

## **JOURNAL NO. 1**

### **Monday, July 22, 2013**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

This being the day fixed in accordance with the Constitution for the beginning of the First Regular Session of the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress, the Secretary General of the House of Representatives, the Honorable Marilyn B. Barua-Yap, called the session to order at ten o'clock in the morning.

#### **NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PRAYER**

Subsequently, Mr. Rafael Gonzalo G. Garcia led the singing of the National Anthem and thereafter, Representative Maria Zenaida B. Angping delivered the invocation.

*My esteemed fellow Members of the House of Representatives, as we begin the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress, let us pray to the Almighty with complete trust and confidence, with steadfast faith and hope that He will always be with us in all that we do. Join me in this beautiful prayer written by Pope Pius XII for Members of Legislative Bodies. Let us all together reflect and draw inspiration on its meaning and blessings:*

*Great and Eternal God, Creator and Lord of all things, foremost Legislator and Supreme Ruler, all power emanates from Thee and depends on Thee; and those of us whose duty is to legislate, determine in Thy name what is just or unjust, as a reflection of Thy Divine Wisdom. Therefore, we, the Members of Congress, upon whom rests the burden of a grave responsibility that places us at the center of the whole nation, implore Thy aid for the fulfillment of our office that we intend to accept and exercise for the greater spiritual and material welfare of our people.*

*Grant us such a sense of duty as will cause us to omit no preparation or effort for the realization of this noble end. Grant us also that objectivity and sound realism will guide us on every occasion to a clear perception of that which seems the best. Grant that we may never deviate from that sound impartiality which dictates that we labor without unjust preferences for the good of all. Grant also that we may never fail in loyalty to our people, nor in firm adherence to the principles which we openly profess, nor in the noble resolve to preserve ourselves above all possible corruption and base selfish ambitions.*

*Help us to be calm in all our deliberations and to*

*be immune from all passion except such as is inspired by the honest quest after truth. May our resolutions be in conformity with Thy precepts even if the service of Thy will should demand sufferings and sacrifices. May we, even in our own little way, endeavor to imitate that rectitude and holiness according to which Thou in Thy providence dost direct and govern everything for Thy greater glory and for the true well-being of human society and of all Thy creatures.*

*Hear us, O Lord, in order that our minds may never be without Thy light, nor our wills without Thy strength, nor our hearts without the warmth of Thy love, for we ought to have a tender lover for our people. Keep far from us every form of human ambition and every kind of lust for illicit gain. Inspire us with a real, lively and profound sentiment of what constitutes a sound social order wherein full regard is always for law and justice. Finally, as a supreme reward, grant us some day to enjoy Thy blessed presence for all eternity, in union with those who have been entrusted to our care. Amen.*

#### **ROLL CALL**

Upon direction of the Presiding Officer, Deputy Secretary General Artemio A. Adasa Jr. called the Roll of Members elected by legislative districts, apportioned among the provinces, cities and municipalities, and party-list affiliations, to wit:

#### **NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION (NCR)**

##### **CALOOCAN CITY**

First District

HON. ENRICO "RECOM" ECHIVERRI

Second District

HON. EDGAR R. ERICE

##### **LAS PIÑAS CITY**

Lone District

HON. MARK A. VILLAR

##### **MAKATI CITY**

First District

HON. MONIQUE YAZMIN Q.  
LAGDAMEO

## Second District

HON. MAR-LEN ABIGAIL S. BINAY

**MALABON CITY**

## Lone District

HON. JOSEPHINE VERONIQUE. R.  
LACSON-NOEL**MANDALUYONG CITY**

## Lone District

HON. NEPTALI M. GONZALES II

**THE CITY OF MANILA**

## First District

HON. BENJAMIN D. ASILO

## Second District

HON. CARLO V. LOPEZ

## Third District

HON. MARIA ZENAIDA B. ANGPING

## Fourth District

HON. MA. THERESA B. BONOAN\*

## Fifth District

HON. AMADO S. BAGATSING

## Sixth District

HON. ROSENDA ANN M. OCAMPO\*\*

**MARIKINA CITY**

## First District

HON. MARCELINO "MARCY" R.  
TEODORO\*

## Second District

HON. ROMERO FEDERICO "MIRO" S.  
QUIMBO**MUNTINLUPA CITY**

## Lone District

HON. RODOLFO G. BIAZON\*\*

**NAVOTAS CITY**

## Lone District

HON. TOBIAS "TOBY" M. TIANGCO

**PARAÑAQUE CITY**

## First District

HON. ERIC L. OLIVAREZ

## Second District

HON. GUSTAVO S. TAMBUNTING

**PASAY CITY**

## Lone District

HON. EMI G. CALIXTO-RUBIANO

**PASIG CITY**

## Lone District

HON. ROMAN T. ROMULO

**QUEZON CITY**

## First District

HON. FRANCISCO "BOY" CALALAY JR.

## Second District

HON. WINSTON "WINNIE" CASTELO

## Third District

HON. JORGE "BOLET" BANAL

## Fourth District

HON. FELICIANO BELMONTE JR.

## Fifth District

HON. ALFREDO D. VARGAS III

Sixth District

HON. JOSE CHRISTOPHER "KIT" Y.  
BELMONTE

**SAN JUAN CITY**

Lone District

HON. RONALDO B. ZAMORA

**TAGUIG CITY-PATEROS**

First District

HON. ARNEL M. CERAFIGA

**TAGUIG CITY**

Second District

HON. LINO S. CAYETANO

**VALENZUELA CITY**

First District

HON. SHERWIN T. GATCHALIAN

Second District

HON. MAGTANGGOL T. GUNIGUNDO I

**CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION**

**ABRA**

Lone District

HON. MARIA JOCELYN V. BERNOS

**APAYAO**

Lone District

HON. ELEANOR C. BULUT-BEGTANG

**BAGUIO**

Lone District

HON. NICASIO M. ALIPING JR.

**BENGUET**

Lone District

HON. RONALD M. COSALAN

**IFUGAO**

Lone District

HON. TEDDY BRAWNER BAGUILAT JR.

**KALINGA**

Lone District

HON. MANUEL S. AGYAO

**MOUNTAIN PROVINCE**

Lone District

HON. MAXIMO B. DALOG

**REGION I**

**ILOCOS NORTE (with the City of Laoag)**

First District

HON. RODOLFO C. FARIÑAS

Second District

HON. IMELDA R. MARCOS

**ILOCOS SUR (with the Cities of Vigan and Candon)**

First District

HON. RONALD V. SINGSON

Second District

HON. ERIC G. SINGSON JR.

**LA UNION**

First District

HON. VICTOR F. ORTEGA

Second District

HON. EUFRANIO "FRANNY" C.  
ERIGUEL M.D.

