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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:00 p.m. of Monday, December 9, 2024, Deputy Speaker Vincent Franco “Duke” D. Frasco called the session to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM AND INVOCATION

The Members sang the National Anthem and thereafter, Rep. Salvador A. Pleyto delivered the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Lianda B. Bolilia, there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abalos	Bondoc	Co (E.)	Haresco
Abante	Bongalon	Corvera	Hataman
Abunda	Bordado	Cruz (A.)	Hernandez
Acidre	Bosita	Cuaresma	Herrera
Acop	Briones	Dalipe	Javier
Adiong	Brosas	Dalog	Kho (R.)
Agarao	Bulut-Begtang	Dayanghirang	Kho (W.)
Almonte	Bustos	De Jesus	Khonghun
Alonte	Cabredo	Defensor	Lacson
Amante	Cagas	Del Mar	Lacson-Noel
Ang	Cajayon-Uy	Delos Santos	Lagman
Angara	Calderon	Dimaporo (M.K.)	Lagon (D.)
Aquino-Magsaysay	Calixto	Dionisio	Lagon (S.)
Arbison	Campos	Duterte	Lara
Arrogancia	Caoagdan	Dy (F.M.C.)	Legarda
Atayde	Cari	Dy (I.P.)	Loyola
Balindong	Castro (F.)	Ecleo	Luistro
Barba	Castro (J.)	Emano	Lumayag
Barbers	Celeste	Enverga	Macapagal-Arroyo
Baronda	Cendaña	Espina	Maceda
Bascug	Chan	Estrella	Madrone
Bernos	Chatto	Eudela	Mangaoang
Billones	Chua	Fariñas	Maniquiz
Bolilia	Chungalao	Ferrer (J.M.)	Manuel
		Flores	Marañon
		Fortes	Marcos
		Frasco	Mariano-Hernandez
		Fresnedi	Mariño
		Galeos	Marquez
		Garcia (D.)	Matugas
		Garcia (M.A.)	Mercado
		Gardiola	Mercado-Revilla
		Garin	Momo
		Gasataya	Morden
		Gato	Nava
		Go (M.)	Nisay
		Gomez	Nolasco
		Gonzales (A.)	Olivarez
		Gonzales (N.)	Ordanes
		Gorriceta	Ortega
		Guico	Ouano-Dizon
		Gullas	Padiernos
		Gutierrez	Paduano

Paglas	Tallado
Palma	Tambunting
Panaligan	Tan (J.)
Pancho	Tan (K.M.)
Pascual	Tanchay
Peña	Tanjuatco
Pimentel	Tarriela
Plaza	Teodoro
Pleyto	Tieng
Primicias-Agabas	Tulfo (J.)
Quimbo	Tulfo (R.W.)
Regencia	Tupas
Remulla	Ty
Revilla (R.J.)	Umali
Reyes	Unabia
Rivera	Uy
Roman	Valeriano
Romero	Valmayor
Romualdez (F.M.)	Vargas
Romualdez (Y.M.)	Veloso-Tuazon
Romualdo	Villafuerte (M.L.)
Romulo	Villanueva
Roque	Villar
Salceda	Violago
Salimbangon	Yamsuan
Salo	Yap (C.)
Saulog	Yu (D.G.)
Singson (R.)	Yulo
Singson-Meehan	Zamora (A.M.)
Suan	Zamora (M.C.)
Suansing (M.A.)	Zamora (Y.M.)
Suarez	

With 197 Members responding to the call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Upon the request of Rep. Jefferson F. Khonghun, the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Reps. Pablo John F. Garcia and Divina Grace C. Yu.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Whereupon, on motion of Rep. Keith Micah “Atty. Mike” D.L. Tan, 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 Resolution on First Reading as filed, Messages from the Senate, Communications, and Committee Report, which were referred to the appropriate committees indicated hereunder:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 11166, titled:

AN ACT DEFINING THE CRIME OF SOLICITATION TO MURDER AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREOF

By Representative Acidre
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 11174, titled:

AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF REGIONAL TRIAL COURT (RTC) TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF CAUAYAN, PROVINCE OF ISABELA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (k) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980”, AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Dy (Faustino “Inno”)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 11175, titled:

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM IN CULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES BY INSTITUTIONALIZING THE TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT OF TRIBAL HEALTH WORKERS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Remulla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

RESOLUTION

House Resolution No. 2111, titled:

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEMISE OF MAYOR NELSON C. DAVID OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF LIMAY, BATAAN

By Representatives Olivarez and Garcia (Albert)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Message dated December 3, 2024, informing the House of Representatives that on even date, the Senate passed without amendment House Bill No. 10048, titled:

AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO ALEKSANDR SERGEYEVICH KOROVIN.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated December 3, 2024, informing the House of Representatives that on even date, the Senate passed Senate Bill No. 2583, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE AKLAN PIÑA MUSEUM AND CULTURAL CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KALIBO, PROVINCE OF AKLAN, ITS SATELLITE CENTERS, DEFINING ITS PURPOSES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated October 18, 2024 of Engr. Eduardo Eddie G. Guillen, Administrator, National Irrigation Administration, submitting to the House of Representatives a copy of their Third Quarter Report on Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program – Irrigation Component for CY 2024.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM

Letter dated October 23, 2024 of Francisco G. Dakila, Jr., Officer-in-Charge, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, submitting to the House of Representatives a copy of their Report to Congress on Public Sector Foreign Borrowings approved by the BSP for the Third Quarter of 2024.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letter dated October 29, 2024 of Marlo V. Tagle, Officer-in-Charge, Undersecretary for Administration and Finance, Department of Transportation, submitting to the House of Representatives a copy of their Agency Action Plan and Status of Implementation as of August 31, 2024 on the Audit Observations and Recommendations for the Calendar Year 2023.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Letter dated October 30, 2024 of Atty. Glen A. Pangapalan, Acting General Manager, Philippine Fisheries Development Authority, Department of Agriculture, informing the House of Representatives that the following reports as of September 30, 2024 have been posted on their website:

1. Quarterly Physical Report of Operations;
2. Statement of Appropriations, Allotments, Obligations, Disbursements and Balances Current Year Appropriations;
3. Monthly Report of Disbursements; and

4. Statement of Allotments, Obligations, Utilizations and Balances.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated November 4, 2024, with attached copy of detailed report, of Bienvenido Y. Rubio, Commissioner, Bureau of Customs, Department of Finance, informing the House of Representatives that they have recorded their Summary of Data on Apprehensions/Seizures of Vaporized Nicotine and Non-Nicotine Products for CY 2023 to August 2024.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated November 4, 2024 of Amenah F. Pangandaman, Secretary, Department of Budget and Management, submitting to the House of Representatives a copy of their Consolidated Budget and Financial Accountability Reports as of September 30, 2024 which were posted on their website through the Transparency Seal on October 30, 2024.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated November 6, 2024 of Atty. Analiza Rebuelta-Teh, Undersecretary, Finance, Information Systems and Climate Change, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, informing the House of Representatives that their Budget and Financial Accountability Reports and Budget Accountability Report as of September 30, 2024 have been submitted through the Unified Reporting System on October 30 and November 6, 2024 and posted on their website through the Transparency Seal on October 22 and October 30, 2024, respectively.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Letters dated November 14 and 21, 2024 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 duly certified copies of the following BSP issuances:

1. Circular No. 1204 dated 08 November 2024;
2. Memorandum No. M-2024-035 dated 08 November 2024;
3. Circular Letter No. CL-2024-047 dated 12 November 2024;
4. Circular Letter No. CL-2024-048 dated 12 November 2024;
5. Circular Letter No. CL-2024-049 dated 14 November 2024; and
6. Circular Letter No. CL-2024-050 dated 18 November 2024.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Report No. 1297, submitted by the Committee on Trade and Industry on H.B. No. 10755, titled:

AN ACT LIBERALIZING THE LEASE OF LANDS BY FOREIGN INVESTORS, ESTABLISHING THE STABILITY OF LONG-TERM LEASE CONTRACTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7652, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "INVESTORS' LEASE ACT"

recommending its approval, with amendments, in consolidation with House Bills Numbered 10750, 10802 and 11025

Sponsors: Representatives Biron, Quimbo and Veloso-Tuazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, upon the request of Representative Khonghun, the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Reps. Ron P. Salo and Teodorico Haresco Jr.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH ON AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION

In accordance with the Rules Governing Inquiries in Aid of Legislation of the House of Representatives, on motion of Representative Bolilia, there being no objection, the Body approved to refer the privilege speech of Rep. Robert Ace S. Barbers delivered on December 4, 2024 to the Committee on Public Order and Safety.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1276 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 11144

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Bolilia, there being no objection, the Body resumed the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 11144 contained in Committee Report No. 1276 as reported out by the Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms.

