong

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2370, entitled:

"AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A MECHANISM FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF WORKERS TO A LIVING WAGE, ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL LIVING WAGE COMMISSION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

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

House Bill No. 2371, entitled:

"AN ACT MANDATING THE MINIMUM HEALTH ADVISORY REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVERTISEMENTS IN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS, INSTITUTING A SYSTEM TO MONITOR ITS COMPLIANCE, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Failon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 2372, entitled:

"AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO MINORS"

By Representative Failon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 2373, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY RIZAL, MUNICIPALITY OF BAROTAC VIEJO, PROVINCE OF ILOILO TO BE KNOWN AS THE ALBERTO B. PAREDES NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Suplico

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

House Bill No. 2374, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BUCANA BUNGLAS, MUNICIPALITY OF AJUY, PROVINCE OF ILOILO TO BE KNOWN AS THE BUCANA BUNGLAS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

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

House Bill No. 2375, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TANAO, MUNICIPALITY OF BATAD, PROVINCE OF ILOILO TO BE KNOWN AS THE VALERIO PALMARES NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Suplico

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

House Bill No. 2376, entitled:

"AN ACT REGULATING THE LABELING, SALE AND ADVERTISING OF CIGARETTES AND OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS, PROHIBITING SMOKING IN PUBLIC CONVEYANCES AND ENCLOSED PUBLIC PLACES, PROVIDING FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Singson

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 2377, entitled:

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

By Representative Yumul-Hermida

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 2378, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGKAWAYAN, PROVINCE OF QUEZON TO BE KNOWN AS THE TAGKAWAYAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"
By Representative Yumul-Hermida

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

House Bill No. 2379, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MUSEUM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KALIBO, PROVINCE OF AKLAN TO BE KNOWN AS THE 'MUSEUM IT AKEAN' AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Calizo

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

House Bill No. 2380, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FARM TO MARKET ROAD CONNECTING BARANGAYS MAGUGBA AND PINONOY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LIBACAO, PROVINCE OF AKLAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Calizo

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

House Bill No. 2381, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FARM TO MARKET ROAD CONNECTING BARANGAYS PAMPANGO AND ALFONSO XII IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LIBACAO, PROVINCE OF AKLAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Calizo

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

House Bill No. 2382, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DIRECT REVIEW BY THE SUPREME COURT OF THE DECISIONS, RESOLUTIONS OR AWARDS OF THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS COMMISSION, THEREBY AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 224 OF THE LABOR CODE"

By Representative Martinez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2383, entitled:

"AN ACT TO RATIONALIZE THE COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS COMMISSION, THEREBY AMENDING ARTICLES 213, 214, 215 AND 216, BOOK V, TITLE II OF THE LABOR CODE, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Martinez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 2384, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE WESTERN VISAYAS SANITARIUM AND LEPROSARIUM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF STA. BARBARA, PROVINCE OF ILOILO INTO THE PRESIDENT DIOSDADO MACAPAGAL HOSPITAL AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR TROPICAL MEDICINE, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Syjuco

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 105, entitled:

"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE COMPLAINT OF RESIDENTS NEAR THE AIRPORT CONCERNING THE NOISE POLLUTION CAUSED BY ARRIVING AND DEPARTING AIRPLANES AND TO RECOMMEND APPROPRIATE MEASURES FOR THE ABATEMENT OF THE SAME"

By Representative Zialcita

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 106, entitled:

"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE ALLEGED ANOMALIES IN THE CONDUCT OF THE COMPUTERIZATION OF RECORDS WITH THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE, ESPECIALLY IN THE ISSUANCE OF COMPUTER-GENERATED IDENTIFICATION CARDS TO TAXPAYERS"

By Representative Barbers

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 107, entitled:

"RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, BY THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON THE ALLEGED CONNIVANCE OF TOP RANKING MILITARY OFFICIALS WITH THE ABU SAYYAF IN THE LATTER'S KIDNAPPING ACTIVITIES AND IN EXTRACTING RANSOM MONEYS FROM THE VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES"

By Representative Bueser

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 108, entitled:

"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SUPPOSED FLAWS AND LOOPHOLES DURING THE TRANSITION INTO THE REGIME OF THE NEW DEREGULATION OF THE OIL INDUSTRY (REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8180)"

By Representative Escudero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
House Resolution No. 109, entitled:

"RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS TO SWIFTLY RESOLVE WITH DISPATCH THE POLITICAL CONTROVERSY SURROUNDING THE MAY 14, 2001 ELECTIONS IN CALOOCAN CITY, AND PROCEED WITH THE OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION OF WINNERS THEREOF"

By Representative Echiverri

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Resolution No. 110, entitled:

"RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE REPORTED OIL SPILLS IN BAYANAN CREEK, MUNTINLUPA CITY AND IN MORONG, RIZAL"

By Representative Suplico

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 111, entitled:

"RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE REPORTED CONNIVANCE BETWEEN CERTAIN OFFICERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE ABU SAYYAF KIDNAP GANG"

By Representative Suplico

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 112, entitled:

"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8240, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 138, 139, 140 AND 142 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,' WITH THE END IN VIEW OF FACILITATING THE ISSUANCE OF THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE SAID PROVISION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Uy (E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 113, entitled:

"RESOLUTION URGING THE PHILIPPINE PORTS AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH A GARBAGE COLLECTION SERVICE IN ALL PORTS OF CALL THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY TO DISCOURAGE THE DUMPING OF WASTE MATERIALS BY SEA-GOING VESSELS INTO THE SEA"