**PANGASINAN**

## First District

HON. JESUS "BOYING" F. CELESTE

## Second District

HON. LEOPOLDO N. BATAOIL

## Third District

HON. ROSE MARIE "BABY" J. ARENAS

## Fourth District

HON. MA. GEORGINA P. DE VENECIA

## Fifth District

HON. KIMI S. COJUANGCO

## Sixth District

HON. MARLYN L. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS

**REGION II****BATANES**

## Lone District

HON. HENEDINA R. ABAD

**CAGAYAN**

## First District

HON. SALVACION "SALLY" PONCE  
ENRILE\*\*

## Second District

HON. BABY ALINE VARGAS-ALFONSO

## Third District

HON. RANDOLPH S. TING

**ISABELA**

## First District

HON. RODOLFO T. ALBANO III

## Second District

HON. ANA CRISTINA SIQUIAN GO

## Third District

HON. NAPOLEON S. DY

## Fourth District

HON. GIORGIDI B. AGGABAO

**NUEVA VIZCAYA**

## Lone District

HON. CARLOS M. PADILLA

**QUIRINO**

## Lone District

HON. DAKILA CARLO E. CUA

**REGION III****AURORA**

## Lone District

HON. BELLAFLOR J. ANGARA-  
CASTILLO**BATAAN**

## First District

HON. HERMINIA B. ROMAN

## Second District

HON. ENRIQUE "TET" T. GARCIA, JR.

**BULACAN**

## First District

HON. MA. VICTORIA R. SY-ALVARADO

## Second District

HON. GAVINI "APOL" C. PANCHO

## Third District

HON. JOSELITO "JONJON" R.  
MENDOZA

Fourth District

HON. LINABELLE RUTH R. VILLARICA

**NUEVA ECIJA**

First District

HON. ESTRELLITA B. SUANSING

Second District

HON. JOSEPH GILBERT F. VIOLAGO

Third District

HON. CZARINA D. UMALI

Fourth District

HON. MAGNOLIA ROSA C. ANTONINO-NADRES

**PAMPANGA**

First District

HON. JOSELLER "YENG" M. GUIAO

Second District

HON. GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO\*\*

Third District

HON. OSCAR S. RODRIGUEZ

Fourth District

HON. JUAN PABLO "RIMPY" P. BONDOC

**SAN JOSE DEL MONTE CITY**

Lone District

HON. ARTURO B. ROBES

**TARLAC**

First District

HON. ENRIQUE M. COJUANGCO

Second District

HON. SUSAN A. YAP

Third District

HON. NOEL L. VILLANUEVA

**ZAMBALES**

First District

HON. JEFFREY D. KHONGHUN

Second District

HON. CHERYL P. DELOSO-MONTALLA

**REGION IV-A (CALABARZON)**

**ANTIPOLO CITY**

First District

HON. ROBERTO V. PUNO

Second District

HON. ROMEO M. ACOP

**BATANGAS**

First District

HON. ELENITA MILAGROS "EILEEN" ERMITA-BUHAIN

Second District

HON. RANEO E. ABU

Third District

HON. SONNY P. COLLANTES

Fourth District

HON. MARK LLANDRO L. MENDOZA

**CAVITE**

First District

HON. FRANCIS GERALD A. ABAYA

## Second District

HON. LANI MERCADO-REVILLA

## Third District

HON. ALEX L. ADVINCULA

## Fourth District

HON. ELPIDIO F. BARZAGA JR.

## Fifth District

HON. ROY M. LOYOLA

## Sixth District

HON. LUIS "JON-JON" A. FERRER IV

## Seventh District

HON. ABRAHAM "BAMBOL"  
N.TOLENTINO**LAGUNA**

## First District

HON. DAN S. FERNANDEZ

## Second District

HON. JOAQUIN M. CHIPECO JR.

## Third District

HON. SOL ARAGONES

## Fourth District

HON. BENJAMIN C. AGARAO JR.

**QUEZON (with the City of Lucena )**

## First District

HON. WILFRIDO MARK M. ENVERGA

## Second District

HON. VICENTE "KULIT" J. ALCALA

## Third District

HON. ALETA C. SUAREZ

## Fourth District

HON. ANGELINA "HELEN" D.L. TAN,  
M.D.**RIZAL**

## First District

HON. JOEL ROY R. DUAVIT\*

## Second District

HON. ISIDRO S. RODRIGUEZ JR.

**REGION IV – B****MARINDUQUE**

## Lone District

HON. REGINA "ATE GINA" REYES

**OCCIDENTAL MINDORO**

## Lone District

HON. JOSEPHINE R. SATO

**ORIENTAL MINDORO (with the City of Calapan)**

## First District

HON. PAULINO SALVADOR "DOY" C.  
LEACHON

## Second District

HON. REYNALDO V. UMALI

**PALAWAN (with the City of Puerto Princesa)**

## First District

HON. FRANZ E. ALVAREZ

## Second District

HON. FREDERICK F. ABUEG

## Third District

HON. DOUGLAS S. HAGEDORN

**ROMBLON**

Lone District

HON. ELEANDRO JESUS F. MADRONA

**ALBAY (with the Cities of Legaspi, Ligao and Tabaco)**

First District

HON. EDCEL "GREX" B. LAGMAN

Second District

HON. AL FRANCIS C. BICHARA

Third District

HON. FERNANDO V. GONZALEZ

**CAMARINES NORTE**

First District

HON. CATHERINE BARCELONA-REYES

Second District

HON. ELMER E. PANOTES

**CAMARINES SUR (with the Cities of Naga and Iriga)**

First District

HON. ROLANDO G. ANDAYA JR.

Second District

HON. DIOSDADO M. ARROYO

Third District

HON. MARIA LEONOR "LENI" G.  
ROBREDO

Fourth District

HON. FELIX WILLIAM "WIMPY" B.  
FUENTEBELLA

Fifth District

HON. SALVIO V. FORTUNO

**CATANDUANES**

Lone District

HON. CESAR V. SARMIENTO

**MASBATE (with the City of Masbate)**

First District

HON. MARIA VIDA E. BRAVO

Second District

HON. ELISA "OLGA" T. KHO

Third District

HON. SCOTT DAVIES S. LANETE, M.D.

**SORSOGON (with the City of Sorsogon)**

First District

HON. EVELINA G. ESCUDERO

Second District

HON. DEOGRACIAS B. RAMOS, JR.

**REGION VI****AKLAN**

Lone District

HON. TEODORICO T. HARESCO JR.

**ANTIQUE**

Lone District

HON. PAOLO EVERARDO S. JAVIER

**BACOLOD CITY**

Lone District

HON. EVELIO "BING" LEONARDIA

**CAPIZ (with the City of Roxas)**

First District

HON. ANTONIO A. DEL ROSARIO\*

## Second District

HON. FREDENIL "FRED" H. CASTRO

**GUIMARAS**

## Lone District

HON. JOAQUIN CARLOS RAHMAN A.  
NAVA, M.D.**ILOILO (with the City of Passi)**

## First District

HON. OSCAR "RICHARD" S. GARIN JR.

## Second District

HON. ARCADIO H. GORRICETA

## Third District

HON. ARTHUR R. DEFENSOR JR.

## Fourth District

HON. HERNAN G. BIRON, JR.