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

AN ACT RESETTING THE FIRST REGULAR ELECTIONS IN THE BANGSAMORO REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 13, ARTICLE XVI OF REPUBLIC ACT

NO. 11054, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "ORGANIC LAW FOR THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO."

Representative Bolilia stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate; and on her successive motions, the Chair then recognized Rep. Ziaur-Rahman "Zia" Alonto Adiong, principal author of House Bill No. 11144, to continue with his sponsorship of the measure, and Rep. Arlene D. Brosas to interpellate thereon.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS

To the initial query of Representative Brosas, Representative Adiong confirmed that the Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA) Parliament had adopted Resolution 641 which requested the extension of the transition period of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) to 2028 and that the House of Representatives and Senate of the Philippines both filed their counterpart measures to reset the BARMM parliamentary election to 2026 based on the request of President Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos Jr.

Representative Brosas thereafter inquired about the recent Supreme Court ruling that excluded Sulu from BARMM due to its rejection of the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL) in the 2019 plebiscite. She also asked about a motion for reconsideration filed by the Bangsamoro Government on October 1 appealing for Sulu's reinclusion. In reply, Representative Adiong stated that the Supreme Court has already ruled on the matter with finality, declaring the decision final and executory, and that no further motions for reconsideration would be entertained.

Representative Brosas asked whether the legal situation concerning Sulu's exclusion from BARMM is related to the proposed postponement of the BARMM elections. Representative Adiong maintained that the issue of Sulu's exclusion is a key factor in the proposal of House Bill No. 11144.

Thereupon, Representative Brosas expressed concern about how the people, particularly at the grassroots, have been involved in the decision-making process. She inquired whether town hall consultations or dialogues were conducted with various sectors to gather feedback from the Moro people. Representative Adiong explained that the decision to postpone was primarily driven by the Supreme Court ruling regarding the constitutionality of excluding Sulu from BARMM. He stated that although the Bangsamoro Region was

prepared for the 2025 elections, the Supreme Court ruling created complications. He also reiterated that the Bangsamoro Parliament unanimously adopted a resolution to request the postponement. He noted that various stakeholders, including local government units (LGUs), non-government organizations, and even those who opposed the proposed measure were invited to committee meetings. However, he said consultations were limited due to time constraints, as the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) was preparing to print ballots by December 13, 2024.

Representative Brosas highlighted that under BOL, the first election should have been held concurrently with the 2022 national elections; and then asked about the reason for the proposed postponement. Representative Adiong clarified that only the parliamentary election was being rescheduled, and BARMM could still proceed with elections for governors, board members, mayors, and other local government positions. He added that BOL provides one parliamentary seat per 100,000 population, which requires the redistribution of the seven seats allotted for Sulu to ensure adequate representation.

Representative Brosas also asked why BTA had requested an additional extension of the transition period and what steps they had taken to prepare for the 2025 election. Representative Adiong explained that the request was based on the following several factors: (1) the exclusion of Sulu; (2) a petition challenging the constitutionality of the Bangsamoro Electoral Code (BEC); (3) the COMELEC's request for additional time to prepare for the BARMM parliamentary election; and (4) the survey results indicating a limited understanding of parliamentary elections among the Bangsamoro electorate. He further noted that BTA had already enacted BEC in preparation for the 2025 elections, although its constitutionality is still being challenged in a pending petition in the Supreme Court.

Then pointing out that the President would appoint all the BTA Members, Representative Brosas argued that such would undermine the Moro people's right to elect their leaders. Responding thereto, Representative Adiong clarified that they are not extending the transition period but merely resetting the elections due to the legal complications stemming from the Supreme Court ruling. He likewise explained that they are allowing the President to appoint new members of the parliament because (1) the BARMM's government structure necessitates the formation of a mechanism to set up the district constituency representation for the parliament; (2) the key actors in the peace agreement, particularly MILF, should take substantial participation

in the formation of a new setup of government; (3) said supervisory powers were exercised in past administrations; and (4) the formation of BARMM necessitates the appointment of MILF members for them to take part in the creation of the bureaucracy, as required under the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro.

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Frasco relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Yasser Alonto Balindong.

Representative Brosas next raised concerns about the constitutionality of the postponement, particularly regarding the synchronization of the regional elections with the national and local elections. In response, Representative Adiong maintained that the resetting of the elections is within the authority of Congress.

In conclusion, as she emphasized the importance of elections as a mark of democracy, Representative Brosas manifested that delaying the elections is unconstitutional and subverts the Moros' right to vote and self-determination.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Bolilia, the Chair next recognized Rep. Mujiv S. Hataman for his interpellation.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE HATAMAN

Before proceeding with his interpellation, Representative Hataman remarked that only a few Members were inside the Session Hall.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Thereupon, the Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 4:15 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:19 p.m.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE HATAMAN

Representative Hataman discussed with Representative Adiong the previous postponements in the conduct of elections in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM).

As Representative Hataman reflected on the historical issues with election fraud in ARMM during the 2004 elections, he argued that the synchronization of elections became an important measure to ensure

fairness. On passing critical codes and necessary reforms, particularly regarding BEC, Representative Adiong confirmed that BARMM has completed six out of the required codes, although two are under legal scrutiny. He added that the postponement of elections is tied to legal and practical issues, such as the exclusion of Sulu from the Bangsamoro region, which impacts the redistribution of parliamentary seats.

Representative Hataman then suggested that BEC or BOL should be amended to resolve the issues with the seven unallocated seats. He remarked that the postponement could disenfranchise millions of voters and argued that the seven vacant seats could be redistributed fairly without violating the Constitution. Representative Hataman pointed out that postponing elections seems to be an easier solution, but it undermines the democratic process as it limits the ability of citizens to choose their leaders.

In response to his colleague's concern, Representative Adiong acknowledged that while suffrage is a constitutional right, there are exceptions and the election process must be effective for the region. He also stressed that the situation was purely a legal effect of Sulu's exclusion from BARMM and was necessary to give time for the Parliament to redistribute the seven seats.

However, Representative Hataman insisted that the government should not sacrifice the right of the Bangsamoro people to elect their leaders and suggested that a special election could be held for the seven vacant seats. While Representative Adiong acknowledged the possibility of a special election, he maintained that the Bill is not favoring the current leadership in BARMM. He also reiterated that the proposal is for resetting the election, not extending the BTA's transition period, explaining that extending the transition would maintain the existing Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) leadership, but resetting the election would change the nature of the organization, with the President having the discretion to appoint new members to the Bangsamoro Parliament, without necessarily adhering to the MILF-led framework.

Representative Hataman raised concerns about the MILF's role in the peace process, and noted that its leadership has been central to the transition period. Representative Adiong agreed that while the President can appoint members of the new parliament, MILF will still have a role in nominating candidates for the seats originally allocated to them. He added that resetting the

election, however, would give the President broader discretion in selecting parliament members, potentially including individuals outside MILF.