By Representative Ylagan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

House Resolution No. 114, entitled:

"RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TO IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, AS TO WHETHER OR NOT STRADCOM, THE IT CONTRACTOR FOR LTO, FAILED IN ITS OBLIGATION TO BUILD AND OPERATE THE LTO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROJECT"

By Representatives Veloso, Pichay, Abayon and Paras

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 115, entitled:

"RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TO IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, TO LOOK INTO POSSIBLE ANOMALIES IN THE CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND AMPI AND STRADCOM WITH REGARD TO THE ISSUANCE OF DRIVERS' LICENSES"

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
House Resolution No. 116, entitled:

"RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED ANOMALIES INVOLVED IN THE COMPUTERIZATION BY THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE RELATIVE TO SECURING THE LEGALLY MANDATED THIRD PARTY LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE, INCLUDING THE ALLEGED ABSENCE OF BIDDING IN THE ENGAGEMENT OF THE INSURANCE CONSORTIUM AND THE COMPANY THAT WILL INSTALL THE TECHNICAL INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE SYSTEM"

By Representative Sandoval (F.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 117, entitled:

"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE STATUS OF BAGONG LIPUNAN IMPROVEMENT OF SITES AND SERVICES (BLISS) HOUSING PROJECTS"

By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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Rep. Rodolfo C. Bacani for House Bill No. 191;

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Reps. Roseller L. Barinaga and Ernesto "Banzai" Nieva for House Bills No. 27 and 34; and House Joint Resolution No. 2;

Rep. Michael John "Jack" R. Duavit for House Bill No. 973;

Reps. Faysah Maniri Racman Dumarpa, Abdullah D. Dimaporo and Fausto L. Seachon Jr., for House Bills No. 27, 34 and House Joint Resolution No. 2;

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Rep. Gerardo S. Espina for House Bills No. 845 and 1929;

Rep. Edgar T. Espinosa for House Bill No. 251;

Rep. Raul M. Gonzalez for House Bills No. 2129 and 2131;

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Rep. Jesli A. Lapus for House Bills No. 27, 34, 133, 747, 751, 1605, 1606 and House Joint Resolution No. 2;

Rep. Clavel A. Martinez for House Bill No. 196;

Rep. Narciso D. Monfort for House Bills No. 40, 41, 43, 218, 226, 227, 233, 358, 408, 417, 827, 1108, 1682 and House Joint Resolution No. 1;

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2139, 2140, 2141, 2142, 2143 and 2152;

Rep. Oscar S. Rodriguez for House Bill No. 9, 41, 140 and 532;

Rep. Jurdin Jesus M. Romualdo for House Bills No. 80, 159, 190, 246 and 253;

Rep. Lorna C. Silverio for House Bills No. 39 and 1832;

Rep. Nerissa Corazon Soon-Ruiz for House Bills No. 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 107, 300, 879, 883, 884, 886, 895, 1118, 1204, 1266, 1377, 1396, 1515, 1516, 2037, 2038, 2162 and 2202;

Rep. Victor R. Sumulong for House Bill No. 1682; and

Rep. Generoso DC. Tulagan for House Bill No. 15;

Rep. Eduardo K. Veloso for House Bill No. 186;

Rep. Wilfrido B. Villarama for House Bills No. 41, 118, 196, 224, 257, 429, 497, 633, 1118, 1263, 1340, 1371, 1383, 1396, 1413, 1425, 1452, 1467, 1521, 1789, 1832, 1833, 1834, 1835, 1847, 1888 and 1935; and

Rep. Eduardo C. Zialcita for House Bills No. 1385, 1388, 1390, 1392, 1394, 1448, 1449, 1513, 1533, 1539, 1541, 1542, 1558, 1648, 1694, 1721, 1745, 1746, 1747, 1749, 1750, 1754, 1755, 1756 and 1757.

COMMUNICATION

Presidential issuance received by the Secretariat of the House of Representatives, dated August 9, 2001,

Proclamation No. 79

TO THE ARCHIVES

ELECTION OF REP. ANGARA-CASTILLO VICE REP. AQUINO (A.) TO THE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS

Upon recognition by the Chair, Rep. Constantino G. Jaraula moved for the election of Rep. Bellaflor Angara-Castillo vice Rep. Agapito A. Aquino to the Committee on Accounts. There being no objection, the motion was approved.

Rep. Jaraula manifested that Rep. Aquino (A.) nonetheless retains his membership to said Committee as an ex-officio, and no longer as a regular, member by virtue of the amendment of Section 22 of the Rules of the House.

THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

It being a Monday, on motion of Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour.

Upon Rep. Escudero's further motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Monico O. Puentevella who had reserved to deliver a privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. PUENTEVELLA

Rep. Puentevella prefaced his speech with a manifestation that he was speaking in behalf of the millions of members of the Social Security System (SSS) and the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) who should know certain truths about the two government financial institutions (GFIs). He manifested that he was viewing the matter from the point of view of an ordinary member of both the SSS and the GSIS even as he

had been given access to official records on the matter.