## Fifth District

HON. NIEL "JUNJUN" C. TUPAS JR. \*

**ILOILO CITY**

## Lone District

HON. JERRY P. TREÑAS

**NEGROS OCCIDENTAL (with the Cities of San Carlos, Cadiz, Bago, La Carlota, Silay, Kabankalan, Sagay, Victoria, Escalante, Sipalay and Himamaylan)**

## First District

HON. JULIO A. LEDESMA IV\*\*

## Second District

HON. LEO RAFAEL M. CUEVA

## Third District

HON. ALFREDO "ALBEE" B. BENITEZ

## Fourth District

HON. JEFFREY "JEFF" P. FERRER

## Fifth District

HON. ALEJANDRO Y. MIRASOL

## Sixth District

HON. MERCEDES K. ALVAREZ

**REGION VII****BOHOL (with the City of Tagbilaran)**

## First District

HON. RENE L. RELAMPAGOS

## Second District

HON. ERICO ARISTOTLE C.  
AUMENTADO

## Third District

HON. ARTHUR C. YAP

**CEBU**

## First District

HON. GERALD ANTHONY "SAMSAM" V.  
GULLAS, JR.

## Second District

HON. WILFREDO S. CAMINERO

## Third District

HON. GWENDOLYN F. GARCIA

## Fourth District

HON. BENHUR L. SALIMBANGON

## Fifth District

HON. JOSEPH "ACE" H. DURANO



Sixth District

HON. GABRIEL L. R. QUISUMBING

**CEBU CITY**

First District

HON. RAUL V. DEL MAR

Second District

HON. RODRIGO A. ABELLANOSA

**LAPU-LAPU CITY**

Lone District

HON. AILEEN C. RADAZA

**NEGROS ORIENTAL**

First District

HON. MANUEL M. IWAY

Second District

HON. GEORGE P. ARNAIZ

Third District

HON. PRYDE HENRY A. TEVES

**SIQUIJOR**

Lone District

HON. MARIE ANNE S. PERNES

**REGION VIII**

**BILIRAN**

Lone District

HON. ROGELIO J. ESPINA, M.D.

**EASTERN SAMAR**

Lone District

HON. BEN P. EVARDONE

**LEYTE**

First District

HON. FERDINAND MARTIN G.  
ROMUALDEZ

Second District

HON. SERGIO F. APOSTOL

Third District

HON. ANDRES D. SALVACION JR.

Fourth District

HON. LUCY TORRES-GOMEZ

Fifth District

HON. JOSE CARLOS L. CARI

**NORTHERN SAMAR**

First District

HON. HARLIN C. ABAYON\*

Second District

HON. EMIL L. ONG

**SOUTHERN LEYTE**

Lone District

HON. DAMIAN G. "MIAN" MERCADO

**WESTERN SAMAR**

First District

HON. MEL SENEN S. SARMIENTO

Second District

HON. MILAGROSA "MILA" T. TAN

**REGION IX**

**ZAMBOANGA CITY**

First District

HON. CELSO L. LOBREGAT

Second District

HON. LILIA M. NUÑO

**ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE**

First District

HON. SETH FREDERICK P. JALOSJOS

Second District

HON. ROSENDO S. LABADLABAD

Third District

HON. ISAGANI S. AMATONG

**ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR**

First District

HON. VICTOR J. YU

Second District

HON. AURORA ENERIO CERILLES

**ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY**

First District

HON. BELMA A. CABILAO

Second District

HON. ANN K. HOFER

**REGION X**

**BUKIDNON**

First District

HON. MARIA LOURDES ACOSTA-ALBA

Second District

HON. FLORENCIO T. FLORES JR., M.D.

Third District

HON. JOSE F. ZUBIRI III

Fourth District

HON. ROGELIO NEIL PEPITO ROQUE

**CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY**

First District

HON. ROLANDO "KLAREX" A. UY

Second District

HON. RUFUS B. RODRIGUEZ

**CAMIGUIN**

Lone District

HON. XAVIER JESUS "XJ" D.  
ROMUALDO

**ILIGAN CITY**

Lone District

HON. VICENTE F. BELMONTE JR.

**LANAO DEL NORTE**

First District

HON. IMELDA QUIBRANZA-DIMAPORO

Second District

HON. ABDULLAH D. DIMAPORO

**MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL**

First District

HON. JORGE T. ALMONTE

Second District

HON. HENRY S. OAMINAL

**MISAMIS ORIENTAL**

First District

HON. PETER "SR. PEDRO" M. UNABIA

Second District

HON. JULIETTE T. UY

**REGION XI****COMPOSTELA VALLEY**

First District

HON. MARIA CARMEN S. ZAMORA

Second District

HON. ROMMEL C. AMATONG

**DAVAO CITY**

First District

HON. KARLO ALEXEI B. NOGRALES

Second District

HON. MYLENE J. GARCIA-ALBANO

Third District

HON. ISIDRO T. UNGAB

**DAVAO DEL NORTE**

First District

HON. ANTHONY G. DEL ROSARIO

Second District

HON. ANTONIO F. LAGDAMEO JR.

**DAVAO DEL SUR**

First District

HON. MERCEDES C. CAGAS

Second District

HON. FRANKLIN P. BAUTISTA

**DAVAO ORIENTAL**

First District

HON. NELSON L. DAYANGHIRANG

Second District

HON. THELMA Z. ALMARIO

**REGION XII****NORTH COTABATO**

First District

HON. JESUS N. SACDALAN

Second District

HON. NANCY A. CATAMCO

Third District

HON. JOSE "PEPING" I. TEJADA

**SARANGANI**

Lone District

HON. EMMANUEL D. PACQUIAO

**SOUTH COTABATO**

First District

HON. PEDRO B. ACHARON JR.

Second District

HON. FERDINAND L. HERNANDEZ

**SULTAN KUDARAT**

First District

HON. RADEN C. SAKALURAN

Second District

HON. ARNULFO F. GO

**CARAGA REGION****AGUSAN DEL NORTE**

First District

HON. LAWRENCE LEMUEL H. FORTUN

Second District

HON. ERLPE JOHN "PING" M. AMANTE

**AGUSAN DEL SUR**

First District

HON. MARIA VALENTINA G. PLAZA

Second District

HON. EVELYN P. MELLANA

**DINAGAT ISLANDS**

Lone District

HON. ARLENE "KAKA" BAG-AO

**SURIGAO DEL NORTE**

First District

HON. FRANCISCO "LALO" T.  
MATUGAS

Second District

HON. GUILLERMO A. ROMARATE JR.