Representative Hataman also raised concerns that removing the MILF's leadership from the transition could undermine the peace process. Representative Adiong gave the assurance that while the MILF's leadership may no longer be a requirement in the new government model, MILF could still play a role in the selection process for certain parliament seats. He stressed that the proposed measure aims to avoid the prolonged power of any single group while ensuring that the President has the flexibility to make appointments, potentially involving stakeholders like MILF.

On another matter, Representative Hataman asked if the Office of the Solicitor General and the Commission on Audit have submitted their position papers regarding the funding issues related to Sulu and inquired about the contents of the said position papers.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair suspended the session at 4:49 p.m. upon motion of Representative Adiong.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:05 p.m.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 11144

Upon resumption of session, on motion of Rep. Francisco Paolo P. Ortega V, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 11144.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Thereupon, upon the request of Representative Khonghun, the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Jurdin Jesus M. Romualdo.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE ROMUALDO

Upon recognition of the Chair, Representative Romualdo remarked that his guests who are the mayors of the Municipalities of Guinsiliban, Sagay, Mahinog, and Mambajao from the Province of Camiguin are awardees of the Seal of Good Local Governance for 2024.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Likewise, upon the request of Representative Khonghun, the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Minority Leader Marcelino C. Libanan.

REMARKS OF MINORITY LEADER LIBANAN

Recognized by the Chair, Minority Leader Libanan remarked that the Municipality of Maslog is located in the middle of Samar Province, and that his guests' opportune time to visit the House of Representatives was made possible because of the roadwork improvements in the said municipality through the efforts of his colleagues.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Furthermore, upon the request of Representative Khonghun, the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Emilio Bernardino L. Yulo.

PRIVILEGE HOUR

The day being a Monday, on successive motions of Representative Ortega, there being no objection, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour and thereafter, recognized Rep. Stella Luz A. Quimbo for her privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE QUIMBO

Representative Quimbo expressed concern over the Land Bank of the Philippines' (LANDBANK) departure from its primary mandate of supporting farmers, fisherfolk, agrarian reform beneficiaries, and micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) as the bank now prioritizes large corporations, diverting from its purpose of fostering rural and agricultural development. She criticized LANDBANK's lack of transparency regarding LGU loans, emphasizing the public's constitutional right to access information on matters of public interest and further highlighted that LANDBANK benefits from significant public support, including tax exemptions, a monopoly over government deposits, and regulatory relief, yet operates more like a private commercial bank. She also pointed out the bank's focus on profitability, particularly in lending to LGUs, prioritizing financial security over developmental goals, raising issues of accountability and alignment with its foundational mission.

Representative Quimbo further remarked that LANDBANK no longer scrutinizes funds borrowed by LGUs and how they would be utilized, alleging that the reason is that said loans are secured by LGUs' automatic allotments. Moreover, she said that LANDBANK abused the provisions of confidentiality provided for in Section 301 of the Manual of Regulations for Banks despite the clear distinction that loans by LGUs involve taxpayers' money and thus, are matters of public accountability.

Then referring to a report stating that the City of Marikina has the highest debt per capita among cities in the National Capital Region, she said that she sought clarification from LANDBANK's leadership regarding loans contracted by the said LGU but expressed dismay over the bank's repeated stance of non-disclosure despite the *Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas*' memorandum categorically stating that the confidentiality clause governing LANDBANK's operations does not apply to loans involving LGUs.

She also raised concerns over the absence of a press release relating to the City of Marikina's loans despite similar releases for other LGUs; lack of information available to the public regarding the terms and purposes of these loans; and blanket authority granted to the city mayor which authorizes the latter to enter into loans, among other things, without the need for prior deliberation by the *Sangguniang Panlungsod*.

After denying that her actions relating to the matter are politically motivated, she stressed that the said issue is greater than personal attacks and is about the principle of transparency and the integrity of the country's public institutions.

Thus, in closing, she urged the Committee on Rules to refer the issue to the Committee on Public Accounts to determine (1) whether proper processes were followed in contracting the loans, (2) whether said loans were utilized for projects that provide meaningful benefit to the people of Marikina, (3) why LANDBANK failed to comply with its legal obligation to disclose information on these transactions, and (4) the details of the loans.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE QUIMBO

On motion of Representative Bolilia, there being no objection, the Body approved to refer the privilege speech of Representative Quimbo to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Bolilia, the Chair next recognized Rep. Ray T. Reyes for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE REYES

Speaking to shed light on the devastating impacts of road accidents, Representative Reyes expressed grave alarm over the daily casualties and severe economic impact of the same in the country. He underscored that beyond the financial toll, road crashes leave emotional devastation, adverse lifelong effects, and gaps in households and communities that affect the country's present and future state.

As he pointed out that an unsafe road system deters foreign investments and increases healthcare costs while also straining annual public resources, he stated that it is the Body's duty to protect the lives of Filipinos through collective action. Thus, he shared that he would be filing a bill seeking to strengthen Republic Act (R.A.) No. 10586 or the "Anti-Drunk and Drugged Driving Act of 2013."

Finally, Representative Reyes remarked that the matter is more than policy work and involves saving lives, safeguarding families, and building a stronger economic foundation for the Philippines.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE REYES

On motion of Representative Bolilia, there being no objection, the Body approved to refer the privilege speech of Representative Reyes to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Bolilia, the Chair next recognized Rep. Divina Grace C. Yu for her privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE YU (D.G.)

Representative Yu spoke about a bombing incident in Tukuran, Zamboanga del Sur that occurred on September 17, 2024 and resulted in the deaths of two individuals. She cited investigations that revealed that two fatalities were directly involved in carrying the explosive device, and one of them was a municipal coordinator for a local chief executive in Labangan, Zamboanga del Sur. She mentioned allegations that two local chief executives were involved in planning and facilitating the bombing wherein one mayor provided material support, while another transported the bomb to the crime scene before fleeing.

Representative Yu relayed that the explosive device was intended for a venue at the Provincial

Government complex, where a large anniversary event was scheduled, potentially putting 1,000 people at risk, and that the bomb was meant to spread fear, destabilize local politics, and undermine public safety. She condemned the alleged involvement of public officials, highlighting corruption and betrayal of oath of public officials.

Representative Yu then urged the Anti-Terrorism Council (ATC) to aid and direct local authorities in investigating the incident, emphasizing the need to uncover the full extent of the conspiracy. She called on ATC to designate the individuals involved as terrorists, stressing the urgency of addressing this threat to public safety.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE YU (D.G.)

On motion of Representative Bolilia, there being no objection, the Body approved to refer the privilege speech of Representative Yu to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Bolilia, the Chair next recognized Representative Brosas for her privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS

Marking the 76th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), Representative Brosas lamented that despite the Philippines' commitment to human rights through key international agreements, the country continues to face human rights violations, including extrajudicial killings, forced disappearances, and attacks on activists, journalists, indigenous people, and human rights defenders. She also mentioned reports that identified the Philippines as one of the most dangerous countries for environmental defenders and journalists, with many cases of harassment, red-tagging, and baseless terrorism charges. She opined that the Marcos administration's policies, which include activities of the National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict have exacerbated these issues as she cited numerous cases of extrajudicial killings, forced disappearances, illegal arrests, militarization, and bombings in rural areas.

Representative Brosas then called attention to the continuing struggles for justice by victims of human rights violations, including families affected by extrajudicial killings and military operations.

She expressed solidarity with the call to hold the government accountable for its human rights violations and to achieve justice for all victims. Despite ongoing attacks, she stressed that the Filipino people remain undeterred in their fight for justice and human rights and that for as long as there is injustice and impunity, they will continue to stand up to protect the rights of the oppressed and exploited.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Ortega, there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege speech of Representative Brosas to the Committee on Rules.

EXTENSION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR

On successive motions of Representative Ortega, there being no objection, the Body extended the Privilege Hour for another 20 minutes; and thereafter, the Chair recognized Rep. France L. Castro to deliver her privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE CASTRO (F.)