He said that he was analyzing the national newspapers two weeks ago when he came across several columns dealing with the two GFIs. He maintained that he was very disturbed over what he had read in the newspapers because of the incredulous allegations printed therein which moved him to verify the same. He then proceeded to disclose certain figures that he had gathered from the documents he had acquired. He revealed that an executive in said corporations earns a gross monthly salary ranging from P100,000 to P300,000; one corporation has a salary structure designed with a 26% average yearly increase; a board seat has corresponding per diems in addition to a P10,000 anniversary award, P5,000 dependents' medical allowance, P8,000 regular medical allowance, short-term variable pay ranging from P140,000 to P400,000; and P40,000 bank certificates as Christmas gifts. He added that one corporation was so caught up with the Christmas spirit that its Christmas expenses for the year 2000 alone reached P188,563,500.

Thereupon, Rep. Puentevella called the attention of the Body to the following benefits executives in said corporations have been receiving: an annual salary ranging from P1.5 million to P5 million; P5 million group personal accident insurance; an early retirement package reaching up to P12 million and a P93,000 monthly pension after five years.

He added that other compensation include: board seats in other government agencies and publicly-listed government corporations; the usual and unusual bonuses; health care benefits; and P1 million maximum entitlement to a car plan. This, he said, is an arrangement one cannot refuse.

Rep. Puentevella pointed out that the figures he had cited were neither figments of his imagination nor the contract of a high caliber executive working for a multinational or international firm considering that they do not make that much either.

Thereupon, Rep. Puentevella maintained that the abovementioned figures were quoted directly from the papers that had been provided to him by the Commission on Audit (COA) and that the corporations he was referring to were the SSS and the GSIS. He said that he cannot make up his mind as to which he would consider more unconscionable: the sheer number of executives that said GFIs have, the exorbitant compensation and retirement packages offered to these executives or the fact that these funds have come from the very contributions of the corporations' millions of members.

Rep. Puentevella thereafter raised several questions, to wit:

1. Why were the executives, who are technically government employees allowed to receive such generous compensation and retirement benefits;

2. What was the basis or authority for said remunerations; and

3. Who gave the SSS and GSIS the authority to dispose of the members' contributions.

This, as he stressed that the SSS and GSIS are only fund managers and whatever profits they gain should have been held in stock for the members and not for their executives' and employees personal gain.

Whereupon, Rep. Puentevella stated that a Member had cited the worsening financial positions of the SSS according to the COA report. Moreover, he said that an article published in the August 6, 2001 issue of the Philippine Daily Inquirer (PDI) stated that: "Last year alone, benefit payments exceeded premium contributions by P3.57 billion. For eight years in a row, benefit payments overshot premium payments and the prognosis that the strength will be reversed this year is not very good."

Rep. Puentevella pointed out that premium contributions and the income generated therefrom should always exceed benefit payments, otherwise, the SSS will be in the red. He added that the members and the government will be faced with another loss-taking government institution. With these losses, he said that the government will definitely pursue the privatization process in order to stop the depletion of finances which is

the reason the SSS employees had staged a walkout.

At this point, Rep. Puentevella cited Mr. Honesto C. General's article in the issue of the Philippine Daily Inquirer which stated that "In 1998, a year after the SSS charter was enacted freeing salaries from the stingy salary standardization program, salaries were raised by a whopping P888.2 million. In 1999, salaries had again increased by P320.3 million, and in the year 2000, salaries had gone up again by another P238.4 million. Over the three-year period, salaries had soared by an astounding P1.5 billion."

Rep. Puentevella also cited Mr. Jarius Bondoc's article in the Philippine Star, dated August 4, 2001 which questioned the fact that 59 SSS executives or vice presidents had received such generous compensation packages. He added that he had a list of these executives with their respective monthly compensation. He said that he was totally shocked to find out that the executive vice-president of the SSS was earning at least P300,000 a month while other executives were earning up to P150,000 a month or more. He however said that former SSS President Vitaliano Nañagas was only number 27 in the list which ranked the executives from the highest to the lowest earners. He said that he would not dwell on the more than P188 million Christmas expenses that the SSS had incurred for the year 2000 since this matter had received more than sufficient airtime and space in the media.

Whereupon, Rep. Puentevella cited the following data he had obtained from the newspapers regarding the GSIS and left it to the Members to come up with their respective conclusions:

1. Former GSIS President Federico C. Pascual who retired on January 25, 2001 at the age of 58, received a monthly basic salary of P356,979 and a total of P12,539,251.41 in retirement pay after only two years as GSIS President, with a monthly pension of P8,291.91 after five years; and

2. GSIS Senior Vice President Lourdes G. Patag who retired on June 28, 2001 at the age of 65 received a monthly salary of P150,211 and a total of P13,500,040.88 in retirement pay, with a monthly pension of P93,606.86 after five years.
He commented that the Members were in the wrong business and that indeed, some people are smarter than others.

Whereupon, Rep. Puentevella asked for whose benefit were the contributions and the income generated from investments really for. He further asked whether such benefits were for SSS and GSIS members or for their officers, executives, and vice presidents.

Underscoring that a public office is a public trust, Rep. Puentevella added that he could serve as Representative of the Lone District of Bacolod for 50 years and yet, he would never receive a fraction of what the so-called co-workers in the public trust at the GSIS have obtained He said that it was ironic that even the congressional staff, the House Secretariat and all other government employees, as mandated by law, had to give a portion of their earnings as GSIS contribution or that 23 million SSS members, most of whom are from the private sector, had faithfully and religiously updated their monthly contributions so that they could have some form of subsistence to look forward to when they reach their twilight years.