**SURIGAO DEL SUR**

First District

HON. PHILIP A. PICHAY

Second District

HON. FLORENCIO C. GARAY

**AUTONOMOUS REGION  
OF MUSLIM MINDANAO****BASILAN**

Lone District

HON. JIM HATAMAN SALLIMAN

**LANAO DEL SUR**

First District

HON. ANSARUDDIN A.M. A. ADIONG

Second District

HON. PANGALIAN M. BALINDONG

**MAGUINDANAO**

First District

HON. BAI SANDRA A. SEMA

Second District

HON. ZAJID G. MANGUDADATU

**SULU**

First District

HON. TUPAY T. LOONG

Second District

HON. MARYAM NAPII ARBISON

**TAWI-TAWI**

Lone District

HON. RUBY M. SAHALI

**PARTY-LISTS****1-BAP** (1 Banat & Ahapo Party-List Coalition)

HON. SILVESTRE H. BELLO III\*

**1-CARE** (1<sup>st</sup> Consumers Alliance for Rural Energy)

HON. EDGARDO R. MASONGSONG

HON. MICHAEL ANGELO C. RIVERA

**ABAKADA** (Abakada-Guro)

HON. JONATHAN A. DELA CRUZ

**ABAMIN** (Abante Mindanao, Inc.)

HON. MAXIMO B. RODRIGUEZ JR.

**ABONO**

HON. CONRADO M. ESTRELLA III

HON. FRANCISCO EMMANUEL R. ORTEGA  
III**ACT TEACHERS**

HON. ANTONIO L. TINIO

**A TEACHER** (Advocacy for Teacher Empowerment through Action, Cooperation and Harmony Towards Educational Reforms)

HON. JULIET R. CORTUNA

HON. MARIANO U. PIAMONTE JR.

**AGBIAG! TIMPUYOG ILOCANO, INCORPORATED (AGBIAG)**

HON. PATRICIO T. ANTONIO \*

**AGRI** (Agri-Agra na Reporma para sa Magsasaka ng Pilipinas)

HON. DELPH GAN LEE

**AGAP** (Agricultural Sector Alliance of the Philippines)

HON. NICANOR M. BRIONES

HON. RICO B. GERON

**AKBAYAN** (Akbayan Citizen's Action Party)

HON. WALDEN S. BELLO

HON. IBARRA M. GUTIERREZ III

**AKB (AKO BICOL)**

HON. RODEL M. BATOCABE

HON. CHRISTOPHER S. CO \*

**ALAY BUHAY** (Alay Buhay Community Development Foundation, Inc.)

HON. WES GATCHALIAN

**AVE** (Alliance Of Volunteer Educators)

HON. EULOGIO "AMANG" R. MAGSAYSAY

**AN WARAY**

HON. NEIL BENEDICT A. MONTEJO

HON. VICTORIA ISABEL G. NOEL

**AMIN** (Anak Mindanao)

HON. SITTI DJALIA A. TURABIN-HATAMAN

**ANAKPAWIS**

HON. FERNANDO "KA PANDO" L. HICAP

**ANG ASOSASYON SANG MANGUNGUMA NGA BISAYA-OWA (AAMBIS-OWA)**

HON. SHARON S. GARIN

**AMA (ANG MATA'Y ALAGAAN)**

HON. LORNA Q. VELASCO

**ANG NARS (ANG NARS, INC.)**

HON. LEAH S. PAQUIZ

**ANG NATIONAL COALITION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S ACTION NA!, INCORPORATED (ANAC-IP)**

HON. JOSE T. PANGANIBAN JR. \*

**ANGKLA (ANG PARTIDO NG MGA PILIPINONG MARINO, INC.)**

HON. JESULITO A. MANALO

**ACT-CIS** (Anti-Crime and Terrorism – Community Involvement and Support, Inc.)

HON. SAMUEL D. PAGDILAO

**APPEND, INCORPORATED (APPEND)**

HON. PABLO R. NAVA III

**ABS (ARTS, BUSINESS AND SCIENCE PROFESSIONALS)**

HON. CATALINA LEONEN-PIZARRO

**BAYAN MUNA**

HON. NERI J. COLMENARES

HON. CARLOS ISAGANI T. ZARATE

**BUHAY (BUHAY HAYAAN YUMABONG)**

HON. JOSE L. ATIENZA JR.

HON. IRWIN C. TIENG

HON. MARIANO MICHAEL M. VELARDE JR.

**<sup>1</sup>BUTIL** (Butil Farmers Party)

HON. AGAPITO A. GUANLAO

**CIBAC** (Citizen's Battle Against Corruption)

HON. CINCHONA CRUZ-GONZALES

HON. SHERWIN N. TUGNA

**COOP-NATCCO NETWORK**

HON. ANTHONY M. BRAVO

HON. CRESENTE C. PAEZ

**DIWA** (Democratic Independent Workers Association)

HON. EMMELINE Y. AGLIPAY

**GABRIELA**

HON. EMMI A. DE JESUS

HON. LUZVIMINDA C. ILAGAN

**KABATAAN**

HON. TERRY L. RIDON

**KALINGA** (Kalinga-Advocacy for Social Empowerment and Nation Building through Easing Poverty, Incorporated)

HON. ABIGAIL FAYE C. FERRIOL

**LPGMA** (LPG Marketers Association, Inc.)

HON. ARNEL U. TY

**MAGDALO** (Magdalo Para Sa Pilipino)

HON. FRANCISCO ASHLEY L. ACEDILLO

HON. GARY C. ALEJANO

**OFW** (OFW Family Club, Inc.)

HON. JUAN "JOHNNY" R. REVILLA

HON. ROY V. SEÑERES SR.

**1-SAGIP** (Social Amelioration & Genuine Intervention on Poverty)

HON. ERLINDA M. SANTIAGO

**YACAP** (You Against Corruption and Poverty)

HON. CAROL JAYNE LOPEZ

Thereafter, with 271 Members responding to the Call, the Presiding Officer declared the presence of a quorum.

**DESIGNATION OF REP. GONZALES (N.) AS ACTING FLOOR LEADER**

In the interest of orderly proceedings, the Presiding Officer designated Rep. Neptali M. Gonzales II as Acting Floor Leader.

**NOMINATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE**

In accordance with the constitutional duty of the House to organize and receive the President's State of the Nation Address later in the day, on motion of Rep. Gonzales (N.), there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the nomination for the position of the Speaker of the House.

On further motion of Rep. Gonzales, the Presiding Officer recognized Rep. Mel Senen S. Sarmiento for his nomination speech.

**NOMINATION SPEECH OF REP. SARMIENTO (M.)**

Rep. Sarmiento initially underscored the role that the 15<sup>th</sup> Congress had performed as an active partner of the President in achieving economic growth, forging domestic peace and strengthening the nation's defenses against external threat. He however stressed that the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress still has to address many challenges, including enacting vital laws that will broaden the people's access to good education, basic health care, and local employment opportunities.

He emphasized that to meet these challenges, the House will need a Speaker who is dynamic, capable of uniting the interests of the people, familiar with the workings of local governments, and knows how to work in the grassroots and strengthen the frontliners of public service. As he noted the wise and fair leadership that made the last Congress significant, he nominated Rep. Feliciano Belmonte Jr. as Speaker of the House of Representatives under the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress.

