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CALL TO ORDER

At 2:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Kristine Singson-Meehan called the session to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PRAYER

The Members sang the National Anthem and thereafter, observed a minute of silent prayer.

ROLL CALL

On motion of Rep. Jeyzel Victoria C. Yu, there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abalos	Barba	Castro (F.)	Fariñas
Abante	Barbers	Castro (J.)	Fernandez
Abunda	Baronda	Celeste	Ferrer (A.)
Acharon	Barzaga	Chan	Ferrer (J.M.)
Acidre	Bascug	Chatto	Flores
Acop	Bautista	Chua	Fortes
Adiong	Bautista-Lim	Chungalao	Frasco
Advincula	Benitez	Co (A.N.)	Fresnedi
Agarao	Bernos	Co (E.)	Fuentebella
Alba	Billones	Co-Pilar	Galeos
Albano	Biron	Cojuangco (J.)	Garcia (A.)
Almario	Bolilia	Cojuangco (M.)	Garcia (D.)
Almonte	Bondoc	Colada	Garcia (J.A.)
Alonte	Bongalon	Collantes	Garcia (M.A.)
Alvarez (J.)	Bordado	Corvera	Garcia (P.J.)
Alvarez (M.)	Bosita	Cruz (A.)	Garcia (V.)
Alvarez (P.)	Briones	Cruz (R.)	Gardiola
Amante	Brosas	Cua	Garin
Amatong	Buhain	Cuaresma	Gasataya
Ang	Bulut-Begtang	Dagooc	Gato
Angara	Bustos	Dalipe	Go (E.C.)
Aquino	Cabredo	Dalog	Go (M.)
Aquino-Magsaysay	Cagas	Dayanghirang	Golez
Arbison	Cajayon-Uy	Daza	Gomez
Arenas	Calderon	De Jesus	Gonzaga
Arrogancia	Calixto	de Venecia	Gonzales (A.)
Asistio	Campos	Defensor	Gonzales (N.)
Atayde	Caoagdan	Del Mar	Gonzalez
Aumentado	Cardema	Delos Santos	Gorriceta
Balindong	Cari	Dimaporo (M.K.)	Guico
		Dimaporo (S.A.)	Guintu
		Dionisio	Gullas
		Domingo	Gutierrez
		Duavit	Hagedorn
		Dujali	Haresco
		Duterte	Hataman
		Dy (F.)	Hernandez
		Dy (F.M.C.)	Herrera
		Dy (I.P.)	Horibata
		Ecleo	Javier
		Emano	Kho (O.)
		Enverga	Kho (R.)
		Escudero	Kho (W.)
		Espares	Khonghun
		Espina	Labadlabad
		Estrella	Lacson
		Eudela	Lacson-Noel

Lagman	Pancho	Tan (R.M.)	Velasco
Lagon (D.)	Panotes	Tan (S.)	Veloso-Tuazon
Lagon (S.)	Pascual	Tan (S.J.)	Vergara
Lara	Peña	Tan-Tambut	Verzosa
Lazatin	Pimentel	Tanchay	Villa
Lee	Plaza	Tanjuatco	Villafuerte (L.R.)
Legarda	Pleyto	Tarriela	Villafuerte (M.L.)
Libanan	Primicias-Agabas	Teodoro	Villanueva
Limkaichong	Pumaren	Teves (A.)	Villar
Loyola	Puno	Teves (J.)	Villaraza-Suarez
Luistro	Quimbo	Tiangco	Villarica
Lumayag	Rama	Tieng	Violago
Macapagal-Arroyo	Recto	Tolentino	Yamsuan
Maceda	Regencia	Tulfo (J.)	Yap (C.T.)
Madrona	Remulla	Tulfo (R.W.)	Yap (C.)
Magsino	Revilla (B.)	Tupas	Yap (Edvic)
Malapitan	Revilla (R.J.)	Tutor	Yap (Eric)
Mangaoang	Reyes	Ty	Yu (D.G.)
Maniquiz	Rillo	Umali	Yu (J.V.)
Manuel	Rivera	Unabia	Yulo
Marañon	Robes	Ungab	Zamora (A.M.)
Marcoleta	Rodriguez (E.)	Valeriano	Zamora (M.C.)
Marcos	Rodriguez (R.)	Valmayor	Zamora (Y.M.)
Mariano-Hernandez	Roman	Vargas	Zubiri
Mariño	Romero	Vargas-Alfonso	
Marquez	Romualdez (F.M.)		
Martinez	Romualdez (Y.M.)		
Mastura	Romualdo		
Matibag	Romulo		
Matugas	Roque		
Mendoza	Sacdalan		
Mercado	Sagarbarria		
Mercado-Revilla	Sakaluran		
Miguel	Salceda		
Momo	Sali		
Morden	Salimbangon		
Nava	Salo		
Nisay	Salvame		
Noel	Santos		
Nogralas (J.F.F.)	Saulog		
Nogralas (M.)	Silverio		
Nolasco	Singson (R.)		
Oaminal	Singson (R.V.)		
Olaso	Singson-Meehan		
Olivarez	Solon		
Ongchuan	Suan		
Ordanes	Suansing (H.)		
Ortega	Suansing (M.A.)		
Ouano-Dizon	Suarez		
Padiernos	Tallado		
Paduano	Tamayo		
Paglas	Tambunting		
Palma	Tan (J.)		
Panaligan	Tan (K.M.)		

With 311 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix)

DEFERMENT OF APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

On motion of Rep. Arnan C. Panaligan, there being no objection, the Body deferred the approval of the Journal of the previous session.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

On another motion of Representative Panaligan, 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 as filed, Messages from the Senate, Communications, and Committee Reports, which were referred to the appropriate committees indicated hereunder:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 7420, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE AIRPORTS AUTHORITY, DEFINING

ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Rodriguez (R.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 7421, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR MODERNIZATION FUNDING TO THE PHILIPPINE INSTITUTE OF VOLCANOLOGY AND SEISMOLOGY (PHIVOLCS), AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Rodriguez (R.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 7422, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING TITLE VI OF E.O. 209 AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE BY REMOVING AND/OR ERASING CLASSIFICATION BETWEEN LEGITIMATE, ILLEGITIMATE AND LEGITIMATED (FILIAION OF) CHILDREN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Rodriguez (R.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 7423, entitled:

“AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE CAPACITY OF THE FILIPINO SPOUSE TO REMARRY WHEN EITHER SPOUSE HAS OBTAINED A FOREIGN JUDICIAL DECREE OF ABSOLUTE DIVORCE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Rodriguez (R.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 7425, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE LTO EXTENSION OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NAGUILIAN, LA UNION INTO A ‘CLASS C’ DISTRICT OFFICE TO BE KNOWN AS THE LTO DISTRICT OFFICE OF NAGUILIAN, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Garcia (D.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 7427, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE NATIONAL FEEDING PROGRAM TO INCLUDE UNDERNOURISHED CHILDREN IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND MANDATING THE PROCUREMENT FROM SMALL-SCALE FARMERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL FEEDING PROGRAM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11037, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘MASUSTANSYANG PAGKAIN PARA SA BATANG PILIPINO ACT’ ”

By Representatives Mercado-Revilla, Revilla (B.) and Revilla (R.J.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7428, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TUBAY-CABADBARAN COASTAL ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL NORTE WITH THE TUBAY BRIDGE AS A MAJOR COMPONENT OF THE PROJECT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Corvera
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 7429, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FORENSIC DATABASE IN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Gomez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 7430, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING RA 9237 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MT. APO NATURAL PARK BY ESTABLISHING THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND RESCUE CENTER INSIDE THE MANP TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE DWINDLING POPULATION OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Caoagdan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 7431, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE AMAI PAKPAK MEDICAL CENTER FROM FOUR HUNDRED (400)

BEDS TO EIGHT HUNDRED (800) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS SERVICE FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL WORKFORCE COMPLEMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Adiong
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7432, entitled:

“AN ACT PROCLAIMING THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF PATIENTS, PROVIDING A GRIEVANCE MECHANISM THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Duterte, Yap (Eric) and Yap (Edvic)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7433, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING ACCESS TO QUALITY LEGAL EDUCATION BY PROVIDING FOR FREE TUITION AND OTHER SCHOOL FEES IN STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Duterte, Yap (Eric) and Yap (Edvic)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 7434, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE INFORMATION DISSEMINATION AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ABOUT REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11053 ALSO KNOWN AS THE ANTI-HAZING ACT OF 2018”