In commemoration of International Human Rights Day, Representative Castro emphasized the principles of UDHR, particularly the inherent dignity and equality of all people. She called for policies that support fair wages based on the cost of living and urged the government to address the challenges faced by ordinary Filipinos.

As Representative Castro also criticized policies like the Anti-Terrorism Act, and red-tagging practices that suppress people's rights to free speech, assembly, and expression, she stressed that the government must end repressive measures and hold those responsible for human rights violations, including the victims of the "war on drugs" and extrajudicial killings accountable.

She called for the continuous investigation of the alleged misuse of public funds of the previous administration, particularly regarding confidential funds, and for the current administration to address the said issues. She asserted that human rights cannot be fully realized while the government continues to suppress the people's voices and allow impunity for state violence.

In conclusion, Representative Castro urged the government and her colleagues to make the UDHR's guarantees a reality, ensuring justice, equality, and dignity for all Filipinos.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE CASTRO (F.)

On motion of Representative Ortega, there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege speech of Representative Castro to the Committee on Rules.

SUSPENSION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR

On another motion of Representative Ortega, there being no objection the Body suspended the Privilege Hour.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Subsequently, the Chair suspended the session at 6:09 p.m. upon motion of Representative Ortega.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:12 p.m., the session resumed.

RESUMPTION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR

On successive motions of Representative Ortega, there being no objection, the Body resumed the Privilege Hour; and thereafter, the Chair recognized Representative Yulo for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE YULO

Representative Yulo highlighted the severe challenges faced by the sugar industry, particularly of small and marginalized sugar farmers and agrarian reform beneficiaries who, he said, are often neglected, overlooked, and sadly, voiceless. He emphasized that while sugar barons once dominated the industry, at present, the majority of sugar farmers are smallholders, often with only one to two hectares of land. He stressed that said sugar farmers now face a critical situation, as the price of sugar has fallen below production costs from ₱2,850.00 per 50-kilogram bag to as low as ₱2,470.00. He explained that said price drop, which comes despite low supply and high demand, contradicts the basic economic principles of supply and demand. He pointed out that while the required sugar buffer stock should be around 200,000 metric tons, it has dropped to just 150,000 metric tons. He stated that the situation is compounded by the fact that despite the declining mill gate prices, market prices remain unchanged, further burdening both farmers and consumers.

Representative Yulo stated that the ongoing crises, including the long dry season and damage from La Niña, have worsened the situation for the farmers.

He criticized the Sugar Regulatory Administration for failing to stabilize prices in line with its mandate, which is to ensure prices that are fair to both producers and consumers. He argued that the current situation is damaging not only to sugar farmers but also to farm laborers and local economies.

Further stressing the urgency of stabilizing sugar prices to safeguard the livelihood of small farmers and protect the interests of the sugar industry's small farmers and their communities, Representative Yulo urged the appropriate committee to investigate the causes of price instability in the sugar industry. He also stated that it should hold those tasked with protecting sugar farmers and curbing profiteering accountable, stressing the importance of prioritizing farmers' welfare over the gains of a few unscrupulous individuals.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE YULO

On motion of Representative Ortega, there being no objection, the Body approved to refer the privilege speech of Representative Yulo to the Committee on Rules.

SUSPENSION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR

On motion of Representative Ortega, there being no objection, the Body suspended the Privilege Hour.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Ortega, the Chair suspended the session at 6:21 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 6:21 p.m.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

On motion of Representative Ortega, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Additional Reference of Business.

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the titles of the following House Bills as filed, which were referred to the appropriate committees indicated hereunder:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 11176, titled:
AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE AYUDASA
KAPOS ANG KITA PROGRAM (AKAP) OF

THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE
AND DEVELOPMENT

By Representative Yap (Christopherson)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 11177, titled:
AN ACT CREATING THE SPECIAL
GEOGRAPHIC AREA, BANGSAMORO
AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM
MINDANAO, INTO KUTAWATO PROVINCE
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
By Representative Mendoza
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 11178, titled:
AN ACT CRIMINALIZING THE OPERATION
OF TROLL FARMS AND THE DELIBERATE
CREATION AND DISSEMINATION
OF FALSE INFORMATION AGAINST
POLITICAL CANDIDATES TO UNDULY
BENEFIT OPPONENTS, AND PROVIDING
PENALTIES THEREFOR
By Representatives Nograles-Almario and Almario
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 11179, titled:
AN ACT FURTHER STRENGTHENING THE
INCENTIVES FOR PRIVATE SECTOR
PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL
INSTITUTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8525,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "ADOPT-A-
SCHOOL ACT OF 1998"
By Representative Villanueva
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND
CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER
AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 11181, titled:
AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE
FISCAL AUTONOMY FOR THE JUDICIARY,
CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE
JUDICIARY TRUST FUND
By Representatives Romualdez (Ferdinand Martin),
Gonzales (Aurelio), Dalipe, et al.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 11182, titled:
AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ORGANIZATIONAL
REFORMS IN THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL
POLICE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE "DEPARTMENT OF THE
INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
ACT OF 1990", AS AMENDED, AND

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8551, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE REFORM AND REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1998”

By Representatives Romualdez (Ferdinand Martin), Gonzales (Aurelio), Dalipe, et al.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 11144

Whereupon, on motion of Rep. Ernesto M. Dionisio Jr., there being no objection, the Body resumed the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 11144, contained in Committee Report No. 1276 as reported out by the Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms, titled:

AN ACT RESETTING THE FIRST REGULAR ELECTIONS IN THE BANGSAMORO REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 13, ARTICLE XVI OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11054, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “ORGANIC LAW FOR THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO.”

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Dionisio, the Chair suspended the session at 6:24 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 6:31 p.m.

On motion of Representative Dionisio, the Chair recognized Rep. Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo for his manifestation.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE DIMAPORO (M.K.)

Representative Dimaporo initially manifested his strong support for House Bill No 11144 as one of its coauthors. Because he was not able to deliver his sponsorship speech thereon, he stated for the record that the proposed measure would benefit not only Mindanao but the entire country considering the significant investment in the Bangsamoro region, amounting to ₱70 billion annually to allow peace therein to thrive. He further pointed out that, while he was also filing a measure that would reset the Bangsamoro election to 2028, he submits to the will of the sponsoring Committee and the House leadership to reset it next year through the Bill at hand.

At this juncture, Representative Dimaporo pointed out key concerns raised during the committee hearing which include the synchronization of Bangsamoro

elections with national and local elections, preference for automated over manual elections, budget constraints for a stand-alone election, and lack of a clear timeline for the demobilization of MILF fighters and become part of the mainstream society. He also underscored that resetting the elections would give the national government ample time to address these issues and eventually ensure lasting peace in Mindanao.

On motion of Representative Dionisio, the Chair recognized Rep. Raoul Danniell A. Manuel to interpellate Representative Adiong on House Bill No. 11144.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE MANUEL

Representative Manuel first asked how BTA operates differently compared to an elected parliament and thereafter, inquired into the progress of the transition. Representative Adiong responded that BTA is primarily tasked to enact priority codes, which include BEC, and to establish institutions; and relayed his confidence that BTA has already delivered major and basic services to the communities.

The former next inquired about the role of the Bangsamoro Parliament in relation to the block grant, and how the grant will be allocated. The Sponsor replied that the five-percent block grant from national revenue remains constant unless amended by Congress.

Thereafter, Representative Manuel asked about the inclusion of new municipalities and barangays in BARMM, particularly raising concerns about their access to government services. Representative Adiong assured the former that access to national programs should not be replaced by the block grant, and intergovernmental arrangements are being addressed by the Intergovernmental Relations Body.