**SECONDING NOMINATION SPEECH OF REP. COJUANGCO (E.)**

As recognized by the Presiding Officer upon Rep. Gonzales' (N.) motion, Rep. Enrique M. Cojuangco seconded the nomination of Rep. Belmonte (F.) by

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\* Appeared after the Roll Call

\*\* Absent without notice

highlighting the latter's outstanding characteristics as a House leader. He expressed hope that with Rep. Belmonte's (F.) election as House Speaker, the Members will be able to accomplish their great task for the country.

#### **SECONDING NOMINATION SPEECH OF REP. ANDAYA**

Upon recognition by the Chair, Rep. Rolando G. Andaya Jr. emphasized Rep. Belmonte's (F.) feat as the architect of the successful makeover of the performance of the House which passed in the previous Congress over a thousand bills and enacted 447 laws that were described as brave, beneficial and bold. He claimed that most Members agree that it takes a leader with guts to push for the approval of such bills and a fair one to encourage free and full debates thereon.

#### **SECONDING NOMINATION SPEECH OF REP. GARIN (S.)**

Recognized by the Chair, Rep. Sharon S. Garin seconded the nomination of Rep. Belmonte (F.) as Speaker of the House because of his fortitude in steering the previous Congress to pass landmark laws; his political will to conclude the 14-year old debates on the Reproductive Health Bill; his executive aptitude that enabled the House to attain the highest public trust ratings for three consecutive years that no other Congress had ever received; and his ability to lead the Members towards the Administration's righteous path. She concluded that the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress needs to resume, improve and expand the same path instigated by Rep. Belmonte as leader of the last Congress.

#### **SECONDING NOMINATION SPEECH OF REP. BINAY**

Recognized by the Chair, Rep. Mar-Len Abigail S. Binay opined that Rep. Belmonte (F.) possesses the leadership, character and drive that has elected him as Speaker of the 12<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Congresses, and noted how he successfully balanced the passage of vital reform legislations while maintaining a harmonious and united House. She thereafter seconded the nomination of Rep. Belmonte as House Speaker.

#### **SECONDING NOMINATION SPEECH OF REP. ALVAREZ (F.)**

The seconding nomination speech of Rep. Franz E. Alvarez focused on Rep. Belmonte's track record of creating a respected, responsive and responsible House which had successfully enacted laws, appropriated funds, conducted oversight functions, and extended constituency services to the people.

#### **SECONDING NOMINATION SPEECH OF REP. FARIÑAS**

On behalf of the Nacionalista Party, Rep. Rodolfo C. Fariñas seconded the nomination of Rep. Belmonte (F.) as Speaker of the House because of his effective leadership of the House under the 15<sup>th</sup> Congress, especially in the areas of governmental budgeting, public accountability, public approval of the House, and national economic development.

Given that 16<sup>th</sup> Congress will coincide with the final half of the six-year term of President Benigno S. Aquino III, Rep. Fariñas noted that the House of Representatives will need an effective, strong and steady leadership to sustain the nation's progress in cooperation with the Executive Department and that Rep. Belmonte, with his personality, skills and resolve, is the right man to lead the Members of the House.

On motion of Rep. Gonzales (N.), there being no objection, the Chair recognized Rep. Lino S. Cayetano for his nomination speech.

#### **NOMINATION SPEECH OF REP. CAYETANO**

Rep. Cayetano pointed out that much still needs to be done despite the accomplishments of the P-Noy government in the last three years of which the 15<sup>th</sup> Congress had been an instrumental partner. He noted the unique opportunity of the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress to influence policymaking and steer the country towards the right direction in the future but stressed that its leadership is crucial for it shall define the kind of Majority that the House will have, the Minority it will work with, the roles they will all play, and their parts in it.

For the House speakership, he nominated Rep. Ronaldo B. Zamora whom he described as a magnanimous leader, a committed and outstanding government official, and a man of courage, wit and intelligence whose vision, dedication and able leadership can effectively make the House more democratic, responsive and a genuine House of the People.

#### **POINT OF CLARIFICATION OF REP. DELA CRUZ**

At this juncture, Rep. Jonathan A. Dela Cruz sought clarification on the voting process.

Rep. Gonzales (N.) replied that the point will be clarified at the proper time and on his motion, the Chair recognized Rep. James Mark Terry L. Ridon for his seconding nomination speech.

## **SECONDING NOMINATION SPEECH OF REP. RIDON**

Rep. Ridon seconded the motion of Rep. Cayetano nominating Rep. Zamora (R.) as Speaker of the House of Representatives because his group finds common grounds with the latter on several policy matters which genuinely respond to the people's demand for change, including among others, their opposition to the Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) Program, the privatization of government hospitals, and the impoverization of the working class as well as their support for national industrialization, agricultural modernization, and release of political prisoners. He added that they have experienced working with Rep. Zamora as early as the 14<sup>th</sup> Congress. He cited the urgency of setting up a new House leadership that is independent of the Palace and will truly listen to the plight of the people and oppose the anti-Filipino, anti-poor policies of the PNoy Administration.

On motion of Rep. Gonzales (N.), there being no objection, the Chair recognized Rep. Philip A. Pichay for his nomination speech.

## **NOMINATION SPEECH OF REP. PICHAY**

Rep. Pichay nominated his colleague from Lakas-CMD Party, Rep. Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez to be the Speaker of the House as he believes that the latter will lead the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress to greatest heights because Rep. Romualdez will work doubly hard to ensure that the people's voices will be heard in the Chamber.

On motion of Rep. Gonzales (N.), there being no objection, the Chair recognized Rep. Lani Mercado-Revilla to second the nomination of Rep. Romualdez.

## **SECONDING NOMINATION SPEECH OF REP. MERCADO-REVILLA**

Upon recognition by the Chair, Rep. Mercado-Revilla stated in Filipino that all her constituents from the Second District of Cavite support the nomination of Rep. Romualdez for the position of Speaker of the House.

On motion of Rep. Gonzales (N.), there being no objection, the Chair recognized Rep. Imelda Quibranza-Dimaporo for her seconding nomination speech.

## **SECONDING NOMINATION SPEECH OF REP. QUIBRANZA -DIMAPORO**

Rep. Quibranza-Dimaporo said she has known Rep. Romualdez for quite some time and believes that the latter will support the worthy legislative agenda and development thrusts of the P-Noy Administration.

## **SECONDING NOMINATION SPEECH OF REP. DELA CRUZ**

Recognized by the Chair, Rep. Dela Cruz lamented that the three contenders for the speakership are all his friends but said that the situation requires him to nominate Rep. Romualdez for the position. He maintained that Rep. Romualdez is a lawyer by profession and has the experience and temperament to be the leader of the House. He then expressed hope that the latter would be given the chance to lead them, if not in the present but probably, in the future.

## **TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD FOR NOMINATIONS**

There being no other nominations, on motion of Rep. Gonzales (N.), there being no objection, the Body closed the period of nominations.

## **MOTION FOR THE ELECTION OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE**

Subsequently, Rep. Gonzales (N.) moved to proceed with the election of the Speaker of the House.

## **QUERY OF REP. DELA CRUZ**

To a previous query of Rep. Dela Cruz, Rep. Gonzales (N.), with the permission of the Presiding Officer, affirmed that the nominee who garners the second highest number of votes would automatically become the Minority Leader.