Rep. Puentevella stated that the greatest insult of all was that GSIS and SSS members, whether they pay as much as they can or serve as long as they can, will never receive the equivalent of what their fund managers have received. He stressed that this fact is unconscionable, immoral and must be rectified at the soonest possible time.

Anent the GFIs' justification for their compensation packages that they had to compete with current banking and private financial institutions in terms of compensation in order to attract the best and the brightest to the government service, Rep. Puentevella argued that private banks do not have as much as 59 vice presidents. Speaking in Filipino, he emphasized that they should be ashamed of themselves for having this number of vice presidents. Moreover, he pointed out that private banks, unlike government officials, do not have security of tenure.

Rep. Puentevella said that if this is the case, then the compensation packages of all government employees should likewise be raised to entice the best and the brightest for it is but fitting and proper that they serve the public trust.

As he suggested that the SSL be amended, Rep. Puentevella pointed out that if said law only stands in the way of providing better subsistence to government employees, the same should be amended. If said law cannot be repealed, he suggested that the SSS or GSIS compensation packages be adopted instead. He said that other government agencies should legislate their own charters and free themselves of the constraints imposed by the law on matters of compensation.

However, Rep. Puentevella maintained that this was not the issue that needs to be resolved. He expressed belief that one of the major concerns should be to hold these GFIs accountable for their spending, be it in terms of investments or maintenance and operating expenses.

At this point, Rep. Puentevella raised several questions, to wit:

1. How come the executives of these GFIs were able to secure better compensation packages than the members who sustained them with their contributions;

2. How come the executives of these GFIs and even the rank-and-file have overly-generous salaries derived from the contributions of its members;

3. How come the investments of these GFIs were never audited, investigated or exposed to the public considering that without these contributions, there would not have been investments to make; and

4. How come Republic Acts No. 8282 and 8291, commonly known as the SSS and the GSIS charters, have been grossly misapplied or abused.

Thereupon, Rep. Puentevella pointed out that the culprits in this case are not the GFI executives who had availed if not abused, the leeway granted to them by their respective charters, or members who have chosen to be less critical of the way these GFIs had utilized their contributions, but the Members of the House themselves who had managed to legislate the charters of these institutions and had failed miserably to monitor and implement said laws. This, as he opined that the burden of checking and monitoring the operations of these GFIs rests on the House. He added out that if the law limits the amount that the board of directors of private corporations should earn, the same should apply to the GSIS and the SSS.

Thereupon, Rep. Puentevella urged the Members to conduct an investigation into the operations of the SSS and the GSIS. He further suggested that the Members introduce amendments to their respective charters such that priority will be given to the members instead of granting the officials of said institutions the leeway to provide themselves with astronomical salaries.

Rep. Puentevella pointed out that equality, accountability and the upholding of public trust are the bastions upon which the House rests and that the Members should commit themselves to the discharge of their duties. He added that the 23 million SSS members and 5 million government employees who are GSIS members, totaling 28 million people, have given the Members the mandate to guard their interests. As such, he said that the Members cannot just turn their backs on 28 million individuals.

In concluding his speech, Rep. Puentevella stated in Filipino: "Tama na, sobra na, palitan na."

At this juncture, Reps. Raul M. Gonzalez and Isidoro E. Real Jr. sought recognition from the Chair.

The Chair however recognized Rep. Raul M. Gonzalez for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. GONZALEZ

At the outset, Rep. Gonzalez said that he was happy that Rep. Puentevella had delivered his speech. He informed the Body that he had written all GFIs asking them for records of all their expenditures, especially with regard to matters of disbursements and non-performing loans. He added that the SSS was among the GFIs which he had written to request for records but that said institution has not replied thereto. He then he asked whether the P180 million Christmas splurge of the SSS passed the COA audit.

In response, Rep. Puentevella gave a rundown of the SSS 2000 Christmas expenses in the form of bank certificates as follows: P165 million-cash gifts, P20 million corporate gifts-P1 million; lands - P1.9 million; management counterpart of the Christmas Fund Drive - P100,000, giving a total of P188,563,500. Rep. Puentevella added that said list was given to the COA after the Christmas season.

Thereupon, Rep. Gonzalez inquired whether Rep. Puentevella is aware as to whether the COA had approved said accounts, even as he stressed that what the COA does is post-audit operations. He pointed out that even while the accounts officer may first look over the proposed expenses and state his objections thereto, the COA would have the final decision on whether said expenses are justified or not. He asked whether Rep. Puentevella is aware of whether the COA has approved all expenses which appear to be exorbitant.

Rep. Puentevella replied that the COA had audited said accounts although he is not aware of whether any disallowances have been made. He stated, however, that in a list he had in his possession which came from one COA Commissioner, the GSIS was recorded to have spent P143 million for the 1999 Christmas season; and this went up to P188 million (representing an increase of around P50 million) in the year 2000 despite the economic crisis the country was facing at that time. He added that he had received information that the COA had audited said accounts albeit he does not have a list of the disallowances. This, as he stated that the COA is known to him as not being in favor of what has been happening with the official figures he had cited.

In his rejoinder, Rep. Gonzalez maintained that matter at hand is not a question of whether COA is in favor or not as the fact is that the COA should make a judgment on said accounts. He stressed that the SSS resident auditor should make his findings and if he is able to establish that the expenses are not allowable, he should disallow the same and the agency involved could appeal his decision to the Commission en banc. Considering Rep. Puentevella's earlier statement that his records have come from the SSS itself, Rep. Gonzalez concluded that the same must have passed an audit conducted by the resident auditor.