On the proposed creation of new provinces from the 63 barangays in North Cotabato, Representative Manuel sought clarification on the affected residents’ electoral participation. Representative Adiong explained that while local elections will proceed, creating a province requires congressional approval. The Sponsor also clarified that the election would not be suspended in its entirety, and that they are only proposing to reset the parliamentary elections for the 80 seats allotted for the BARMM Parliament.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Dionisio, the Chair recognized Representative Hataman anew to continue with his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE HATAMAN (Continuation)

Responding to Representative Hataman's pending query on whether or not the transition period would continue, Representative Adiong stated for the record that the proposed measure provides for resetting elections from 2025 to 2026 and does not explicitly extend the transition period. Additionally, he said that R.A. No. 11054 does not speak about disallowing MILF members from being elected or qualified and would allow MILF to be part of the interim government.

Then referring the discussion to Section 2 of R.A. No. 11593, resetting the first regular elections in BARMM in 2022, and categorically stating the extension of the transition period, Representative Adiong maintained that House Bill No. 11144 only seeks the resetting of elections from 2025 to 2026.

As Representative Hataman asked about the new Section 2 in the proposed measure, Representative Adiong quoted a provision to clarify that those currently occupying the 80 seats in the current Bangsamoro should be deemed resigned.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Hataman, the Chair suspended the session at 7:01 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 7:03 p.m.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE HATAMAN (Continuation)

As the two Members discussed the differences between Section 2 of R.A. No. 11593 and the proposed House Bill No. 11144, Representative Hataman pointed out that the word "continue" is absent in the Bill, which implies no mention of a "continuation" of the interim government, while R.A. No. 11593 specifically addresses the continuation of the interim government during the transition. Representative Adiong clarified that while the Bill does not use the word "continuation," it still includes the term "interim" for the new appointees and gives the President the power to appoint 80 interim members of BTA, similar to the original act. Representative Adiong also noted that the Bill does not address the transition period or resetting the election, leaving that silent in accordance with BOL, which grants specific power to the MILF-led parliament.

Representative Hataman pointed out the importance of the term "transition period," noting that in BOL, the transition period is explicitly led by MILF, but this is not clearly stated in the Bill. Representative Adiong agreed that BOL remains the guiding framework and that the transition period is implicitly still MILF-led, even without mentioning it in the Bill. On Representative Hataman's concern that without specifying the transition period, the resetting of the elections could allow the President to appoint non-MILF leaders, Representative Adiong responded that BOL already provides for MILF leadership, so there is no need to restate it in the Bill, as the law should remain compatible with BOL. Representative Hataman insisted that any changes in the Bill could be viewed as amendments to BOL, particularly regarding the election process.

On his colleague's query regarding the upcoming BARMM elections, Representative Adiong stated that COMELEC has proposed a manual election but noted that Congress has the authority to amend the same to require automation. Representative Hataman stressed the importance of automating the election to avoid delays and potential unrest, particularly in BARMM.

As Representative Hataman inquired on the expected outcomes in the year leading up to the election, specifically regarding the reallocation of seats, Representative Adiong confirmed that reallocation is part of the plan, and COMELEC also needs time to refine the BEC and address the sectoral representation process. However, Representative Hataman argued that the COMELEC's role should be supervisory, as other agencies are already in charge, especially in managing sectoral elections.

On the cost of an automated election, Representative Adiong relayed that an automated election would cost ₱1.771 billion compared to ₱852 million for a manual election with funding coming from the proposed 2026 General Appropriations Act.

Representatives Adiong and Hataman discussed the issue of funding for the Province of Sulu in 2025, wherein the former explained that the proposed measure would be subject to general appropriation for the year 2026. Representative Hataman expressed concerns about the legality and constitutionality of the proposed measure, suggesting that a petition could be filed after the Bill is signed by the President, citing the *Macalintal vs. COMELEC* case. He pointed out the lack of allocated funds for Sulu in 2025; inquired how the funding will be sourced; and suggested using the five percent block grant funding for BARMM as a potential source.

Representative Adiong then adverted to the opinion of the Office of the Solicitor General which states that Sulu's funding for 2025 will still come from the BARMM block grant, in line with the "operative fact doctrine."

Representative Hataman relayed his proposal to add a provision to directly address the funding issue for Sulu and expressed his gratitude to the Sponsor and other stakeholders for their efforts.

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

There being no other Members who wished to interpellate the Sponsor, on successive motions of Representative Dionisio, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on House Bill No. 11144; and thereafter, proceeded to the period of amendments.

PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no committee amendments, on successive motions of Representative Dionisio, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the consideration of individual amendments; and thereafter, the Chair recognized Representative Hataman to introduce his individual amendments.

AMENDMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVE HATAMAN

As proposed by Representative Hataman and accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the

Body approved the following amendments to House Bill No. 11144:

1. To amend Section 2;
2. To insert a new Section 3; and
3. To renumber the succeeding sections accordingly.

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no further individual amendments, on motion of Representative Dionisio, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of amendments.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 11144, AS AMENDED

On further motion of Representative Dionisio, there being no objection, the Body approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 11144, as amended, through *viva voce* voting.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Dionisio, there being no objection, the Chair suspended the session until three o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, December 10, 2024.

It was 7:27 p.m. of Monday, December 9, 2024.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:00 p.m. of Tuesday, December 10, 2024 with Deputy Speaker Antonio “Tonypet” T. Albano presiding.

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL NO. 27

Considering that copies of *Journal No. 27* dated December 3 and 4, 2024 were already distributed to the Members, on motion of Rep. Keith Micah “Atty. Mike” D.L. Tan, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading thereof and subsequently approved the said Journal.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Whereupon, on motion of Representative Tan (K.M.), there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Additional Reference of Business.

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the titles of the following Resolutions as filed, Communications, and Committee Reports, which were referred to the appropriate committees or consigned to the Archives as indicated hereunder:

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 2113, titled:

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING KIMBERLY ANNE CUSTODIO FOR WINNING IN THE JIU-JITSU INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION (JJIF) WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD IN HERAKLION, GREECE ON OCTOBER 23-28, 2024, THUS BRINGING HONOR AND PRIDE TO THE COUNTRY AND THE FILIPINO PEOPLE

By Representative Gomez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 2114, titled:

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE COMPLIANCE OF HEADS OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND -CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS (GOCCs) AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs), WITH REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10589,

OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “ANTI-CORRUPTION MONTH ACT,” AND TO ASSESS THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ANTI-CORRUPTION ACTIVITIES AND AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS IMPLEMENTED PURSUANT TO SAID ACT IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER OF EACH YEAR

By Representative Villanueva
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMUNICATIONS

Various communications submitted to the House of Representatives by officials of the following local government units, relative to their posting and reporting requirements of the Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation of the Local Government Support Fund, as attested by their respective local chief executives:

1. Barangay Taboc, Municipality of Libertad, Province of Antique, reports for the third and fourth quarters of 2024;
2. City of Calapan, Province of Oriental Mindoro, report for the quarter ending September 30, 2024, attested by Mayor Marilou F. Morillo;
3. City of Ormoc, Province of Leyte, report for the third quarter ending September 30, 2024, attested by Mayor Lucy Torres Gomez;
4. City of San Carlos, Province of Negros Occidental, report as of October 28, 2024, attested by Mayor Renato Y. Gustilo;
5. Municipality of San Remigio, Province of Antique, report for the quarter ending September 30, 2024, attested by Mayor Margarito C. Mission Jr.;
6. Municipality of Toboso, Province of Negros Occidental, report as of September 30, 2024, attested by Mayor Madonnah M. Jaajoco;
7. Municipality of Pulilan, Province of Bulacan, report for the quarter ending June 30, 2024, attested by Mayor Maria Rosario Ochoa-Montejo;
8. Municipality of Sibunag, Province of Guimaras, report for the quarter ending September 30, 2024, attested by Mayor Annabelle V. Samaniego;
9. Municipality of Hagonoy, Province of Bulacan, report for the month of October 2024, attested by Mayor Flordeliza C. Manlapaz; and
10. Municipality of San Lorenzo, Province of Guimaras, report for the quarter ending September 30, 2024.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated November 14, 2024 of Lucas P. Bersamin, Executive Secretary, Office of the President, Malacañang, transmitting two (2) original copies each of the following Republic Acts which were signed by President Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos Jr.:

1. R.A. No. 12074, titled:
AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FRESHWATER FISH HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TALACOGON, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;
and
2. R.A. No. 12075, titled:
AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE CITY OF ZAMBOANGA, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

TO THE ARCHIVES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Report No. 1298, submitted by the Committee on Legislative Franchises on H.B. No. 11180, titled:

AN ACT GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO FIRST CATANDUANES ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE, OWN, MANAGE AND MAINTAIN DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF ELECTRIC POWER TO THE END-USERS IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF BAGAMANOC, BARAS, BATO, CARAMORAN, GIGMOTO, PANDAN, PANGANIBAN, SAN ANDRES, SAN MIGUEL, VIGA, AND VIRAC, ISLAND PROVINCE OF CATANDUANES

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 8897 and 8947

Sponsors: Representatives Tambunting, Rodriguez (Eulogio), De Jesus, Dagooc and Teves
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 1299, submitted by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations on H.B. No. 11185, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TANAY, PROVINCE OF RIZAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE TANAY NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4530

Sponsors: Representatives Romulo and Co (Elizaldy)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 1300, submitted by the Committee on Civil Service and Professional Regulation and the Committee on Appropriations on H.B. No. 11186, titled:

AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF THE AGRICULTURE PROFESSION IN THE PHILIPPINES, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE A PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD FOR AGRICULTURISTS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 0394, 3075 and 9725

Sponsors: Representatives Tutor, Co (Elizaldy) and Bordado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS

On successive motions of Representatives Tan (K.M.) and Sancho Fernando “Ando” F. Oaminal, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the approval on Third Reading of the following House Bills, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on the dates mentioned herein, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the Rules of the House:

Distributed on July 15, 2024:

1. House Bill No. 10145, titled: AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A PHILIPPINE MEDICAL ACT, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 2382, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MEDICAL ACT OF 1959

The Chair then directed the Secretary General to call the Roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a roll call vote was made.

RESULT OF VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abalos	Acidre
Abante	Adiong
Abunda	Agarao

Alba	Dy (I.P.)	Momo	Sacdalan
Almonte	Ecleo	Morden	Salimbangon
Alonte	Emano	Nava	Salo
Ang	Enverga	Nisay	Saulog
Angara	Espina	Nolasco	Silverio
Aquino	Eudela	Oaminal	Solon
Aquino-Magsaysay	Ferrer (A.)	Olaso	Suan
Arrogancia	Ferrer (J.M.)	Olivarez	Tallado
Atayde	Flores	Ordanes	Tamayo
Aumentado	Galeos	Ortega	Tambunting
Balindong	Garcia (A.)	Ouano-Dizon	Tan (J.)
Barba	Garcia (D.)	Padiernos	Tan (K.M.)
Baronda	Garcia (J.A.)	Paduano	Tan (S.)
Bascug	Gardiola	Paglas	Tanchay
Billones	Gasataya	Palma	Tarriela
Bolilia	Gato	Panaligan	Teves
Bongalon	Go (M.)	Pancho	Tieng
Bordado	Gonzales (A.)	Pascual	Tulfo (E.)
Bosita	Gonzales (N.)	Peña	Tulfo (J.)
Briones	Gorriceta	Pimentel	Tulfo (R.W.)
Bulut-Begtang	Guico	Plaza	Tutor
Bustos	Gullas	Pleyto	Ty
Cabredo	Gutierrez	Pumaren	Umali
Cagas	Haresco	Quimbo	Unabia
Cajayon-Uy	Hernandez	Regencia	Uy
Calderon	Herrera	Remulla	Valmayor
Calixto	Kho (R.)	Revilla (B.)	Veloso-Tuazon
Campos	Kho (W.)	Revilla (R.J.)	Verzosa
Caoagdan	Khonghun	Reyes	Yamsuan
Cari	Lacson-Noel	Rivera	Yap (C.)
Castro (J.)	Lagon (D.)	Robes	Yap (Edvic)
Celeste	Lagon (S.)	Rodriguez (E.)	Yap (Eric)
Cendaña	Lara	Rodriguez (R.)	Yu (D.G.)
Chan	Lazatin	Romualdez (F.M.)	Yulo
Chatto	Legarda	Romualdez (Y.M.)	Zamora (A.M.)
Chua	Libanan	Romualdo	Zamora (M.C.)
Chungalao	Limkaichong	Romulo	Zamora (Y.M.)
Cojuangco (M.)	Loyola	<i>Negative:</i>	
Corvera	Luistro	Brosas	
Cruz (A.)	Lumayag	Castro (F.)	
Cua	Macapagal-Arroyo	Manuel	
Cuaresma	Maceda	<i>Abstention:</i>	
Dagooc	Madrona	None	
Dalipe	Malapitan		
Dalog	Mangaoang		
De Jesus	Maniquiz		
de Venecia	Marañon		
Defensor	Marcos		
Del Mar	Marquez		
Delos Santos	Mastura		
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Matibag		
Dionisio	Matugas		
Domingo	Mercado		
Dy (F.M.C.)	Miguel		

With [184] 188 affirmative votes, three negative votes, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 10145.*

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, upon the request of Rep. Jefferson F. Khonghun, the Chair acknowledged the presence in the

*See page 22 of this *Journal* for a correction on the voting result.

Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Michael M. Morden and of the former's guests.

Likewise, upon the request of Rep. Lianda B. Bolilia, the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Atty. Gerville "Jinky Bitrics" R. Luistro.

Thereafter, upon the request of Rep. Ernesto M. Dionisio Jr., the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Percival V. Cendaña.

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS (Continuation)

Distributed on December 5, 2024:

2. House Bill No. 11072, titled: AN ACT INCLUDING TAGUM CITY, THE ISLAND GARDEN CITY OF SAMAL, AND THE MUNICIPALITIES OF ASUNCION, KAPALONG, NEW CORELLA, SAN ISIDRO AND TALAINGOD, IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE, AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF MACO, IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO DE ORO TO THE FRANCHISE AREA OF THE DAVAO LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY, INC., AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11515, ENTITLED "AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO THE DAVAO LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY, INC., UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8960, ENTITLED 'AN ACT FURTHER EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO DAVAO LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY, INC. TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN AN ELECTRIC LIGHT, HEAT AND POWER SYSTEM IN DAVAO CITY AND THE MUNICIPALITIES OF CARMEN, PANABO, DUJALI, AND SANTO TOMAS, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE, FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' "

The Chair then directed the Secretary General to call the Roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a roll call vote was made.

MANIFESTATION OF CERTAIN MEMBERS

During the voting, Reps. Arlene D. Brosas and France L. Castro manifested their intent to explain their negative votes at the proper time.