## **REMARKS OF REP. GONZALES (N.)**

Rep. Gonzales requested the Members to either approach any of the podium near them or stand and state with a loud voice the name of the candidate they are voting for so the Secretariat can properly record their votes. He also reminded the Members that they do not have to explain their votes.

## **NOMINAL VOTING ON THE NOMINEES FOR SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE**

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Gonzales (N.), there being no objection, the Members proceeded to the election of the Speaker of the House of



Representatives. The Presiding Officer then directed Deputy Secretary General Adasa Jr. to call the Roll for nominal voting for the Speaker of the House and requested each Member to state the name of the candidate he or she will vote for.

The result of the voting was as follows:

*For Rep. Feliciano Belmonte Jr.:*

Abad  
Abaya  
Abayon  
Abellanosa  
Abu  
Abueg  
Acedillo  
Acharon  
Acop  
Acosta-Alba  
Adiong  
Advincula  
Agarao  
Aggabao  
Aglipay  
Agyao  
Alcala  
Alejano  
Aliping  
Almario  
Almonte  
Alvarez (F.)  
Alvarez (M.)  
Amante  
Amatong (I.)  
Amatong (R.)  
Andaya  
Angping  
Antonino-Nadres  
Antonio  
Apostol  
Aragones  
Arbison  
Arenas  
Arnaiz  
Asilo  
Aumentado  
Bag-ao  
Bagatsing  
Baguilat  
Balindong  
Banal  
Barcelona-Reyes  
Barzaga  
Bataoil  
Batocabe  
Bautista

Bello (W.)  
Belmonte (J.)  
Belmonte (V.)  
Benitez  
Bernos  
Bichara  
Binay  
Biron  
Bondoc  
Bonoan  
Bravo (A.)  
Briones  
Bulut-Begtang  
Cabilao  
Cagas  
Calalay  
Calixto-Rubiano  
Caminero  
Cari  
Castelo  
Castro  
Catamco  
Celeste  
Cerafica  
Cerilles  
Chipeco  
Co  
Cojuangco (E.)  
Cojuangco (K.)  
Collantes  
Cortuna  
Cosalan  
Cruz-Gonzales  
Cua  
Dalog  
Dayanghirang  
De Venecia  
Defensor  
Del Mar  
Del Rosario (A.G.)  
Del Rosario (A.A.)  
Deloso-Montalla  
Durano  
Echiverri  
Enverga  
Erice  
Eriguel  
Ermita-Buhain  
Escudero  
Espina  
Estrella  
Evardone  
Fariñas  
Fernandez  
Ferrer (J.)  
Ferriol  
Fortun  
Fortuno

Fuentebella	Nuño
Garay	Oaminal
Garcia (E.)	Olivarez
Garcia (G.)	Ong
Garcia-Albano	Ortega (F.)
Garin (O.)	Pacquiao
Garin (S.)	Padilla
Gatchalian (S.)	Paez
Gatchalian (W.)	Pagdilao
Geron	Panganiban
Go (A.F.)	Panotes
Gonzales	Pernes
Gonzalez	Piamonte
Gorriceta	Plaza
Guanlao	Primicias-Agabas
Guiao	Puno
Gullas	Quimbo
Gunigundo	Quisumbing
[Bag-ao] <sup>*</sup> Gutierrez	Radaza
Hagedorn	Ramos
Haresco	Relampagos
Hataman-Salliman	Revilla
Hernandez	Reyes
Hofer	Rivera
Iway	Robes
Javier	Robredo
Kho	Rodriguez (I.)
Khonghun	Rodriguez (M.)
Labadlabad	Rodriguez (O.)
Lacson-Noel	Rodriguez (R.)
Lagdameo (A.)	Roman
Lagdameo (M.)	Romarate
Lagman	Romualdo
Lanete	Romulo
Leachon	Roque
Lee	Sacdalan
Leonardia	Sahali
Leonen-Pizarro	Sakaluran
Lobregat	Salimbangon
Loong	Salvacion
Lopez (C.)	Santiago
Loyola	Sarmiento (C.)
Madrona	Sarmiento (M.)
Magsaysay	Sato
Manalo	Sema
Mangudadatu	Señeres
Masongsong	Singson (E.)
Matugas	Singson (R.)
Mellana	Suansing
Mendoza (J.)	Sy-Alvarado
Mendoza (M.)	Tambunting
Mercado	Tan (A.)
Mirasol	Tan (M.)
Montejo	Teodoro
Nava (J.)	Teves
Nava (P.)	Tieng
Noel	Ting
Nograles	Tolentino

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\* Corrected as per Journal No. 2 of July 23, 2013

Torres-Gomez  
Treñas  
Tugna  
Tupas  
Turabin-Hataman  
Umali (C.)  
Umali (R.)  
Unabia  
Ungab  
Uy (R.)  
Vargas  
Vargas-Alfonso  
Velarde  
Velasco  
Villanueva  
Villar  
Villarica  
Violago  
Yap (A.)  
Yap (S.)  
Yu  
Zamora (M.)  
Zubiri

*For Rep. Ronaldo B. Zamora:*

Albano  
Angara-Castillo  
Bello (S.)  
Cayetano  
Colmenares  
De Jesus  
Flores  
Go (A.C.)  
Hicap  
Ilagan  
Jalosjos  
Lopez (C.J.)  
Paquiz  
Ridon  
Tejada  
Tinio  
Ty  
Zamora (R.)  
Zarate

*For Rep. Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez*

Arroyo  
Atienza  
Bravo (M.)  
Cueva  
Dela Cruz  
Dimaporo (A.)  
Dimaporo (I.)  
Ferrer (L.)

Marcos  
Mercado-Revilla  
Ortega (V.)  
Pancho  
Pichay  
Romualdez  
Suarez  
Uy (J.)

*Abstention:*

Belmonte (F.)  
Tiangco

With 244 Members voting for Rep. Belmonte (F.), 19 voting for Rep. Zamora (R.), 16 voting for Rep. Romualdez and 2 abstaining, the Presiding Officer declared Rep. Belmonte of the Fourth District of Quezon City as the duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress.

#### **COMMITTEE ON NOTIFICATION**

On motion of Rep. Gonzales (N.), there being no objection, the Body constituted a committee composed of the following Members to notify Rep. Belmonte of his election as Speaker of the House of Representatives and to escort the Speaker-elect to the rostrum for his oath-taking: Reps. Emi G. Calixto-Rubiano, Maria Jocelyn V. Bernos, Rose Marie “Baby” J. Arenas, Ma. Georgina P. De Venecia, Kimi S. Cojuangco, Maria Leonor “Leni” G. Robredo, Mercedes K. Alvarez, Lucy Torres-Gomez, Abigail Faye C. Ferriol and Sitti Djalila A. Turabin-Hataman.

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

The Presiding Officer suspended the session at 12:22 p.m.

#### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

Upon resumption of session at 12:22 p.m., the Presiding Officer requested Rep. Xavier Jesus “XJ” D. Romualdo to ascend the rostrum to administer the oath of office to Speaker-elect Belmonte (F.). She likewise requested all the Members to rise and the family members of the Speaker-elect to join him at the rostrum.

#### **OATH-TAKING OF SPEAKER BELMONTE**

Thereafter, Rep. Romualdo administered the oath of office of Rep. Feliciano Belmonte Jr. as Speaker of the House of Representatives in the presence of the members of his family and the Members of the House of Representatives.

#### **ACCEPTANCE SPEECH OF SPEAKER BELMONTE**

*First of all, thank you very much for your confidence in me, it is a real honor. You know the*

*first time I was elected, I couldn't believe it. The second time and it was the full 15<sup>th</sup> Congress, I couldn't believe that I would last that 15<sup>th</sup> Congress, but here, you reelected me to the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress. Kaya salamat sa inyong lahat.*

*Esteemed colleagues, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen -*

*It is a rare honor to once more be entrusted with the speakership of this Chamber. This grave responsibility was first reposed on me briefly in 2001, and again in the 15<sup>th</sup> Congress.*

*Today, I am deeply humbled by your vote of confidence. I accept anew this duty equally confident that irrespective of our differing political affiliations, geographic or sectoral interest and persuasion, we will always stand strong and unified in our resolve not merely to consolidate the gains thus far realized but also to move towards our great future.*

*I pledge before you to honor your trust with the leadership that respects the voice of every Member of this Chamber in all proceedings and upholds the energy of this assembly as a democratic institution of government. Mula sa puso ko, maraming salamat sa inyong lahat at sa inyong pagtitiwala.*

*At this point, I would like to congratulate the new Minority Leader, Congressman Ronaldo B. Zamora of the Lone District of San Juan, who happens to be my neighbor actually. The Fourth District of Quezon City adjoins the Lone District of San Juan but that is about all I know about San Juan.*

*Whether reelected or as new Members of this Chamber, we all witnessed the backbreaking burden legislators of this House bore to discard practices of the past and steer the country towards the proverbial "matuwid na daan." In the past three years, it was this House which overhauled the appropriation process and built the habit of the prompt enactment of a transparent and responsive national budget, this House which refused to shirk from the politically difficult task of impeachment, and this House which fortified the constitutional promise of accountability in government.*

*The ratings achieved by this House in successive public trust surveys are not only historic, they are likewise indicative of the transformation of this institution and of our efforts to place our national constituency front, back and center of our legislative agenda.*

*The remarkable improvements in the country's competitive rankings, governance indicators and*

*corruption indices; the investment credit ratings achieved under President Aquino; and the economic growth posted last year and in the first quarter of this year which are unsurpassed in the region are extraordinary feats which we achieved even as the world around us grappled with a stale if not contracting international economy and immense political disturbances.*

*The greatest error we can commit today is to mistake the past deeds of the past three years as ends in themselves and not merely as a preview of greater things to come.*

*Our task in the next three years must be to resist the costly temptation of resting on our laurels, to inspire greater belief in our collective capacity for greater accomplishment within our country and outside and to marshal government resources towards making possible a more vibrant and resilient economy and people.*

*In close collaboration with the Senate and the Executive, we will craft a legislative agenda that will generate greatest economic activity in our country. Economic activity that benefits the greater number; economic activity that addresses, among others, the problems of poverty, unemployment and investment. And if we stick to that goal, we will never go wrong.*

*Reducing the impediments to the ease of doing business and reducing red tape even as we rationalize our incentives' framework, meaning to say that not one or two businesses monopolizes the incentives even when they do not need them, as well as creating a more even and stable regulatory framework that will rid the private sector of its fears from funding our economic expansion especially in such critical areas as power and energy -- and I hate to look at the Mindanao legislators in the eyes as I say those words, but definitely, we must find ways of solving the power and energy crisis particularly in Mindanao -- are essential if we are to sustain our growth and to employ the jobless.*

*The habit of promptly enacting the national budget must be complemented by judiciousness in the use of public resources. The reprieve enjoyed by our people from additional taxes can be sustained without substantially impairing our future growth and expansion if efficiency in government spending is further strengthened and institutionalized in our Appropriations Act, and assiduously guarded through the oversight powers of this House. In the past, the oversight power has been just there. This time let us try to exercise them.*

*Greater investment in public infrastructure and facilities must be encouraged, simultaneous with our concern for prudence in the use of public resources. As we pass laws that deter and close the avenues for corruption, so must we gain greater confidence in using public resources to address and anticipate the needs of our expanding economy and expanding population as well.*

*We must nurture a legal ethos that mandates and extols prudence in spending, and transparency and accountability in the use of public funds, especially in the use of our Priority Development Assistance Funds or PDAF. Ambiguity must yield to specific, definite and verifiable development programs and projects for both district and party-list-funded activities. Indeed, I have asked the party-list groups and I do challenge them -- to get together and come out with a plan on how to spend their PDAF because, what are the rules? Let us have them. A strict obedience to a much tightened guidelines in the use of public resources is the strongest guarantee of efficiency, ensuring that each peso spent generates exponential returns for our people.*

*For my part, my PDAF, since first serving as Member of this chamber in 1992 as a Congressman, were spent strictly within my district in Quezon City, subject always to public scrutiny and sometimes to public criticism.*

*The 16<sup>th</sup> Congress coincides with the second half of President PNoy's six-year term. These three years are sometimes more difficult to manage because whiffs of the next election hang in the air. This time might not be too different. Nevertheless, I call upon all of you, my colleagues, to unite behind this administration's and our reform agenda in the interest of our people so that the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress along with President Benigno S. Aquino III's term of office, ends not with a strikeout but with a homerun or even a grand slam.*

*Reforms in governance cannot be neglected. Government leaders must now augment our "kung walang kurap, walang mahirap" battle cry with "walang kukurap", and marshal greater support for the President's agenda towards a clean, honest, efficient and responsive public bureaucracy.*

*We must complete the modernization of our institutions and the processes they adopt, and rid them of wastages which equally robs our people of essential public services. Until our accomplishments in the transformation of government become convincingly irreversible, we can neither allow our*

*present gains to be dissipated midstream nor frustrate anew the expectations of our people.*

*My colleagues, our beliefs and philosophies will undoubtedly require us to debate and disagree as we perform the legislative duties we will set up. But our democratic experience in the past Congress -- the Congress which courageously tackled some of the most controversial and divisive measures -- should remind us that our differences cannot remotely justify the obstruction of urgent and necessary legislation, but must in fact be used to enrich and improve them.*

*With your help, ours will be a pro-active 16<sup>th</sup> Congress, one that refuses to squander the accomplishments of our predecessors but builds on them, even to surpass them, that we may finally bridge the realities of the present to the promise of our future. Ours will be a visionary Congress that will anticipate our needs and steer our economy to a path of sustained, but especially, equitable and inclusive growth.*

*Together with you, we will be that Congress worthy of the trust reposed upon it by the constituency who elected us -- the Filipino people.*

*Once again, maraming salamat sa inyong lahat. Mabuhay po kayo at mabuhay ang ating kaisa-isang bansa, ang bansang Pilipinas.*

## **ADOPTION OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE**

On motion of Rep. Gonzales (N.), there being no objection, the Body adopted the Rules of the 15<sup>th</sup> Congress as the Provisional Rules of the House to govern its proceedings until the adoption of the Rules of the House of the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Pursuant to Section 6, Rule II of the Provisional Rules of the House, on motion of Rep. Gonzales (N.), there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the oath-taking of the Members of the House.