By Representative Teves (J.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 7435, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING TITLE I, CHAPTER 3, OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, PRESCRIBING ADDITIONAL GROUNDS FOR ANNULMENT”

By Representative Cua
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 7436, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE COMMISSION ON THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

IN SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Cua
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY

House Bill No. 7437, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING HINANGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY HINANGO, MUNICIPALITY OF MAGSAYSAY, OCCIDENTAL MINDORO INTO AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS HINANGO INTEGRATED SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tarruela
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7438, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY OF THE PHILIPPINES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 9497, OTHERWISE KNOWN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY ACT OF 2008”

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

House Bill No. 7439, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INTERNATIONAL CRUISE SHIP PORT AND APPROPRIATE FACILITIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NABAS, PROVINCE OF AKLAN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Haresco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 7440, entitled:

“AN ACT RECLASSIFYING LEGITIMATE CHILDREN INTO MARITAL CHILDREN AND ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN INTO NON-MARITAL CHILDREN, HEREBY AMENDING THE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF THE CIVIL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND OTHER PERTINENT LAWS PERTAINING TO THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN MARITAL AND NON-MARITAL CHILDREN FORMERLY KNOWN AS LEGITIMATE AND ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN”

By Representative Cajayon-Uy
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 7441, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE MAXIMUM VALUE OF FAMILY HOME, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 157 OF THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Cajayon-Uy
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 7442, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER OF EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL BULLYING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH”

By Representative Cajayon-Uy
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7443, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PAMBANSANG PABAHAY PARA SA PILIPINO (4PH) PROGRAM”

By Representative Robes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 7444, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Yu (D.G.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 7445, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 23 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SINDANGAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE TO BE KNOWN AS ‘ARAW NG SINDANGAN’ IN CELEBRATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY”

By Representative Labadlabad
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 7448, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR SENIOR CITIZEN CARE OF 2023 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Co-Pilar
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 7449, entitled:

“AN ACT PRESCRIBING THE INCOME CLASSIFICATION OF PROVINCES, CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES AND AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE TO ADJUST THE INCOME BRACKETS AND UNDERTAKE REGULAR INCOME RECLASSIFICATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS”

By Representative Fariñas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 7450, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING WOMEN IN THE COUNTRYSIDE GREATER ACCESS TO INSTITUTIONAL CREDIT AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7192, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT AND NATION BUILDING ACT’ ”

By Representative Fariñas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY

House Bill No. 7451, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING APEX HOSPITALS IN EVERY REGION OF THE COUNTRY AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Fariñas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7452, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BARANGAY INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT APPROACH FOR NUTRITION IMPROVEMENT OF THE RURAL POOR AS A LINKAGE PROGRAM FOR ALL STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Fariñas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 7453, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE CAPE BOJEADOR LIGHTHOUSE LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BURGOS, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE, A TOURISM DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Fariñas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 7454, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS TO FILIPINO CENTENARIANS, RECOGNIZING OCTOGENARIANS AND NONAGENARIANS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10868, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘CENTENARIANS ACT OF 2016’”

By Representative Fariñas
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 7455, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7722, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘HIGHER EDUCATION ACT OF 1994’”

By Representative Fariñas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 7456, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE FIELD OFFICES OF THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS BY UPGRADING AND CREATING CERTAIN POSITIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 53 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 881, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘*OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE*,’ AS AMENDED AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Fariñas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 7457, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING CORPORATE FARMING AND PROVIDING INCENTIVES THEREFOR”

By Representative Fariñas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 7458, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING, DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Fariñas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 7459, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ENTERPRISE-BASED EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Fariñas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 7460, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR GERIATRIC HEALTH AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, CREATING REGIONAL GERIATRIC SPECIALTY CENTERS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH-RETAINED HOSPITALS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Fariñas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7461, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SEPARATE FACILITY FOR HIGH-LEVEL OFFENDERS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Fariñas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 7462, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE USE OF INCINERATORS IN THE DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9003, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘ECOLOGICAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2000’”

By Representative Fariñas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 7463, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING INDUSTRY CLUSTER-BASED PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS THROUGH INTER-LOCAL COOPERATION AND PEOPLE’S PARTICIPATION”

By Representative Fariñas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PEOPLE’S PARTICIPATION

House Bill No. 7464, entitled:

“AN ACT STANDARDIZING THE RETIREMENT BENEFITS OF JUSTICES, JUDGES, AND JUDICIARY OFFICIALS CONFERRED WITH JUDICIAL RANK,

SALARY AND PRIVILEGES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 910, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Fariñas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 7465, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE LAMMIN COFFEE PLANTATION LOCATED IN BARANGAY DUPITAC, MUNICIPALITY OF PIDDIG, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE, A FARM TOURISM DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Fariñas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 7466, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING LOCAL SPORTS PROGRAMS TO DEVELOP YOUNG ATHLETES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Fariñas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 7467, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING AND DEFINING THE MARITIME ZONES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Fariñas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 7468, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF COMPULSORY INSURANCE OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS, FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8042, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MIGRANT WORKERS AND OVERSEAS FILIPINOS ACT OF 1995, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Fariñas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 7469, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PHILIPPINE CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1467, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED ‘CREATING THE “PHILIPPINE CROP INSURANCE

CORPORATION” PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS AND ACTIVITIES, PROVIDING FOR ITS CAPITALIZATION AND FOR THE REQUIRED GOVERNMENT PREMIUM SUBSIDY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’”

By Representative Fariñas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 7470, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE USE OF BICYCLE AS AN ALTERNATIVE MODE OF TRANSPORTATION, DEFINING THE RIGHTS OF BICYCLE RIDERS, ESTABLISHING REQUISITE INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Fariñas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 7471, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PRICE SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7607, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘MAGNA CARTA OF SMALL FARMERS’ AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Fariñas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 7472, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE PRIVATE LENDING COMPANIES FROM COLLECTING LOAN PAYMENTS OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES THROUGH AUTOMATIC PAYROLL DEDUCTION”

By Representative Fariñas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 7473, entitled:

“AN ACT ENHANCING PROTECTION FOR WOMEN INMATES HELD IN JAILS AND CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES”

By Representative Fariñas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 7474, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE SINKING BELL TOWER LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAOAG, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE, A TOURISM DESTINATION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Fariñas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 7475, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AT LEAST ONE (1) SPECIAL EDUCATION (SPED) CENTER FOR EACH SCHOOL DIVISION AND AT LEAST THREE (3) SPED CENTERS IN BIG SCHOOL DIVISIONS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS (CSNs), CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE BUREAU OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Fariñas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7476, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING SWIMMING AS A SUBJECT IN THE K-12 BASIC EDUCATION CURRICULUM AND AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE OVERALL STRATEGY TO REDUCE THE INCIDENCE OF DEATH FROM DROWNING DURING NATURAL CALAMITIES OR RECREATIONAL AQUATIC ACTIVITIES”

By Representative Fariñas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7477, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF THE TERTIARY EDUCATION SUBSIDY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10931, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO QUALITY TERTIARY EDUCATION ACT’”

By Representative Fariñas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 7478, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF FILIPINO WOMEN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Fariñas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 820, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING CARLOS EDRIEL YULO FOR WINNING IN THE 2023 FÉDÉRATION

INTERNATIONALE DE GYMNASTIQUE ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS WORLD CUP SERIES CUP HELD IN, DOHA, QATAR”

By Representative Gomez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 821, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION REQUESTING MINDANAO DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MINDA) TO FACILITATE THE CONDUCT OF THE FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE MT. APO WILDLIFE RESCUE AND CONSERVATION CENTER”

By Representative Caoagdan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Resolution No. 822, entitled:

“COMMEMORATING THE DINAMULAG FESTIVAL IN THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBALES ON APRIL 28 TO 30 2023”