Thereupon, Rep. Gonzalez inquired whether Rep. Puentevella had checked from all available records how much the SSS auditor had received in perks during that time. This is important to know, he said, because it would be more difficult if the auditor had allowed the expenses in the first place and nobody would complain or elevate the matter to the COA. He opined that there would be a bigger problem if the auditor himself was a beneficiary of the obviously gargantuan expenses because if this were so, the top officials of SSS will be painting the town red every month without anybody acting as a watchdog over them. He asked whether Rep. Puentevella should first determine the COA auditor involved and the scope of his audit report.

Rep. Puentevella remarked that while he shares the sentiments of Rep. Gonzalez, he would have to dig deeper into the name of the auditor who was privy to the accounts of the GSIS and the SSS. This, as he stated that in a conversation he had with a COA Commissioner, the name of the auditor involved and the status of the approval or disapproval of the expenses were not mentioned to him.

Rep. Puentevella then affirmed Rep. Gonzalez's observation that the pertinent papers may already be in progress considering that the list was already with him. He added, however, that inasmuch as a post-audit procedure is involved, it would not be too late to call the auditors of the GSIS and the SSS to a hearing in line with an investigation on the matter to determine the status of the P188 million Christmas expenses.

He further recalled that in his speech, he had mentioned the Christmas expenses in passing because he would like to stress the importance of conducting a full-blown investigation not only of the expenses during the Christmas season but of the exorbitant salaries and the abuse of authority by the 59 vice presidents of the SSS and the GSIS. He stated that he would willingly invite the COA officials involved, particularly the auditors of the GSIS and the SSS once the Body agrees to conduct an investigation on the matter.

At this juncture, Rep. Gonzalez pointed out that he has a pending resolution calling for an investigation of the SSS in view of the walkout of its employees which he believed violated Civil Service Rules and Regulations. He stated that Rep. Puentevella's speech will definitely support said resolution.

Thereupon, Rep. Gonzalez asked whether in the inquiries he had made pertaining to the salaries and retirement benefits of top officials of the SSS and the GSIS, he had observed any effect of President Macapagal-Arroyo's call for a reduction of the salaries and perks being received by top officials of government lending institutions, including the GSIS and the SSS; and whether said institutions have complied with the President's directive.

He recalled that the President had stated quite angrily on nationwide television that if said top officials are not satisfied with what she was asking them to do, the latter may resign. He stated that he does not know whether anyone had resigned and whether said institutions had complied with the directive of the President. Then adverting to the previous figures Rep. Puentevella had cited, Rep. Gonzalez asked how much more the amount could go up in the present year because if this is not stopped, the 23 million members of the SSS along with the five million members of the GSIS will always be at the losing end. He reiterated his query on whether Rep. Puentevella had checked whether the top officials of the SSS and the GSIS have complied with the President's directive to reduce their exorbitant salaries and allowances.

Rep. Puentevella replied by quoting a letter of former SSS President Nañagas to Secretary Emilia Boncodin of the Department of Budget and Management dated July 24, 2001 through which Mr. Nañagas had forwarded a paper on the SSS pay rationalization scheme prepared by Ms. Maria Laurel, SSS Senior Vice president for Administration in connection with Memorandum Order 20. Said paper states, he added, that "compliance with the MOA should be voluntary on the part of the Senior Executives concerned " which actually referred to the 59 vice presidents.

Furthermore, he added, the paper pointed out the considered view of the SSS Legal Department that "there is enough valid and legitimate ground to appeal for exclusion from complying with Memorandum Order No. 20, citing SSS exemption from the Salary Standardization Law (SSL) under Republic Act (RA) No. 8282 and the established principles under labor laws against any diminution or elimination of benefits granted to employees."

Rep. Puentevella then observed that President Macapagal-Arroyo's negative reaction to the information that had reached her office has had no effect except for the newspaper headlines which shocked the people with reports that there are 59 vice presidents in the SSS, not even including the GSIS. In effect, he said that Mr. Nañagas' letter had stated that SSS top officials would appeal their case on the ground that they are exempted from the SSL under RA No. 8282 and the established principles under labor laws against diminution or elimination of benefits granted to employees. In essence, he said, SSS top officials are insisting, to which Rep. Gonzalez retorted that the latter actually do not want to comply with the mandate of the law, hence the remedy would be for Congress to review the SSS charter. Rep. Puentevella affirmed this point and stated that such was the intent of his speech.

In his rejoinder, Rep. Gonzalez stressed the need to stop such practices because the top officials may ask for more. He stated that at the proper time, Congress should conduct an investigation in aid of legislation.

Rep. Gonzalez thereafter inquired whether Rep. Puentevella had checked whether the SSS charter provides its top officials with fixed terms of office or whether they can be removed at will. He cited the case of Mr. Nañagas who had been removed on the basis of employee power at the SSS and maintained that if this were used as a yardstick, the President's appointees should be open to separation from service if they are doing things in violation of the trust vested in their office. He underscored that the SSS and the GSIS are only trustees of the funds of poor employees and laborers who sometimes face difficulties even in applying for death benefits. Rep. Puentevella affirmed this point.

Rep. Gonzalez moreover stated that his constituents had complained about not being able to secure death benefits and having to travel for long distances just to secure said benefits. He maintained that there is something very serious in this situation and asked anew whether Rep. Puentevella had asked if any behest loans have been extended to the GSIS and the SSS.