## **OATH-TAKING OF MEMBERS**

Thereafter, Speaker Belmonte administered the oath of office to all the Members of the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress.

## **ELECTION OF DEPUTY SPEAKERS**

On motion of Rep. Gonzales (N.), there being no objection, the Body elected Reps. Henedina R. Abad, Giorgidi B. Aggabao, Sergio F. Apostol, Pangalian M. Balindong, Carlos M. Padilla, and Roberto V. Puno as Deputy Speakers of the House of Representatives.

## **OATH-TAKING OF THE ELECTED DEPUTY SPEAKERS**

At this juncture, Reps. Abad, Aggabao, Apostol, Balindong, Padilla and Puno one at a time ascended the rostrum, together with their respective families, and took their oaths of office as Deputy Speakers before Speaker Belmonte.

## **ELECTION OF SECRETARY GENERAL**

On motion of Rep. Gonzales (N.), there being no objection, the Body elected Atty. Marilyn B. Barua-Yap as the Secretary General of the House.

## **ELECTION OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS**

On motion of Rep. Gonzales (N.), there being no objection, the Body elected General Nicasio J. Radovan Jr. as the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House.

## **OATH-TAKING OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL**

Speaker Belmonte administered the oath of office to Atty. Marilyn B. Barua-Yap as the Secretary General of the House.

## **OATH-TAKING OF THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS**

Speaker Belmonte administered the oath of office to General Radovan as the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House.

## **ADOPTION OF CERTAIN HOUSE RESOLUTIONS/CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

On successive motions of Rep. Gonzales (N.), there being no objection, the Body considered the following House Resolutions/Concurrent Resolution; dispensed with the reading of the texts thereof without prejudice to their insertion into the Record of the House; and unanimously adopted the said measures:

1. House Resolution No. 69, entitled: "RESOLUTION INFORMING THE SENATE THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HAS BEEN ORGANIZED AND HAS ENTERED UPON THE EXERCISE OF ITS FUNCTIONS";

2. House Resolution No. 70, entitled: "RESOLUTION INFORMING HIS EXCELLENCY, BENIGNO S. AQUINO III, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HAS BEEN ORGANIZED AND HAS ENTERED UPON THE EXERCISE OF ITS FUNCTIONS"; and

3. House Concurrent Resolution No. 2, entitled: "CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO HOLD A JOINT SESSION TO HEAR THE MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES."

## **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

On motion of Rep. Gonzales (N.), there being no objection, the Secretary General read the following Messages from the Senate and the Chair made the proper references.

### **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

Message dated July 22, 2013 informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date adopted Senate Resolution No. 24, entitled:

"RESOLUTION INFORMING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT THE SENATE HAS BEEN ORGANIZED WITH THE ELECTION OF ITS OFFICERS AND THAT THIS BODY HAS ENTERED UPON THE EXERCISE OF ITS FUNCTIONS FOR THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES"

### **TO THE ARCHIVES**

Message dated July 22, 2013 informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1, entitled:

"CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CREATING A JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES THAT CONGRESS, NOW CONVENED FOR ITS FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIP-

PINES, IS READY TO HEAR HIS STATE-OF THE NATION ADDRESS IN A JOINT SESSION OF BOTH HOUSES.”

TO THE CALENDAR OF BUSINESS FOR THE DAY

### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

Whereupon, on motion of Rep. Gonzales (N.), the session was suspended at 1:16 p.m.

### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 1:16 p.m.

### **ADOPTION OF SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1**

On successive motions of Rep. Gonzales (N.), there being no objection, the Body considered Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1, dispensed with the reading of the text thereof without prejudice to its insertion into the Record of the House, and adopted the measure, entitled:

“CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CREATING A JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES THAT CONGRESS, NOW CONVENED FOR ITS FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE SIXTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES, IS READY TO HEAR HIS STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS IN A JOINT SESSION OF BOTH HOUSES.”

### **DESIGNATION OF MEMBERS TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON NOTIFICATION**

With the adoption of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1, on motion of Rep. Gonzales (N.), there being no objection, the Body designated Deputy Speakers Abad, Aggabao, Apostol, Balindong, Padilla and Puno to notify the President that Congress was already convened and ready to receive his message in a joint session.

### **ELECTION OF MAJORITY MEMBERS TO CERTAIN COMMITTEES**

To give the members of the Joint Committee time to perform their assigned task, and until the House

counterpart is ready to report back its accomplishment to the House, on motion of Rep. Gonzales (N.), there being no objection, the Body elected the following Members from the Majority to certain Committees, to wit:

#### Committee on Rules:

1. Rep. Neptali A. Gonzales II
2. Rep. Jorge “Bolet” Banal Jr.
3. Rep. Mar-Len Abigail S. Binay
4. Rep. Magtanggol T. Gunigundo I

#### Committee on Justice

1. Rep. Niel C. Tupas Jr.

#### Committee on Accounts

1. Rep. Eleandro Jesus F. Madrona

#### Committee on Appropriations

1. Rep. Isidro T. Ungab
2. Rep. Joaquin Carlos Rahman A. Nava
3. Rep. Maria Zenaida B. Angping
4. Rep. Ma. Victoria R. Sy-Alvarado
5. Rep. Rolando G. Andaya, Jr.
6. Rep. Joseph Gilbert F. Violago
7. Rep. Josephine Veronique R. Lacson-Noel

### **ELECTION OF MINORITY MEMBERS TO CERTAIN COMMITTEES**

On motion of Rep. Zamora (R.), there being no objection, the Body elected the following Members from the Minority to certain Committees, to wit:

#### Committee on Rules

1. Rep. Ronaldo B. Zamora
2. Rep. Neri J. Colmenares
3. Rep. Carol Jayne B. Lopez

#### Committee on Appropriations

1. Rep. Seth P. Jalosjos
2. Rep. Ana Cristina Siquian Go.

### **REMARKS OF REP. GONZALES (N.)**

Whereupon, Rep. Gonzales informed the Body that the House had received a report from the Joint

Committee on Notification that President Aquino had been informed regarding the convening of Congress in joint session at four o'clock that afternoon to hear his State of the Nation Address. He further reminded the Members of the House to be at the Session Hall at three o'clock.

#### **ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION**

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Gonzales (N.), there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until four o'clock in the afternoon

of Tuesday, July 23, 2013.

It was 1:21 p.m.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

(Sgd.) **ATTY. MARILYN B. BARUA-YAP**  
Secretary General

Approved on July 23, 2013