RESULT OF VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abalos	Cruz (A.)
Abunda	Cua
Adiong	Cuaresma
Agarao	Dalipe
Alba	Dalong
Almonte	de Venecia
Alonte	Defensor
Amante	Del Mar
Ang	Delos Santos
Angara	Dimaporo (M.K.)
Aquino	Dionisio
Aquino-Magsaysay	Domingo
Arrogancia	Dy (F.M.C.)
Atayde	Dy (I.P.)
Aumentado	Ecleo
Balindong	Emano
Barba	Enverga
Baronda	Espina
Bascug	Eudela
Bernos	Ferrer (A.)
Billones	Ferrer (J.M.)
Bolilia	Flores
Bongalon	Galeos
Bosita	Garcia (A.)
Briones	Garcia (D.)
Bulut-Begtang	Garcia (J.A.)
Cabredo	Gardiola
Cagas	Gasataya
Cajayon-Uy	Gato
Calderon	Go (E.C.)
Calixto	Go (M.)
Campos	Gonzales (N.)
Caoagdan	Gorricketa
Cari	Guico
Castro (J.)	Gullas
Celeste	Gutierrez
Chan	Haresco
Chatto	Hernandez
Chua	Herrera
Chungalao	Kho (R.)
Cojuangco (M.)	Kho (W.)
Corvera	Khonghun

Lacson-Noel	Regencia
Lagon (D.)	Remulla
Lagon (S.)	Revilla (B.)
Lara	Revilla (R.J.)
Lazatin	Reyes
Legarda	Rivera
Libanan	Robes
Limkaichong	Rodriguez (E.)
Loyola	Rodriguez (R.)
Luistro	Romualdo
Lumayag	Romulo
Macapagal-Arroyo	Roque
Maceda	Sacdalan
Madrona	Sakaluran
Malapitan	Salimbangon
Mangaoang	Salo
Maniquiz	Saulog
Marañon	Silverio
Marcos	Solon
Marquez	Suan
Mastura	Tallado
Matibag	Tamayo
Matugas	Tambunting
Mercado	Tan (J.)
Miguel	Tan (K.M.)
Momo	Tan (S.)
Morden	Tanchay
Nava	Tarriela
Nisay	Teves
Nolasco	Tieng
Oaminal	Tulfo (E.)
Olaso	Tulfo (J.)
Olivarez	Tulfo (R.W.)
Ordanes	Tutor
Ortega	Ty
Ouano-Dizon	Unabia
Padiernos	Uy
Paduano	Valeriano
Paglas	Valmayor
Palma	Verzosa
Panaligan	Yamsuan
Pancho	Yap (C.)
Pascual	Yap (Edvic)
Peña	Yap (Eric)
Pimentel	Yu (D.G.)
Plaza	Yulo
Pleyto	Zamora (A.M.)
Pumaren	Zamora (Y.M.)
Quimbo	

Negative:

Abante	Brosas
Bordado	Castro (F.)

Cendaña	Manuel
Dagooc	Zamora (M.C.)
De Jesus	

Abstention:

Umali

With 181 affirmative votes, nine negative votes, and one abstention, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 11072.

EXPLANATION OF VOTES

The following Members explained their votes:

1. In voting “No” to House Bill No. 11072, Representative Brosas argued that the proposed expansion of the franchise coverage of the Aboitiz-owned Davao Light and Power Company, Inc. (Davao Light) would further privatize the electricity sector, particularly affecting rural areas served by the government-funded Northern Davao Electric Cooperative, Inc. (NORDECO). She stated that Davao Light, despite its long history, has failed to provide electricity to many far-flung and financially unviable areas in Davao. She also expressed concern that Davao Light’s focus on profit would neglect rural electrification, leaving many areas without power. Furthermore, she warned of possible rate hikes for consumers, which would disproportionately affect the poor. She maintained that electric services are social services, and any effort that favors and prioritizes its further privatization should be denounced.
2. Representative Castro (F.) voted “No” to House Bill No. 11072, citing the strong opposition from NORDECO. She opined that approving the Bill would lead to the domination of oligarchic companies like Davao Light, resulting in the loss of reliable electricity and government subsidies for over 80,000 households in several areas. She also criticized the privatization model as it would benefit only large corporations, potentially leading to higher electricity prices while failing to meet the government’s electrification targets. She then pointed out constitutional violations, such as deprivation of property without due process and just compensation, and warned that the Bill sets a dangerous precedent for small electric cooperatives nationwide.

She emphasized that unlike Davao Light, NORDECO, a much smaller cooperative, has successfully provided electricity to a significant portion of its service area.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE HERRERA

At this point, the Chair recognized Rep. Bernadette “BH” Herrera who expressed gratitude to the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) and the Philippine Embassy in Rome for their assistance and support after she was injured in a street accident in Rome on November 12, 2024. She thanked Protocol Officer Donna Feliciano-Gatmaytan for arranging a translator; Sister Josephine Giganto for taking care of her during her hospital stay; Consul General Randy Arquiza, Deputy Chief of Mission Nina Cainglet, and two others for their assistance after her hospitalization; DFA Secretary Enrique A. Manalo through Chief Coordinator Bernadette Therese C. Fernandez for their efforts; and Philippine Ambassador to the Vatican H.E. Myla Grace Ragenia C. Macahilig and Vice Consul Sandra Guiang for making the special arrangement to meet with the Pope.

REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

The Chair joined Representative Herrera in thanking DFA and the Philippine Embassy in Rome for their assistance for all the Filipinos abroad, and also wished her well.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE HERRERA

Representative Herrera shared that she was still under observation but expressed gratitude for the efficient services provided by the Philippine Embassy in Rome.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Upon the request of Representative Tan (K.M.), the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Deputy Speaker Yasser Alonto Balindong.

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS

(Continuation)

Distributed on December 5, 2024:

3. House Bill No. 10960, titled: AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE TAX AND DUTY

TREATMENT OF ELECTRIC VEHICLES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11697, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “ELECTRIC VEHICLE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT ACT”

The Chair then directed the Secretary General to call the Roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a roll call vote was made.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE MANUEL

During the voting, Rep. Raoul Danniell A. Manuel manifested his intent to explain his “No” vote at the proper time.

RESULT OF VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative

Abalos	Cabredo
Abante	Cagas
Abunda	Cajayon-Uy
Acidre	Calderon
Adiong	Calixto
Agarao	Campos
Alba	Caoagdan
Almonte	Cari
Alonte	Castro (J.)
Amante	Celeste
Ang	Chan
Angara	Chatto
Aquino	Chua
Aquino-Magsaysay	Chungalao
Arenas	Cojuangco (M.)
Arrogancia	Corvera
Atayde	Cruz (A.)
Aumentado	Cua
Balindong	Cuaresma
Barba	Dagooc
Baronda	Dalipe
Bascug	Dalog
Bernos	De Jesus
Billones	de Venecia
Bolilia	Defensor
Bongalon	Del Mar
Bordado	Delos Santos
Bosita	Dimaporo (M.K.)
Briones	Dionisio
Bulut-Begtang	Domingo
Bustos	Dy (F.M.C.)

Dy (I.P.)	Mercado	Tanchay	Valeriano
Ecleo	Miguel	Tarriela	Valmayor
Emano	Momo	Teves	Veloso-Tuazon
Enverga	Morden	Tiangco	Verzosa
Espina	Nava	Tieng	Yamsuan
Eudela	Nisay	Tulfo (E.)	Yap (C.)
Ferrer (A.)	Nolasco	Tulfo (J.)	Yap (Edvic)
Ferrer (J.M.)	Oaminal	Tulfo (R.W.)	Yap (Eric)
Flores	Olaso	Tutor	Yu (D.G.)
Galeos	Olivarez	Ty	Yulo
Garcia (A.)	Ordanes	Umali	Zamora (A.M.)
Garcia (D.)	Ortega	Unabia	Zamora (M.C.)
Garcia (J.A.)	Padiernos	Uy	Zamora (Y.M.)
Gardiola	Paduano		
Gasataya	Paglas	<i>Negative:</i>	
Gato	Palma		
Go (E.C.)	Panaligan	Brosas	Manuel
Go (M.)	Pancho	Castro (F.)	
Gonzales (A.)	Pascual		
Gonzales (N.)	Peña	<i>Abstention:</i>	
Gorriceta	Pimentel		
Guico	Plaza	Cendaña	
Gullas	Pleyto		
Gutierrez	Pumaren		
Haresco	Quimbo		
Hernandez	Regencia		
Herrera	Remulla		
Kho (R.)	Revilla (B.)		
Kho (W.)	Revilla (R.J.)		
Khonghun	Reyes		
Labadlabad	Rivera		
Lacson-Noel	Robes		
Lagon (D.)	Rodriguez (E.)		
Lagon (S.)	Rodriguez (R.)		
Lara	Roman		
Lazatin	Romualdez (F.M.)		
Legarda	Romualdez (Y.M.)		
Libanan	Romualdo		
Limkaichong	Romulo		
Loyola	Roque		
Luistro	Sacdalan		
Lumayag	Sakaluran		
Macapagal-Arroyo	Salimbangon		
Maceda	Salo		
Madrona	Saulog		
Malapitan	Silverio		
Mangaoang	Solon		
Maniquiz	Suan		
Marañon	Tallado		
Marcos	Tamayo		
Marquez	Tambunting		
Mastura	Tan (J.)		
Matibag	Tan (K.M.)		
Matugas	Tan (S.)		