By Representative Khonghun
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Resolution No. 823, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE LASER POINTING INCIDENT LAST FEBRUARY 6 AT THE AYUNGIN SHOAL IN THE WEST PHILIPPINE SEA DIRECTED AGAINST BRP MALAPASCUA (MRRV-4403)”

By Representative Khonghun
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON WEST PHILIPPINE SEA

House Resolution No. 824, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES ON THE UNTIMELY DEATH OF JOHN MATTHEW SALILIG”

By Representative Khonghun, Oaminal, Escudero, Ortega and Cua
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 825, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE DEATH OF NEGROS ORIENTAL GOVERNOR ROEL DEGAMO AND FIVE OTHERS”

By Representative Khonghun, Oaminal, Escudero, Ortega and Cua
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 826, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH A CONSULAR OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOSE, OCCIDENTAL MINDORO”

By Representative Tarriela
TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Resolution No. 827, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE ATHLETES WHO WON IN THE 7TH ASIAN JIU-JITSU CHAMPIONSHIP HELD IN BANGKOK, THAILAND LAST FEBRUARY 2023”

By Representative Tolentino
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 828, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE ATHLETES WHO WON IN THE 14TH ASIAN LAWN BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD IN IPOH, MALAYSIA, AND AWARDED LAST FEBRUARY 26, 2023”

By Representative Tolentino
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 829, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION REGARDING THE OIL SPILL FROM AND SINKING OF MT PRINCESS EMPRESS”

By Representative Barzaga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 830, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING MR. ROWAN LASALITA CELESTRA FOR BEING CHOSEN IN 2022 OUTSTANDING PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OR DANGAL NG BAYAN AWARD”

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

House Resolution No. 831, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, THROUGH THE DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS OF THE

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TO RETRIEVE FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE DOCTRINA CHRISTIANA 1593, AS AN IMPORTANT PHILIPPINE HISTORICAL ARTIFACT THAT BELONGS TO THE FILIPINO PEOPLE”

By Representatives Mercado-Revilla, Revilla (B.) and Revilla (R.J.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Resolution No. 832, entitled:

“RESOLUTION ORGANIZING THE PHILIPPINES-HUNGARY PARLIAMENTARIANS’ FRIENDSHIP GROUP”

By Representative Labadlabad
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INTER-PARLIAMENTARY RELATIONS AND DIPLOMACY

House Resolution No. 833, entitled:

“RESOLUTION ORGANIZING THE PHILIPPINES-CZECH REPUBLIC PARLIAMENTARIANS’ FRIENDSHIP GROUP”

By Representative Labadlabad
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INTER-PARLIAMENTARY RELATIONS AND DIPLOMACY

House Resolution No. 834, entitled:

“RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS OF VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS AND VOLUNTEERS TO SUPPORT THE SEARCH AND RETRIEVAL OPERATIONS FOR THE CESSNA PLANE CRASH ON FEBRUARY 18 IN ALBAY”

By Representative Salceda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DISASTER RESILIENCE

House Resolution No. 835, entitled:

“RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SUFFICIENCY OF OUR MARITIME LAWS AND SAFETY STANDARDS, AND OTHER RELATED MEASURES TO ENSURE ACCOUNTABILITY OF SEA CARRIERS INVOLVED IN MARITIME ACCIDENTS, IN THE CONTEXT OF THE RECENT OIL SPILL CAUSED BY A CAPSIZED OIL TANKER OFF COAST OF ORIENTAL MINDORO”

By Representative Umali
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 836, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON DISASTER RESILIENCE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE COUNTRY’S EARTHQUAKE AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND DISASTER RESILIENCE OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES”

By Representative Tan (K.M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 837, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF HONORABLE ROEL R. DEGAMO, GOVERNOR OF THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS ORIENTAL”

By Representatives Romualdez (F.M.), Dalipe, Libanan, Marcos, Romualdez (Y.M.) and Acidre
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Message dated March 6, 2023, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 1604, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ACADEMIC RECOVERY AND ACCESSIBLE LEARNING (ARAL) PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

Message dated March 6, 2023, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 1850, entitled:

“AN ACT CONDONING ALL PRINCIPAL AND INTERESTS OF LOANS ARISING FROM THE AWARD OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM

Message dated March 7, 2023, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on March 6, 2023 passed Senate Bill No. 1849, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11709 OTHERWISE KNOWN

AS ‘AN ACT STRENGTHENING PROFESSIONALISM AND PROMOTING THE CONTINUITY OF POLICIES AND MODERNIZATION INITIATIVES IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES, BY PRESCRIBING FIXED TERMS FOR KEY OFFICERS THEREOF, INCREASING THE MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE OF GENERALS/FLAG OFFICERS, PROVIDING FOR A MORE EFFECTIVE ATTRITION SYSTEM, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR’ ”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters dated June 30 and October 6, 2022 of Alexander C. Acuzar, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Samal, Province of Bataan, informing the House of Representatives that the following reports for the quarter ending September 30, 2022 were posted on their official website, Facebook page and in three (3) conspicuous public places in their locality:

1. Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project/Activity Implementation of the Local Government Support Fund – Disaster Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Assistance Program; and
2. Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project/Activity Implementation of the Local Government Support Fund – Financial Assistance to Local Government Units.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letters dated January 20, 2023 of Armando B. Romano, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Bacacay, Province of Albay, transmitting to the House of Representatives copies of the following reports which were posted in three (3) conspicuous public places in their locality:

1. Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation of the Local Government Support Fund – Other Financial Assistance to Local Government Units for the fourth quarter of 2022;
2. Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation of the Local Government Support Fund – Disaster Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Assistance Program for the fourth quarter of 2022;

3. Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project/Activity Implementation under the Financial Assistance to Local Government Units Charged Against the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund for the month of December 2022; and
4. Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project/Activity Implementation of the Bayanihan Grant to Cities and Municipalities for the month of December 2022.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated January 30, 2023 of Ruby C. Tuan Jr., Regional Manager, National Irrigation Administration, submitting to the House of Representatives a copy of the Status of Infra Procurement/Implementation as of January 15, 2022 in the First District of Leyte.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

Letter dated January 30, 2023 of Rex C. Villa Agustin, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Victoria, Province of Tarlac, submitting to the House of Representatives copies of their Reports on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project/Activity Implementation of the Local Government Support Fund for the quarter ending December 31, 2022.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated January 30, 2023 of Dennis N. Amancio, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Ayungon, Province of Negros Oriental, submitting to the House of Representatives a copy of their Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation of the Local Government Support Fund – Support to Barangay Development Program for the quarter ending December 31, 2022.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated January 31, 2023 of Damian G. Mercado, Provincial Governor, Province of Southern Leyte, informing the House of Representatives that their Reports on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Activity/Project Implementation of the Local Government Support Fund – Other Financial Assistance to Local Government Units for the third and fourth quarters of 2022 were posted on their official website www.southernleyte.gov.ph.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated January 31, 2023 of Eniego Jabagat, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Bindoy, Province of Negros Oriental, submitting to the House of Representatives a copy of their Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation of the Local Government Support Fund – Support to Barangay Development Program for the quarter ending December 31, 2022.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated February 1, 2023 of Atty. Rolen C. Paulino, Jr., City Mayor, City of Olongapo, notifying the House of Representatives that their Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation of the Local Government Support Fund for the quarter ending December 31, 2022 was posted on their website.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated February 2, 2023 of Atty. Carlo Jose A. Martinez, City Mayor, City of Bogo, Province of Cebu, notifying the House of Representatives that their Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation of the Local Government Support Fund for the quarter ending December 31, 2022 was posted on their website www.cityofbogocebu.gov.ph.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated February 2, 2023 of Ernie T. Uy, RN, JD, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Mabinay, Province of Negros Oriental, submitting to the House of Representatives a copy of their Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation of the Local Government Support Fund – Support to Barangay Development Program for the fourth quarter ending December 31, 2022.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated February 3, 2023 of Ronald Gian Carlo L. Cardema, Chairperson and CEO, National Youth Commission, informing the House of Representatives that their Report on the Utilization of Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Mandatory and Continuing Training Fund - Statement of Appropriations, Allotments, Obligations, Disbursements and Balances (FAR No. 1) as of December 31, 2022 was posted on their website – Transparency Seal on February 3, 2023.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated February 14, 2023 of Jonah Pat L. Aviles, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Zamboanguita, Province of Negros Oriental, submitting to the House of Representatives copies of their Reports on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation of the Local Government Support Fund for the quarters ending March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31, 2022.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated February 17, 2023 of Donaldo B. Robles, Acting Bank Officer VI, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), transmitting to the House of Representatives duly certified copies of the following BSP issuances:

1. Circular Letter No. CL-2023-012 dated 10 February 2023; and
2. Memorandum No. M-2023-003 dated 14 February 2023.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letter dated February 20, 2023 of Antonio Jose A. Barcelon, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Nasugbu, Province of Batangas, submitting to the House of Representatives a copy of their Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project/Activity Implementation of the Local Government Support Fund – Disaster Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Assistance Program for the quarter ending December 31, 2022 which was posted in three (3) conspicuous public places in their locality.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated February 22, 2023 of Joseph B. Salud, Bank Officer VI, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, transmitting to the House of Representatives a duly certified copy of Circular Letter No. CL-2023-013 dated 15 February 2023.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letter of Engr. Richard C. Gucilatar, Municipal Engineer, Municipality of Panukulan, Province of Quezon, submitting to the House of Representatives copies of the following reports as of February 25, 2023, attested by Alfred Rigor S. Mitra, Municipal Mayor:

1. Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation of the

- Local Government Support Fund – Financial Assistance to Local Government Units; and
2. Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation Seal of Good Local Governance – Incentive Fund.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Email from the Provincial Planning and Development Office, Province of Pampanga, submitting to the House of Representatives copies of their Reports on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation of the Local Government Support Fund for the quarters ending December 2022 and February 2023, attested by Dennis G. Pineda, Provincial Governor.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Email of Robyn Dy, Office of the City Mayor, City of Pasig, submitting to the House of Representatives a copy of their Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation of the Local Government Support Fund for the quarter ending December 31, 2022, attested by Victor Ma. Regis N. Sotto, City Mayor.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Email of Marites S. Castillo, Provincial Accountant, Province of Batangas, notifying the House of Representatives that the following reports as of December 31, 2022, attested by Hermilando I. Mandanas, Provincial Governor, were posted on their official website:

1. Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation of the Local Government Support Fund – Disaster Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Assistance Program;
2. Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation of the Local Government Support Fund – Support to Barangay Development Program; and
3. Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation of the Local Government Support Fund – Financial Assistance to Local Government Units.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Email from the Municipality of Bocaue, Province of Bulacan, submitting to the House of Representatives copies of their Reports on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation of the Local Government Support Fund for the quarters ending September 30 and December 31, 2022, attested by Eduardo J. Villanueva, Jr., Municipal Mayor.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Report No. 399, submitted by the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources and the Committee on Appropriations on H.B. No. 7498, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KAWIT, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5089

Sponsors: Representatives Marañon and Co (E.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 400, submitted by the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources and the Committee on Appropriations on H.B. No. 7499, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE CITY OF ZAMBOANGA, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4512

Sponsors: Representatives Marañon and Co (E.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 401, submitted by the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources and the Committee on Appropriations on H.B. No. 7500, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN AQUACULTURE FEED MILL PLANT IN BARANGAY BAHIT, MUNICIPALITY OF PANAY, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2338

Sponsors: Representatives Marañon and Co (E.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 402, submitted by the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources and the Committee on Appropriations on H.B. No. 7501, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY TO INCLUDE THE PRODUCTION OF CRABS, SHRIMPS AND LOBSTERS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF STA. CRUZ, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL

SUR, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3068

Sponsors: Representatives Marañon and Co (E.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 403, submitted by the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources and the Committee on Appropriations on H.B. No. 7502, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ARGAO, PROVINCE OF CEBU, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4104

Sponsors: Representatives Marañon and Co (E.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 404, submitted by the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources and the Committee on Appropriations on H.B. No. 3093, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SIBUCO, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Marañon and Co (E.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 405, submitted by the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources and the Committee on Appropriations on H.B. No. 7503, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ARINGAY, PROVINCE OF LA UNION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3265

Sponsors: Representatives Marañon and Co (E.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 406, submitted by the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources and the Committee on Appropriations on H.B. No. 7504, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN

THE MUNICIPALITY OF STO. TOMAS,
PROVINCE OF LA UNION, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of
House Bill No. 3264

Sponsors: Representatives Maraño and Co (E.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 407, submitted by the
Committee on Trade and Industry and the
Committee on Appropriations on H.B. No. 1171,
entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING INCLUSIVE
AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE
INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF ‘ONE
TOWN, ONE PRODUCT’ PHILIPPINES
PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval without amendment,
in consolidation with House Bills Numbered
2735, 3417, 4166, 5669, 6203 and 7260

Sponsors: Representatives Mariño, Co (E.),
Revilla (B.), Abalos, Legarda, Ongchuan,
Arrogancia, Gatchalian, Dalog and Fariñas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 408, submitted by the
Committee on Basic Education and Culture, the
Committee on Higher and Technical Education,
the Committee on Ways and Means, and the
Committee on Appropriations on H.B. No. 7505,
entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE
TECHNICAL, VOCATIONAL AND
LIVELIHOOD CURRICULUM FOR
THE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House
Bill No. 996, in consolidation with House Bill
No. 652

Sponsors: Representatives Romulo, Salceda,
Go (M.) and Co (E.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 409, submitted by the
Committee on Natural Resources and the
Committee on Appropriations on H.B. No. 7506,
entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING A PARCEL OF LAND
LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
SAN FRANCISCO, IN THE PROVINCE
OF QUEZON, A PROTECTED AREA
WITH THE CATEGORY OF PROTECTED

LANDSCAPE UNDER THE NATIONAL
INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREA
SYSTEM, TO BE REFERRED TO AS
THE SAN FRANCISCO PROTECTED
LANDSCAPE, PROVIDING FOR ITS
MANAGEMENT, AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of
House Bill No. 3918

Sponsors: Representatives Arrogancia, Barzaga
and Co (E.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 410, submitted by the
Committee on Public Works and Highways
and the Committee on Appropriations on H.B.
No. 7508, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A DISTRICT
ENGINEERING OFFICE IN THE SECOND
LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE
PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of
House Bill No. 2701

Sponsors: Representatives Momo, Co (E.),
Romualdez (F.M.), Romualdez (Y.M.), Acidre
and Yap (C.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 411, submitted by the
Committee on Basic Education and Culture on
H.R. No. 839, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND
CONGRATULATING THE BONUAN
BUQUIG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FOR
WINNING THE FIRST WORLD’S BEST
SCHOOL PRIZE IN ENVIRONMENTAL
ACTION”

recommending its adoption in substitution of
House Resolutions Numbered 501 and 570

Sponsor: Representative Romulo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 412, submitted by the
Committee on Public Works and Highways
and the Committee on Appropriations on H.B.
No. 1043, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A DISTRICT
ENGINEERING OFFICE IN THE FIRST
LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE
PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

recommending its approval without amendment
Sponsors: Representatives Momo, Co (E.) and
Valmayor

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 413, submitted by the Committee on Health on H.B. No. 6772, entitled: “AN ACT GRANTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES THE POWER TO SUSPEND AND ADJUST THE PERIOD OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHEDULED INCREASE OF PREMIUM RATES FOR DIRECT CONTRIBUTORS OF THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11223, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACT’ ” recommending its approval without amendment
Sponsors: Representatives Gato, Romualdez (F.M.) and Dalipe
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 327
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 7240**

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Jaime D. Cojuangco, there being no objection, the Body resumed the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 7240 embodied in Committee Report No. 327 as submitted jointly by the Committees on Government Reorganization and Appropriations.

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the title of the Bill, to wit:

“AN ACT RIGHTSIZING THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.”

Representative Cojuangco stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate; and on his motion, the Chair then recognized Rep. Jonathan Keith T. Flores, chairperson of the Committee on Government Reorganization, to sponsor the measure.

Thereupon, on another motion of Representative Cojuangco, the Chair recognized Rep. France L. Castro for her interpellation.

**INTERPELLATION OF
REPRESENTATIVE CASTRO (F.)**

Before proceeding with her interpellation, Representative Castro first greeted her fellow

female colleagues in celebration of the International Working Women’s Day.