Rep. Puentevella replied that he had not inquired into the behest loans made by the GSIS and the SSS although he has information about the investments that can be proven to have a negative impact on both institutions. This matter, he said, may be taken up in another time as he intends to take it up in a week's time. He clarified, however, that he has not touched the topic of behest loans yet because his aim in taking the floor that day was to inform the Body that the exorbitant salaries of top officials of the GSIS and the SSS are actually true and have been abused according to the law that they live by.

Rep. Gonzalez then underscored the importance of discussing the non-performing loans along with the exorbitant salaries and allowances of said officials.

Rep. Puentevella replied that in his office, he has a file on the investments that had been made but he deemed it unnecessary to bring them to the Chamber because he simply wanted to dwell on the abuse of authority and mismanagement of funds committed by GSIS and SSS executives based on the salaries and allowances they receive.

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Salapuddin relinquish the Chair to Rep. Escudero.

Thereafter, Rep. Puentevella gave his assurance that next time he would bring up the issue regarding the bad investments made by the SSS and the GSIS.

Rep. Gonzalez opined that the mismanagement of funds does not pertain only to fat salaries of executives and employees but also to bad loans or behest loans extended by the SSS and the GSIS. In fact, he said, the GSIS cannot even collect the P600 million obligation of the Manila Hotel.

Subsequently, Rep. Puentevella said that he will furnish Rep. Gonzalez with a copy of his report on this particular matter the following day and that he will also give him the details on the mismanagement of funds by the SSS and the GSIS.

In closing, Rep. Gonzalez thanked Rep. Puentevella for bringing up this important issue as he observed that many government agencies were mismanaging hundreds of millions of pesos from the funds that were entrusted to them. He lamented that this should not happen at a time of crisis when funds are not readily available to the public. He added that the latter's speech is not only an eye-opener but something that he himself has been working on. In fact, he recalled that he had sent a letter to all government agencies requesting for a list of their non-performing assets, the names of the borrowers, the amount of the obligations and the reason these obligations could not be collected. He added that he had received information from one of the institutions that they were hesitant to provide him with the data because some powerful figures or personalities may be involved. If this is the way things were happening in the government, he said that only God can save the country.

Subsequently, the Chair recognized Rep. Isidoro E. Real Jr. for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. REAL

At the outset, Rep. Real commended Rep. Puentevella for his crusade in cleansing the GFIs particularly the SSS and the GSIS, of very serious anomalies that have been plaguing them for many years. Thereafter, he recalled that in 1984, as a member of the Interim Batasang Pambansa, he had tried and had succeeded in exposing the anomalies committed by the GFIs particularly the SSS and the GSIS, involving their losing investments. He said that Rep. Puentevella had again brought the matter out into the open, considering that the GSIS and the SSS are owned by millions of small-time government employees and private employees, respectively. In the light of the gravity of the offenses committed by these GFIs, he asked whether it was high time for Congress to enact a legislation mandating all GFIs and government-owned and controlled corporations to follow the Salary Standardization Law.

Rep. Puentevella replied that the House should, as soon as possible, conduct a full-blown investigation on this issue as this will open a "can of worms" in the agencies concerned.

At this point, Rep. Real asked whether Rep. Puentevella has some documents and information pertaining to the billions of pesos in funds that the SSS had invested in the acquisition of stocks from banks and other corporations whose present valuations are only fractions of their acquisition cost.

At this point, Rep. Escudero relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Gonzalez

Rep. Puentebella answered that although Rep. Real's query is very relevant to the issue, he was not yet prepared to provide him with an itemization thereof because he wanted to focus only on the mismanagement and violation of RA No. 8282, on the basis of employee's salaries and Christmas expenses as contained in the COA report. He pointed out that this has brought injustice to the 23 million SSS members and the more than five million GSIS members. Subsequently, he stressed that he will furnish Rep. Real a copy of said report as soon as possible and after he had scrutinized all the pertinent documents. Thereafter, he said that he would not want to pass any judgment that could prejudice the on-going investigation. He suggested that the Body instead wait for the opportune time to open the can of worms plaguing the SSS and the GSIS.

In ending his interpellation, Rep. Real stated that like the other Members, he would be waiting eagerly for the start of the full-blown investigation considering that for several decades, billions of pesos have been wasted due to the anomalies committed by the ranking officials of the GSIS and SSS.

MOTION OF REP. ESCUDERO

Thereupon, Rep. Escudero moved that the Body refer Rep. Puentevella's speech to the Committee on Good Government.

However, the Chair opined that the same should be referred jointly to the Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization, and Good Government.

REFERRAL OF REP. PUENTEVELLA'S SPEECH

On an amended motion of Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Body jointly referred Rep. Puentebella's speech and all the interpellations thereon to the Committees on Government Enterprises and Privatization, and Good Government.

TERMINATION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

On motion of Rep. Rep. Escudero, there being no objection, the Body terminated the Privilege Hour.