Representative Castro then inquired about the meaning and scope of rightsizing, wherein Representative Flores clarified that the proposed National Government Rightsizing Program (NGRP) does not mean reduction or removal of employees but streamlining of the processes of the government for better and effective delivery of the services, reviewing of the functions of agencies, strengthening and creation of needed offices, and completing of any gaps therein. He said that NGRP will provide the Executive branch with the authority to review and study the functions, staffing patterns, and salaries of government employees with permanent appointments in the concerned agencies.

Responding further to the queries of Representative Castro, the Sponsor confirmed about the possibility of merger, consolidation, and splitting of government agencies and institutions whenever necessary during the rightsizing; stressed that the review of agencies would be sectoral and will use a whole-of-government approach instead of per agency; pointed out that while local government units (LGUs) are not covered, they are encouraged to conduct their own rightsizing initiatives; and assured that the rightsizing would not lead to more privatization of services as only those that are actually carried out by the private sector would be transferred while those already being performed by LGUs in accordance with the Local Government Code will also be devolved to them.

On Representative Castro’s concern on additional costs and lack of accountability by the private sector, Representative Flores guaranteed that the Bill’s aim is to give better services to the people in the least expensive way.

In response to Representative Castro’s other questions, the Sponsor explained that 1) the Committee on the Rightsizing of the Executive Branch’s (CREB) strategic review would reduce the number of signatories on documents, speed up the process of getting permits, and make it easier for the public to transact with government agencies and offices; 2) the Department of Budget and Management will perform a separate review on the process of rightsizing and staffing patterns of hospitals, hence, the noninclusion of education and health institutions in the proposed rightsizing program; and 3) Section 7 of the proposed measure provides for the process and mechanism

in the creation of CREB relative to the whole-of-government approach and the implementation of NGRP which would require the participation of the government agencies concerned, accredited public sector unions, and other stakeholders.

Noting, however, that the participation of accredited government sector unions was not specified under the proposed measure particularly in the preparation and consultation phases, Representative Castro thereafter suggested, and Representative Flores concurred, to include the same in the Bill's implementing rules and regulations.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At this point, the Chair suspended the session at 2:58 p.m. upon motion of Representative Castro (F.).

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:00 p.m.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE CASTRO (F.) (Continuation)

Representative Castro also inquired about the timeline for the implementation of the proposed measure and whether it would be compatible with other salary standardization laws. Representative Flores said that the CREB would be given three years to conduct studies and consultations and present its recommendations to the President for his approval. He hoped that said timeline would be enough for the CREB to do an in-depth and strategic study and review of the government's processes and systems while the possibility of another standardization law shall be included for CREB's consideration.

On whether there was a study on the overall economic impact of the Rightsizing Bill especially that the previous rationalization programs affected a total of 600,000 government positions and resulted in the increase of contract of service (COS) and job order (JO) employees, Representative Flores replied that while no studies have been conducted, the number of positions to be merged or abolished, offices to be created, or new positions to be added are yet to be determined by CREB. He pointed out that the measure envisions the retooling of government workers who would be affected including the COS and JO employees so that they can be qualified for regular positions.

In the end, as she underscored the importance of the participation of the government employees and stakeholders in the rationalization program for it to be effective, Representative Castro expressed hope that the rightsizing will focus on the low-level positions as well as the preferences for JO and COS workers. In reply, Representative Flores stated that Congress has oversight authority over CREB to verify the proper implementation of the measure.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Upon the request of Rep. Adrian Jay C. Advincula, the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Reps. Loreto B. Acharon and Faustino "Inno" A. Dy V.

Likewise, upon the request of Rep. Laarni Lavin Roque, the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Daphne A. Lagon.

Finally, upon the request of Rep. Mikaela Angela B. Suansing, the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Christopherson "Coco" M. Yap.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Suansing (M.A.), the Chair suspended the session at 3:17 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:18 p.m.

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Yu (J.V.), the Chair recognized Rep. Raoul Danniell A. Manuel for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE MANUEL

Representative Manuel inquired about the objective of the proposed rightsizing of the government and whether the proposed measure would result in an increase or decrease in government positions. Representative Flores replied that the effect of the rightsizing depends on the outcome of the strategic study and review to be conducted by CREB, with the objective of a more efficient and effective government.

Representative Manuel then cited data from the International Labor Organization showing that the

Philippines compared to 128 countries has a high percentage of its labor force in the government sector; and suggested the reinforcement rather than the reduction or privatization of the country's human resources.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this juncture, upon the request of Representative Advincola, the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Francisco "Kiko" B. Benitez.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair declared a recess at 3:24 p.m. upon Representative Advincola's motion.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:28 p.m., the session was resumed.

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

There being no further interpellations, on motion of Representative Suansing (M.A.), there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on House Bill No. 7240; and thereafter, proceeded to the period of amendments.

PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

On successive motions of Representative Suansing (M.A.), there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the period of amendments; and thereafter, in the absence of committee amendments, the Chair recognized Representative Acharon for his individual amendments.

AMENDMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVE ACHARON

As proposed by Representative Acharon and accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body approved the amendments to Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 22, and 23.

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no further amendments, on motion of Representative Suansing (M.A.), there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of amendments.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 7240, AS AMENDED

Thereafter, on another motion of Representative Suansing (M.A.), there being no objection, the Body approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 7240, as amended, through *viva voce* voting.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Suansing (M.A.), the Chair declared a recess at 3:38 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:41 p.m.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 322 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 7210

On motion of Representative Roque, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 7210 embodied in Committee Report No. 322 as reported out by the Committee on Revision of Laws.

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, the Body dispensed with the reading of the text of the measure without prejudice to its insertion into the records of the House; and upon the direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the title of the Bill, to wit:

“AN ACT DECLARING FEBRUARY 7 OF EVERY YEAR AS ‘NATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM APPRECIATION DAY’ IN CELEBRATION OF THE WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK OF THE UNITED NATIONS.”

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Roque, the Chair recognized Rep. Edward Vera Perez Maceda, chairperson of the Committee on Revision of Laws and one of the Bill's principal authors, to sponsor the measure via Zoom.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE MACEDA

Representative Maceda stated that House Bill No. 7210, which was proposed in accordance with the celebration of the National Religious Freedom Appreciation Day which originated from the United Nations General Assembly on September 23, 2010, seeks to declare the 7th day of February as a working holiday. He added that the Bill, which is in line with

the right to freedom of religion as enshrined in the 1987 Philippine Constitution, aims to promote the culture of peace and harmony among various faiths and religions in the country.

Thus, Representative Maceda asked for the support of his colleagues for the immediate passage of House Bill No. 7210.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Panaligan, the Chair recognized Rep. Ma. Alana Samantha T. Santos, one of the principal authors of the measure, for her sponsorship speech.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE SANTOS

Upon highlighting the significance of freedom of religion in the country through the existing law and interfaith initiatives, Representative Santos stated that it is imperative to establish a harmonious relationship between and among various faiths and religions. She said that the institutionalization of an annual celebration of religious freedom in the country is necessary to promote cultural respect, reconciliation, and solidarity; dismantle the culture of war and violence; and build harmony and compassion among different religious beliefs.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 7210

On successive motions of Representative Panaligan, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate in the absence of interpellations; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of committee and individual amendments; and approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 7210 through *viva voce* voting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 298 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 7006

Whereupon, on motion of Representative Suansing (M.A.), there being no objection, the Body resumed the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 7006 contained in Committee Report No. 298 as submitted by the Committee on Local Government.

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the title of the Bill, to wit:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE AUTOMATIC INCOME CLASSIFICATION OF PROVINCES, CITIES, AND MUNICIPALITIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AS AMENDED.”

Representative Suansing stated that the parliamentary status of the Bill was that the period of sponsorship and debate had been terminated.

PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

On successive motions of Representative Suansing (M.A.), there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the period of amendments; and thereafter, the Chair recognized Rep. Steve Chiongbian Solon, vice-chairperson of the sponsoring committee, to sponsor the measure.

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no committee or individual amendments, on motion of Representative Suansing (M.A.), there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of amendments.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 7006

On further motion of Representative Suansing (M.A.), there being no objection, the Body approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 7006 through *viva voce* voting.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair suspended the session at 3:51 p.m. upon motion of Representative Suansing (M.A.).

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:53 p.m.

OMNIBUS APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS CALENDARED UNDER THE BUSINESS FOR THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

On an omnibus motion of Representative Cojuangco (J.), there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading the following House

Bills calendared under the Business for Thursday and Friday contained in various committee reports as submitted by the committees indicated hereunder; dispensed with the reading of the texts of the measures without prejudice to their insertion into the records of the House, as copies thereof had been previously distributed to the Members:

Submitted by the Committees on
Basic Education and Culture and Appropriations:

1. House Bill No. 7316 contained in Committee Report No. 344, establishing the Baguio City High School for the Arts;

Submitted by the Committees on
Higher and Technical Education,
Appropriations, and Ways and Means:

2. House Bill No. 7397 contained in Committee Report No. 379, establishing a college of veterinary medicine of the Bicol University in the City of Ligao, Albay, to be known as the Bicol University-College of Veterinary Medicine;
3. House Bill No. 7398 contained in Committee Report No. 380, establishing the Southern Luzon State University-Catanauan Campus-College of Veterinary Medicine;
4. House Bill No. 7412 contained in Committee Report No. 385, establishing a college of medicine in the Visayas State University in the City of Baybay, Leyte, to be known as the Visayas State University-College of Medicine;

Submitted by the Committee on Local Government:

5. House Bill No. 7406 contained in Committee Report No. 383, amending Sections 23, 50, 52, and 50 of Republic Act No. 11689 otherwise known as the "Revised Charter of the City of Baguio";

Submitted by the Committees on
Natural Resources and Appropriations:

6. House Bill No. 7322 contained in Committee Report No. 346, declaring a parcel of land in Nueva Valencia, Guimaras, a protected area, with the category of natural park under the National Integrated Protected Areas System, to be referred to as the Taklong and Tandong Group of Islands Natural Park;

Submitted by the Special Committee on
Reforestation and the Committee on Appropriations:

7. House Bill No. 7358 contained in Committee Report No. 353, establishing community forests in Barangays Balubal, Cugman, F.S. Catanico, Indahag, Tablon, and Agusan, in the Second District of Cagayan de Oro City, Misamis Oriental;
8. House Bill No. 7359 contained in Committee Report No. 354, establishing an arboretum in the premises of the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) in Kolambugan, Lanao del Norte, to be known as the Kolambugan Arboretum;
9. House Bill No. 7360 contained in Committee Report No. 355, establishing an arboretum in Tagoloan, Lanao del Norte to be known as the Mighty Cave Park Arboretum;

Submitted by the Committee on Tourism:

10. House Bill No. 7377 contained in Committee Report No. 365, declaring Pinsal Falls in San Nicolas, Pangasinan, a tourism destination;
11. House Bill No. 7380 contained in Committee Report No. 366, declaring Diket Falls in Umingan, Pangasinan, a tourism destination;
12. House Bill No. 7388 contained in Committee Report No. 371, declaring Huluga Caves 1 & 2 in Indahag, Cagayan de Oro City, Misamis Oriental, as ecotourism sites;
13. House Bill No. 7389 contained in Committee Report No. 372, declaring Kalapat Cave in Dansolihon, Cagayan de Oro City, Misamis Oriental, an ecotourism site;
14. House Bill No. 7390 contained in Committee Report No. 373, declaring Kweba de Oro in Bayanga, Cagayan de Oro City, Misamis Oriental, an ecotourism site;
15. House Bill No. 7391 contained in Committee Report No. 374, declaring Langag Cave in Dansolihon, Cagayan de Oro City, Misamis Oriental, an ecotourism site;
16. House Bill No. 7392 contained in Committee Report No. 375, declaring Macahambus Cave in Bayanga, Cagayan de Oro City, Misamis Oriental, an ecotourism site;

17. House Bill No. 7394 contained in Committee Report No. 377, declaring Bolutohan Cave in Indahag, Cagayan de Oro City, Misamis Oriental, an ecotourism site;
18. House Bill No. 7395 contained in Committee Report No. 378, declaring Calabera Cave in Indahag, Cagayan de Oro City, Misamis Oriental, an ecotourism site; and
19. House Bill No. 7399 contained in Committee Report No. 381, declaring Mambuaya Cave in Mambuaya, Cagayan de Oro City, Misamis Oriental, an ecotourism site.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Thereupon the Chair suspended the session at 3:59 p.m. on motion of Representative Cojuangco (J.).

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:01 p.m.

OMNIBUS APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS CALENDARED UNDER THE BUSINESS FOR THURSDAY AND FRIDAY (Continuation)

Upon resumption of session, on an omnibus motion of Representative Cojuangco (J.), there being no objection, the Body adopted the Explanatory Notes of the Bills as the sponsorship remarks on the aforementioned measures; terminated the period of sponsorship and debate in the absence of interpellations; approved the amendments as contained in the committee reports, if any; terminated the period of amendments; and approved on Second Reading the aforementioned measures through *viva voce* voting.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Cojuangco (J.), the Chair suspended the session at 4:02 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:02 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, upon the request of Representative Roque, the Chair acknowledged the presence in

the Session Hall of the guests of Reps. Yevgeny Vicente B. Emano, Christian S. Unabia, and Lordan G. Suan.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 360 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 7370

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Dy (F.), there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 7370 contained in Committee Report No. 360 as submitted jointly by the Committees on Higher and Technical Education and Appropriations.

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Representative Dy, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the text thereof without prejudice to its insertion into the records of the House; and upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the title of the Bill, to wit:

“AN ACT CREATING A TRIPARTITE COUNCIL TO ADDRESS UNEMPLOYMENT, UNDEREMPLOYMENT, AND THE JOB-SKILLS MISMATCH PROBLEM IN THE COUNTRY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.”

On further motion of Representative Dy, the Chair recognized Rep. Mark O. Go, chairperson of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education, to sponsor the measure.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE GO (M.)

After citing data showing the problem of unemployment, underemployment, and job-skills mismatch in the country, Representative Go highlighted the importance of a careful analysis to reach the right solutions to the problems he mentioned.

He thereafter emphasized that House Bill No. 7370: 1) mandates the Commission on Higher Education to create a tripartite council with the primary task of monitoring employment, underemployment and job-skills mismatch as well as formulating policies and programs to address the job-skills mismatch; 2) provides that the tripartite council be composed of representatives from the government, academe, and industry sector; and 3) directs the tripartite council to conduct an inventory, review and evaluation of

courses, academic programs and curricula of public and private educational institutions and technical-vocational institutions.

Lastly, he urged his colleagues for the immediate passage of said measure.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Dy (F.), the Chair suspended the session at 4:14 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:14 p.m., the session was resumed.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 7370

Upon resumption of session, on motion of Representative Dy (F.), there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 7370.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 382 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 7400

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Yu (J.V.), there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 7400 contained in Committee Report No. 382 as submitted jointly by the Committees on Higher and Technical Education, Appropriations, and Ways and Means.

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, the Body dispensed with the reading of the text thereof without prejudice to its insertion into the records of the House; and upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the title of the Bill, to wit:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING AN ENTERPRISE-BASED EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM TO STRENGTHEN TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

On further motion of Representative Yu, the Chair recognized anew Representative Go (M.) for his sponsorship speech.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE GO (M.)

Representative Go lamented the decline in the number of enrollees and graduates under the enterprise-based training modality, which is being implemented in companies or enterprises through apprenticeship, learnership, and dual training system, despite being considered as the most effective technical-vocational education and training (TVET) modality.

He also shared that one of the major reasons for the low turnout of graduates from said modality is because of the very few participating companies, thus, the need to rationalize and strengthen the delivery system for TVET through enterprise-based education and training by: 1) expanding the scope and impact of enterprise-based education and training and elevating it as a dominant delivery mode; 2) institutionalizing and expanding enterprise-based TVET programs through the development and enhancement of the competencies of enterprise-based education and training workforce in a technologically changing world; and 3) making training accessible to all workers by broadening opportunities and increasing the venues for enterprise-based education and training.