Subsequently, on motion of Rep. Escudero, the Chair recognized Rep. Ace S. Barbers on a question of privilege regarding several firms registered in the Philippines that have been used by some foreign firms as conduits for tax evasion and tax fraud. He stressed that this matter is of national concern and that the present administration must put an end to it.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE
OF REP. BARBERS

At the outset, Rep. Barbers stated that he has never before felt more poignantly the need for the kind indulgence and tolerant spirit of his colleagues other than this particular moment. He said that he wished to invoke the collective action of the Body regarding an issue that raises profound economic and diplomatic implications. He continued that the country is dealing with criminals in a conspiracy without national borders engaged in covert acts in utter disregard of each of their country's home rules

Rep. Barbers thereafter stated that he was referring to the conspiracy behind the Mitsubishi-ALZEN connection perpetrated by the following personalities: a certain Mr. Nobe of Japan, Mitsubishi Corporation, Philippines, Mr. Albert Zeñarosa, a Filipino citizen who owns and manages the ALZEN Enterprises, a local management and consulting firm in cahoots with the Gallardo ring or syndicate composed of Mr. Raymundo Gallardo, then Chief of the International Tax Affairs Division and some personnel namely Jose Ma. Hernandez and certified public accopuntants Mr. David Versoza and Flora Capili of the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR). He pointed out that ALZEN Enterprises and the Mitsubishi Corporation had intricately engineered a cycle of criminal operations that has deprived their governments of hundred of millions of pesos in revenues. He then presented the modus operandi of said corporations, as follows:

Phase 1. The money movement - along with other Japanese firms, Mitsubishi Corporation remits to ALZEN Enterprises sums of money in various denominations through various local banks;

Phase 2. Monies marked as tax deductible-Mitsubishi Corporation then acquires documentation of remitted monies from the Philippine BIR, submits documents to its own Internal Revenue Bureau, declares the remitted monies as company expenses, and thereafter pays the corresponding taxes;

Phase 3. Monies plowed back to Mitsubishi- Eventually ALZEN Enterprises plows back previously remitted money along with other agencies to Mitsubishi Corporation in Japan, through its Manila branch, and then retains a portion of the remittances and declares the same as consultancy fees and commissions.

By declaring the amount as company expense, hence non-taxable, the remittance made by Mitsubishi Corporation to ALZEN Enterprises and with the latter plowing them back to their origin, the connection, along with other Japanese firms, deprive both their governments of revenues due to the tune of P.579 billion from the period January 1996 to November 1997 alone. To rid itself of the burden, he said that ALZEN Enterprises only has to secure an authentic but misdeclared and falsified income statement from the BIR such that from such transaction alone, Mr. Zeñarosa wasable to reduce his taxable income to P8,159,939 which is way behind the actual remittances made by Mitsubishi Corporation and the other Japanese firms. Ergo, he pointed out that ALZEN Enterprises was taxed only P 51,852, which amount is very small as compared to what should have actually been collected by the government in the amount P290,974,787.05, had the proper income statements been declared.. He stressed that this vicious cycle could not have been consummated without the mutual benefit of bribery and graft and corruption. He added that such surreptitious operation could not have been completed without the help of the Gallardo ring operating in the BIR.

In wanton violation of law and morals in public service and in consideration of a hefty P3 million on top of a model 1998 Mitsubishi Pajero, BIR Officer Jose Ma. Hernandez together with CPA Flora L. Capili had issued a fabricated report confirming that the bank remittances made by Mitsubishi Corporation were all reflected in Mr. Zeñarosa's income tax return and that such falsification had been executed without the direct participation of their ringleader, Raymond S. Gallardo, he said. Suffice it to say, he continued, that the authentic but falsified documents churned out by the syndicate had afforded the stamp of legitimacy to this criminal conspiracy - the final requisite to consummate the multi-million peso heist.

Although it would be very superfluous to delve into the exact translation of the social cost of a crime of this magnitude, Rep. Barbers pointed out that it is not however difficult to discern that the amount defrauded by this criminal connection could have paved another 10,000 kilometers of road and could have built an additional 20,000 classrooms or financed the operations of an entire municipality. He then emphasized that the fact that the ALZEN-Mitsubishi connection had escaped local laws and even the safeguards of international laws and treaties has made it beyond comprehension when executed by a Filipino to the benefit of an alien. He then stated that the government has in its hands a case that directly challenges or puts the country's legal system to an acid test - the very same law that bestows upon the ALZEN-Mitsubishi connection the legitimacy they now ruthlessly corrupt and subvert. He lamented that such utter disregard of sovereignty by these corporations, has rendered fragile the country's diplomatic relations with Japan.

Rep. Barbers thereafter stated that he now places Mitsubishi Corporation in public scrutiny to render it susceptible even to the most educated and reserved speculation. The country's own treaties and agreements, as well as those that it has entered into with Japan have been violated and placed in jeopardy, he stressed. He asked whether it would not be subservience and corruption on his part had he decided to just keep quiet instead of ferreting out the truth.

As the ALZEN-Mitsubishi criminal conspiracy challenges the will and determination of the House, Rep. Barbers emphasized that the Members should muster strength to suppress the operation not only of the ALZEN-Mitsubishi connection but all other influential groups and criminal syndicates as well. He thereafter called on his colleagues to break the cycle of conspiracy by neutralizing and emasculating the power and influence the conspirators had loaned, usurped and exploited for the benefit of its members. Likewise, he called on other sectors of society to partake of his determination to fight by exposing and opposing all forms of criminal conspiracy.

There are reasons enough to justify the imposition of the full force of the law to end the willful corruption and blatant violation of the country's legal system by the Zeñarosa-led and -inspired ALZEN-Mitsubishi connection, Rep. Barbers underscored. Subsequently, Rep. Barbers issued the stern warning to Mr. Zeñarosa and other conspirators that the House would never yield to pressures, and that he would stay resolute until the ALZEN-Mitsubishi criminal connection shall have exposed its ugly head.

He dared the conspirators who even have the temerity to masquerade as Filipinos to shed their cloaks of benevolence and religiosity and come out in the open to prove their innocence to the crime that he has accused them of committing.

Rep. Barbers, in closing, said that it is most fitting for all the Members to heed the words of Senator Joker P. Arroyo -- "Ubusin ang mga corrupt! Lipulin ang mga kriminal!"

Thereafter, the Chair recognized Rep. Roque R. Ablan Jr. for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. ABLAN

At the outset, Rep. Ablan stated that Rep. Barbers' speech will not only open the eyes of the Filipino people but will make them vigilant as well to the corrupt practices being committed by foreign businesses in the country.

To the queries of Rep. Ablan, Rep. Barbers clarified that from 1996 to 1997, Mr. Zenarosa as president and chairman of ALZEN Enterprises was supposed to have paid P290 million for his income of P570 million, but instead had paid only P51,000 for his declared taxable income of P8.159 million. Explaining that ALZEN Enterprises is a consultant of the Japanese firm Mitsubishi Corporation, he said that the latter has evaded paying taxes in Japan and has transferred its money into the country to avoid paying taxes. While said transfer may not be tantamount to laundering money as laundering is the transfer of money from illegal sources, he said that in this case,

the money being remitted into the country may not have been sourced from illegal means but is being so transferred to avoid paying taxes. Hence, the money is legal but the intention is illegal, he stressed. He thereupon agreed with Rep. Ablan that the transfer of money is also a form of economic sabotage.

Rep. Ablan subsequently expressed hope that upon referral to the appropriate committee, ALZEN Enterprises will be convicted of economic sabotage and of defrauding the government by corrupting the employees of the Bureau of Internal Revenue. He congratulated Rep. Barbers for delivering an eye-opening speech before the Body, this as he stressed that Congress should not sleep on its task. He said that the House should immediately go after the perpetrators so that the government can save a lot money that these people have been pocketing for themselves.

The Chair thereafter recognized Rep. J. Apolinario L. Lozada Jr. for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. LOZADA

Rep. Lozada initially congratulated Rep. Barbers for giving the Members an eye-opener as the subject matter is something that the Philippine government has to seriously consider with regard to its relations with other countries, it being a concern that also affects the nation's economic upliftment. He thereafter expressed sadness that the matter has been uncovered on the eve of the President's state visit to Japan, a country which is the Philippines' number one trade partner in Asia and the Pacific.

Thereupon, Rep. Lozada inquired whether the ALZEN-Mitsubishi connection was formed during the time of former President Fidel V. Ramos, this as recalled that the latter had made his first state visit in Japan in 1997.
In response, Rep. Barbers said that based on information, the money had been remitted to the ALZEN Enterprises in the years 1996 and 1997.

Rep. Lozada opined that it may have been during this time that the people involved may have gotten in touch with their connections as part of former President Ramos' official or business delegations. He cautioned that as President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo embarks on her state visit to Japan, some members of the private business sector may tag along in the guise of being business delegates but commit acts that may be detrimental to the country's economic and financial conditions. He thereafter noted that the persons who had been mentioned in Rep. Barbers' speech are familiar names because he was then a member of the Ramos Cabinet.

On whether the Proton Corporation which is a baby project of the Mitsubishi Corporation had folded up in the Philippines because of aforestated activities, Rep. Barbers said that his information had been based on the 1996 to 1997 activities of the ALZEN Enterprises, and that he had no knowledge of the Proton Corporation issue.

Rep. Lozada expressed interest on other companies that are attached to the ALZEN-Mitsubishi connection, as he observed that several midnight companies have been created to divert funds from Japan into the country.

Agreeing therewith, Rep. Barbers said that the House should investigate the matter so that it can come up with legislations curtailing such illegal activities.

As chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Rep. Lozada suggested that said Committee, as well as the Committees on Trade and Industry, and Good Government, are the proper committees to which Rep. Barbers' speech should be referred. He stressed that the country should observe certain provisions and protocol with Japan as well as other countries with which it has signed treaties, this as he cautioned that the experience with Japan may also happen with other countries.

REFERRAL OF REP. BARBERS' SPEECH

Thereupon, in view of Rep. Lozada's desire to refer Rep. Barbers' speech to the appropriate committees, on motion of Rep. Bondoc and there being no objection thereto,

the Body referred said speech and all the interpellations thereon to the Committee on Good Government as the lead Committee, as well as the Committees on Trade and Industry, and Foreign Affairs.

ELECTION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND
FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

On motion of Rep. Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body elected the following as additional members to the Committee on Banks and Financial Intermediaries, on the part of the Majority:

1. Rep. Oscar S. Moreno
2. Rep. Exequiel B. Javier

CHANGE OF REFERRAL OF
CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS

On motion of Rep. Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body changed the referral of the following Resolutions:

1. House Resolution No. 61 -- to the Committee on Ways and Means;

2. House Resolution No. 68 -- to the Committee on National Defense; and

3. House Resolution No. 71 -- to the Committee on Oversight

ARCHIVING OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS
NO. 53, 54 AND 57

On motion of Rep. Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body duly noted the recommendations on House Resolutions No. 53, 54 and 57 and consigned the same to the Archives as similar resolutions were already adopted by the House.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. Bondoc, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until four o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, August 21, 2001.

It was 6:19 p.m.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

(SGD.) ROBERTO P. NAZARENO
Secretary General

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