Thus, he solicited the support of his colleagues for the Bill’s immediate passage.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 7400

On motion of Representative Yu (J.V.), there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 7400.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Yu (J.V.), the Chair suspended the session at 4:22 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:22 p.m.

PRIVILEGE HOUR

With leave of the House, on successive motions of Representative Panaligan, there being no objection,

the Chair declared a Privilege Hour; and thereafter recognized Rep. Arlene D. Brosas for her privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS

In celebration of the International Working Women's Day and International Women's Day, on behalf of the GABRIELA Women's Party, Representative Brosas conveyed her greetings to all women in the world as she manifested her continuing and unshakeable fight for women's freedom from any kind of discrimination and exploitation.

She then paid tribute to Filipino women in various fields who have broken gender stereotypes and who have leveraged female power, talent, and grit to accord the country recognition in the global stage; women in history who have fought for democracy and the country; all the millions of nameless and faceless Filipino women who are trying to make ends meet for their families in the midst of alarming inflation rates, depressed incomes, and massive joblessness; and those who are juggling domestic and economic roles while facing the prejudicial cultures of patriarchy and misogyny.

Representative Brosas underscored that as women should not be pushed aside in airing their stand on issues, she will continue to claim women's rightful space in Congress even on insidious anti-people measures such as Charter change and advocate for measures that will elevate the status of women and end abuse and violence.

Stating that the challenges ahead are more than passing laws and calls for a comprehensive change on how women are viewed in society, Representative Brosas maintained that she will continue to be the voice of countless oppressed women.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS

On motion of Representative Panaligan, there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege speech of Representative Brosas to the proper committee for its appropriate action.

TERMINATION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR

On the next motion of Representative Panaligan, there being no objection, the Body terminated the Privilege Hour.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Upon the requests of Representative Roque, the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Reps. Ziaur-Rahman "Zia" Alonto Adiong and Yasser Alonto Balindong; and of Speaker Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, Reps. Yedda Marie K. Romualdez, Jude A. Acidre, and Gerardo "Gerryboy" J. Espina Jr.

ADOPTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

On successive motions of Representative Cojuangco (J.), there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the consideration of the following House Resolutions; dispensed with the reading of the text thereof without prejudice to their insertion into the records of the House as copies thereof had been distributed to the Members; and unanimously adopted the same through *viva voce* voting:

1. House Resolution No. 340, entitled: "A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING PLTCOL. SALMAN M. SAAD FOR WINNING THE SILVER AND BRONZE MEDALS IN THE WORLD POLICE AND FIRE GAMES 2022";
2. House Resolution No. 211, entitled: "RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING POLICE STAFF SERGEANT MARIA CARESS CENABRE ARNEJO WHO WON THREE MEDALS, IN VARIOUS EVENTS, IN THE WORLD POLICE AND FIRE GAMES 2022 HELD IN ROTTERDAM, NETHERLANDS ON JULY 22-31, 2022";
3. House Resolution No. 208, entitled: "A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING POLICE MASTER SERGEANT JAN VINCENT DELA PEÑA FOR EARNING TWO MEDALS AT THE 2022 WORLD POLICE AND FIRE GAMES"; and
4. House Resolution No. 837, entitled: "RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF HONORABLE ROEL R. DEGAMO, GOVERNOR OF THE

PROVINCE OF NEGROS ORIENTAL,”
in consolidation with House Resolution
No. 815.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Upon the request of Representative Dy (F.), the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Emmarie “Lolypop” Ouano-Dizon.

REFERRAL OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS ON INQUIRIES IN AID OF LEGISLATION

In accordance with the Provisional Rules of Procedure Governing Inquiries in Aid of Legislation of the House of Representatives, on motion of Representative Dy (F.), there being no objection, the Body approved to refer the following House Resolutions to the appropriate committees indicated hereunder:

1. House Resolution No. 786, on the several unreported crimes inside the Philippine Marine Merchant Academy (PMMA) – to the Committee on Public Order and Safety;
2. House Resolution No. 790, on the existing government policies, rules, and practices which may hamper the Department of Tourism from fully discharging its mandate with utmost efficiency and expeditiousness – to the Committee on Tourism;
3. House Resolution No. 791, on the state of the Philippine performing arts industry and other related industries – to the Special Committee on Creative Industry and Performing Arts;
4. House Resolution No. 797, on whether the Financial Rehabilitation and Insolvency Act of 2010 has adequately or effectively assisted financially-distressed persons or entities to recover their businesses – to the Committee on Banks and Financial Intermediaries; and
5. House Resolution No. 801, on the adverse socioeconomic impact of the planned jeepney phaseout without adequate government support – to the Committee on Transportation.

REFERRAL OF SPEECHES ON INQUIRIES IN AID OF LEGISLATION

Further, in accordance with the Provisional Rules of Procedure Governing Inquiries in Aid of Legislation of the House of Representatives, on motion of Representative Yu (J.V.), there being no objection, the Body approved to refer the following speeches, delivered by the respective Members on the dates specified herein, to the appropriate committees indicated hereunder:

Delivered on February 27, 2023:

1. “*Nak Usap Tayo: Pamilyang Nag-uusap, Tugon sa Kapakanan ng Kabataan*” by Rep. Florida “Rida” P. Robes – the Committee on Youth and Sports Development;
2. Call for the abolition of the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) by Rep. Joel R. Chua – to the Committee on Metro Manila Development;
3. EDSA People Power Commemoration by Rep. France L. Castro – to the Committee on Basic Education and Culture; and

Delivered on February 28, 2023:

4. On the ambush of Lanao del Sur Governor Mamintal Alonto Adiong Jr. by Rep. Ziaur-Rahman “Zia” Alonto Adiong – to the Committee on National Defense and Security.

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Roque, there being no objection, the Body approved to include as additional coauthors of House Bills Nos. 7210, 7363, 7370, 7387, 7393, and 7400; and House Resolution Nos. 211, 208, 340, and 837 the names of the Members contained in the list to be submitted by the Committee on Rules.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

On motion of Representative Suansing (M.A.), there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Additional Reference of Business.

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the following Message from the Senate

and Committee Reports, which were referred to the Committee on Rules:

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message dated March 6, 2023, informing the House of Representatives that on even date, the Senate designated Senators Cynthia A. Villar, Imee R. Marcos and Risa Hontiveros as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1850, entitled:

“AN ACT CONDONING ALL PRINCIPAL AND INTERESTS OF LOANS ARISING FROM THE AWARD OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”;

and House Bill No. 6336, entitled:

“AN ACT EMANCIPATING AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES FROM FINANCIAL BURDEN BY CONDONING UNPAID AMORTIZATIONS AND INTERESTS AND EXEMPTING PAYMENT OF ESTATE TAX ON AGRICULTURAL LANDS AWARDED UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM”.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Report No. 414, submitted by the Committee on Economic Affairs on H.B. No. 7525, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A REINVESTMENT FRAMEWORK FOR REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST (REIT) SPONSORS OR PROMOTERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 3, 8, AND 9 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9856, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST (REIT) ACT OF 2009’ ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6500

Sponsors: Representatives Valmayor and Rodriguez (R.)

Committee Report No. 415, submitted by the Committee on Tourism on H.B. No. 7528, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING KITI-CALAO FALLS, LOCATED IN BARANGAY SAN JOSE, MUNICIPALITY OF

MAYANTOC, PROVINCE OF TARLAC, AN ECOTOURISM SITE”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2069

Sponsors: Representatives Madrona and Cojuangco (J.)

Committee Report No. 416, submitted by the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Appropriations on H.B. No. 7529, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ANDRES, IN THE PROVINCE OF QUEZON, A PROTECTED AREA WITH THE CATEGORY OF PROTECTED LANDSCAPE AND SEASCAPE UNDER THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREA SYSTEM, TO BE REFERRED TO AS THE ALIBIJABAN PROTECTED LANDSCAPE AND SEASCAPE, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3919

Sponsors: Representatives Barzaga, Co (E.) and Arrogancia

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Suansing (M.A.), the Chair suspended the session at 4:39 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:40 p.m., the session was resumed.

ELECTION OF MAJORITY MEMBERS TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES

Upon resumption of session, on motion of Rep. David “Jay-Jay” C. Suarez, there being no objection, the Body elected the following Members of the Majority to the committees specified hereunder:

Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources

(as members)

Rep. Joey Sarte Salceda
Rep. Robert Raymund M. Estrella
Rep. Dan S. Fernandez

Committee on Basic Education and Culture

(as member)

Rep. Dan S. Fernandez

Committee on Climate Change

(as members)

Rep. Ron P. Salo
Rep. Francisco “Kiko” B. Benitez
Rep. Jose Manuel F. Alba

Committee on
Good Government and Public Accountability

(as member)

Rep. Brian Raymund S. Yamsuan

Committee on
Information and Communications Technology

(as member)

Rep. Florida “Rida” P. Robes

Committee on National Defense and Security

(as members)

Rep. Jose C. Alvarez
Rep. Dan S. Fernandez

Committee on Natural Resources

(as member)

Rep. Brian Raymund S. Yamsuan

Committee on Population and Family Relations

(as members)

Rep. Ma. Lucille L. Nava, MD
Rep. Miguel Luis R. Villafuerte

Committee on Public Information

(as members)

Rep. Michael M. Morden
Rep. Brian Raymund S. Yamsuan

Committee on Science and Technology

(as member)

Rep. Dan S. Fernandez

Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms

(as member)

Rep. Brian Raymund S. Yamsuan

Committee on Transportation

(as members)

Rep. Dan S. Fernandez
Rep. Brian Raymund S. Yamsuan

Committee on Visayas Development

(as member)

Rep. Janice Z. Salimbangon

Committee on Women and Gender Equality

(as member)

Rep. Atty. Gerville “Jinky Bitrics” R. Luistro

Special Committee on Bases Conversion

(as member)

Rep. Emigdio P. Tanjuatco III

Special Committee on
Bicol Recovery and Economic Development

(as vice-chairperson)

Rep. Brian Raymund S. Yamsuan

Special Committee on Reforestation

(as vice-chairperson)

Rep. Dante S. Garcia

Special Committee on West Philippine Sea

(as member)

Rep. Brian Raymund S. Yamsuan

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Suarez, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, March 13, 2023.

It was 4:44 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.



REGINALD S. VELASCO
Secretary General

Approved on March 13, 2023.

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MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE

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ABALOS	CAGAS	ESPINA
ABANTE	CAJAYON-UY	ESTRELLA
ABUNDA	CALDERON	EUDELA
ACHARON	CALIXTO	FARIÑAS
ACIDRE	CAMPOS	FERNANDEZ
ACOP	CAOAGDAN	FERRER (A.)
ADIONG	CARDEMA	FERRER (J.M.)
ADVINCULA	CARI	FLORES
AGARAO	CASTRO (F.)	FORTES
ALBA	CASTRO (J.)	FRASCO
ALBANO	CELESTE	FRESNEDI
ALMARIO	CHAN	FUENTEBELLA
ALMONTE	CHATTO	GALEOS
ALONTE	CHUA	GARCIA (A.)
ALVAREZ (J.)	CHUNGALAO	GARCIA (D.)
ALVAREZ (M.)	CO (A.N.)	GARCIA (J.A.)
ALVAREZ (P.)	CO (E.)	GARCIA (M.A.)
AMANTE	CO-PILAR	GARCIA (P.J.)
AMATONG	COJUANGCO (J.)	GARCIA (V.)
ANG	COJUANGCO (M.)	GARDIOLA
ANGARA	COLADA	GARIN
AQUINO	COLLANTES	GASATAYA
AQUINO-MAGSAYSAY	CORVERA	GATO
ARBISON	CRUZ (A.)	GO (E.C.)
ARENAS	CRUZ (R.)	GO (M.)
ARROGANCIA	CUA	GOLEZ
ASISTIO	CUARESMA	GOMEZ
ATAYDE	DAGOOO	GONZAGA
AUMENTADO	DALIPE	GONZALES (A.)
BALINDONG	DALOG	GONZALES (N.)
BARBA	DAYANGHIRANG	GONZALEZ
BARBERS	** DAZA	GORRICETA
BARONDA	DE JESUS	GUICO
BARZAGA	DE VENECIA	GUINTU
BASCUG	DEFENSOR	GULLAS
BAUTISTA	DEL MAR	GUTIERREZ
BAUTISTA-LIM	DELOS SANTOS	HAGEDORN
BENITEZ	DIMAPORO (M.K.)	HARESCO
BERNOS	DIMAPORO (S.A.)	HATAMAN
BILLONES	DIONISIO	HERNANDEZ
BIRON	** DOMINGO	HERRERA
BOLILIA	DUAVIT	HORIBATA
BONDOC	DUJALI	JAVIER
BONGALON	DUTERTE	KHO (O.)
BORDADO	DY (F.)	KHO (R.)
BOSITA	DY (F.M.C.)	KHO (W.)
BRIONES	DY (I.P.)	KHONGHUN
BROSAS	ECLEO	LABADLABAD
BUHAIN	EMANO	LACSON
BULUT-BEGTANG	ENVERGA	LACSON-NOEL
BUSTOS	ESCUDEO	LAGMAN
CABREDO	ESPARES	LAGON (D.)

LAGON (S.)	PANCHO	TAN (J.)
LARA	PANOTES	TAN (K.M.)
LAZATIN	PASCUAL	TAN (R.M.)
LEE	PEÑA	TAN (S.)
LEGARDA	PIMENTEL	TAN (S.J.)
LIBANAN	PLAZA	TAN-TAMBUS
LIMKAICHONG	PLEYTO	TANCHAY
LOYOLA	PRIMICIAS-AGABAS	TANJUATCO
LUISTRO	PUMAREN	TARRIELA
LUMAYAG	PUNO	TEODORO
MACAPAGAL-ARROYO	QUIMBO	TEVES (A.)
** MACEDA	RAMA	TEVES (J.)
MADRONA	RECTO	TIANGCO
MAGSINO	REGENCIA	TIENG
MALAPITAN	REMULLA	TOLENTINO
MANGAOANG	REVILLA (B.)	TULFO (J.)
MANIQUIZ	REVILLA (R.J.)	TULFO (R.W.)
MANUEL	REYES	TUPAS
MARAÑON	RILLO	TUTOR
MARCOLETA	RIVERA	TY
MARCOS	ROBES	UMALI
MARIANO-HERNANDEZ	RODRIGUEZ (E.)	UNABIA
MARIÑO	RODRIGUEZ (R.)	UNGAB
MARQUEZ	ROMAN	VALERIANO
MARTINEZ	ROMERO	VALMAYOR
MASTURA	ROMUALDEZ (F.M.)	VARGAS
MATIBAG	ROMUALDEZ (Y.M.)	VARGAS-ALFONSO
MATUGAS	ROMUALDO	VELASCO
MENDOZA	ROMULO	** VELOSO-TUAZON
MERCADO	ROQUE	VERGARA
MERCADO-REVILLA	SACDALAN	VERZOSA
MIGUEL	SAGARBARRIA	VILLA
MOMO	SAKALURAN	VILLAFUERTE (L.R.)
MORDEN	SALCEDA	VILLAFUERTE (M.L.)
NAVA	SALI	VILLANUEVA
NISAY	SALIMBANGON	VILLAR
NOEL	SALO	VILLARAZA-SUAREZ
NOGRALES (J.F.F.)	SALVAME	VILLARICA
NOGRALES (M.)	SANTOS	VIOLAGO
NOLASCO	SAULOG	YAMSUAN
OAMINAL	SILVERIO	YAP (C.T.)
OLASO	SINGSON (R.)	YAP (C.)
OLIVAREZ	SINGSON (R.V.)	YAP (EDVIC)
ONGCHUAN	SINGSON-MEEHAN	YAP (ERIC)
ORDANES	SOLON	YU (D.G.)
ORTEGA	SUAN	YU (J.V.)
OUANO-DIZON	SUANSING (H.)	YULO
PADIERNOS	SUANSING (M.A.)	ZAMORA (A.M.)
PADUANO	SUAREZ	ZAMORA (M.C.)
PAGLAS	TALLADO	** ZAMORA (Y.M.)
PALMA	TAMAYO	ZUBIRI
PANALIGAN	TAMBUNTING	

* Appeared after the Roll Call

** Section 71, Rule XI of the Rules of the House

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