With 196 affirmative votes, three negative votes, and one abstention, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 10960.

EXPLANATION OF VOTE OF REPRESENTATIVE MANUEL

Representative Manuel voted “No” to House Bill No. 10960 for the following reasons: (1) the Bill is ironic and contrary to the title of the law it seeks to amend, which is the Electric Vehicle Industry Development Act. He said that by opening the country to electric vehicle imports, the Philippines could potentially turn into a dumping ground for outdated models and, hence, would benefit foreign manufacturers as the country only provides raw materials without gaining much value from the final products; (2) the Bill relies on the outdated strategy of lowering or removing tariffs on imported goods without offering concrete plans to support the development of a local vehicle manufacturing industry which could create jobs and support professionals in engineering, science, and manual labor; and (3) the underlying issues of climate change and transportation, which the Bill aims to address, should be resolved through an alternative framework such as developing local renewable energy sources, promoting a pro-people mining industry, supporting national industrialization, and creating accessible and efficient public transport systems.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, upon the request of Representative Oaminal, the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Reps. Eddiebong G. Plaza and Rufus B. Rodriguez.

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS

(Continuation)

Distributed on November 27, 2024:

4. House Bill No. 11113, titled: AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE SAFETY MEASURES AND PENALTIES RELATIVE TO THE OPERATION OF MOTORCYCLES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11235, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “MOTORCYCLE CRIME PREVENTION ACT”

The Chair then directed the Secretary General to call the Roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a roll call vote was made.

MANIFESTATION OF CERTAIN MEMBERS

During the voting, Reps. Bonifacio L. Bosita and Ramon Rodrigo L. Gutierrez manifested their intent to explain their affirmative votes at the proper time.

RESULT OF VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abalos	Arrogancia
Abante	Asistio
Abunda	Atayde
Acharon	Aumentado
Acidre	Balindong
Adiong	Barba
Agarao	Baronda
Alba	Bascug
Almonte	Bernos
Alonte	Billones
Amante	Bolilia
Ang	Bongalon
Angara	Bordado
Aquino	Bosita
Aquino-Magsaysay	Briones
Arenas	Brosas

Bulut-Begtang	Go (M.)
Bustos	Gonzales (A.)
Cabredo	Gonzales (N.)
Cagas	Gorriceta
Cajayon-Uy	Guico
Calderon	Gullas
Calixto	Gutierrez
Campos	Haresco
Caoagdan	Hernandez
Cari	Herrera
Castro (F.)	Kho (R.)
Castro (J.)	Kho (W.)
Celeste	Khonghun
Cendaña	Labadlabad
Chan	Lacson-Noel
Chatto	Lagon (D.)
Chua	Lagon (S.)
Chungalao	Lara
Cojuangco (M.)	Lazatin
Corvera	Legarda
Cruz (A.)	Libanan
Cua	Limkaichong
Cuaresma	Loyola
Dagooc	Luistro
Dalipe	Lumayag
Dalog	Macapagal-Arroyo
De Jesus	Maceda
de Venecia	Madrona
Defensor	Malapitan
Del Mar	Mangaoang
Delos Santos	Maniquiz
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Manuel
Dionisio	Marañon
Domingo	Marcos
Dy (F.M.C.)	Marquez
Dy (I.P.)	Mastura
Ecleo	Matibag
Emano	Matugas
Enverga	Mercado
Espina	Miguel
Eudela	Momo
Fariñas	Morden
Ferrer (A.)	Nava
Ferrer (J.M.)	Nisay
Flores	Nograles
Galeos	Nolasco
Garcia (A.)	Oaminal
Garcia (D.)	Olaso
Garcia (J.A.)	Olivarez
Gardiola	Ordanes
Garin	Ortega
Gasataya	Ouano-Dizon
Gato	Padiernos
Go (E.C.)	Paduano

Paglas	Tallado
Palma	Tamayo
Panaligan	Tambunting
Pancho	Tan (J.)
Pascual	Tan (K.M.)
Peña	Tan (S.)
Pimentel	Tanchay
Plaza	Tarriela
Pleyto	Teodoro
Pumaren	Teves
Quimbo	Tiangco
Regencia	Tieng
Remulla	Tulfo (E.)
Revilla (B.)	Tulfo (J.)
Revilla (R.J.)	Tulfo (R.W.)
Reyes	Tutor
Rivera	Ty
Robes	Umali
Rodriguez (E.)	Unabia
Rodriguez (R.)	Uy
Roman	Valeriano
Romualdez (F.M.)	Valmayor
Romualdez (Y.M.)	Veloso-Tuazon
Romualdo	Verzosa
Romulo	Yamsuan
Roque	Yap (C.)
Sacdalan	Yap (Edvic)
Sakaluran	Yap (Eric)
Salimbangon	Yu (D.G.)
Salo	Yu (J.V.)
Saulog	Yulo
Silverio	Zamora (A.M.)
Solon	Zamora (M.C.)
Suan	Zamora (Y.M.)

Negative:

None

Abstention:

None

With 208 affirmative votes, zero negative votes, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 11113.

EXPLANATION OF VOTES

The following Members explained their votes:

1. Representative Bosita explained that he was voting in favor of House Bill No. 11113

because it seeks to reduce fines and penalties for motorcycle riders. However, he expressed his opposition to the Motorcycle Crime Prevention Act, which he believes discriminates against motorcycle riders; and explained that the proposed penalties for altering or concealing a number plate, and the intentional use thereof are subject to both imprisonment and fines for motorcycles, while similar violations involving four-wheel drive vehicles are only punishable by a lower fine and no imprisonment.

2. Representative Gutierrez expressed his affirmative vote with reservations, noting that Republic Act No. 11235 is flawed due to its excessive penalties and discriminatory provisions which he believed are impractical to enforce. While he acknowledged that House Bill No. 11113 was a step in the right direction, he pointed out that it did not include several amendments that he proposed at the committee level. He explained that he voted in favor of the Bill in consideration of the current Senate Bill, the authors, and the positive developments included in the proposal. He also expressed hope that his proposed amendments would be considered during the deliberations of the bicameral conference committee.

CORRECTION OF VOTING RESULT ON HOUSE BILL NO. 10145

At this point, the Chair, as informed by the Secretariat, corrected the result of the nominal voting on House Bill No. 10145 which the Body had earlier approved on Third Reading, as follows: affirmative votes should be 188 instead of “184,” and the negative votes and abstentions remained at zero.

TRANSMITTAL TO THE SENATE OF HOUSE BILLS

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Tan (K.M.), there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to immediately transmit to the Senate copies of the House Bills that had just been approved on Third Reading.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Upon the request of Representative Khonghun, the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Christopherson “Coco” M. Yap.

PRIVILEGE HOUR

With leave of the House, on successive motions of Representative Tan (K.M.), there being no objection, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour and thereafter, recognized Representative Luistro for her privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE LUISTRO

Initially emphasizing the importance of integrity and accountability of the country's financial system, Representative Luistro spoke about the critical need for legislation that would define confidential funds and prescribe stricter requirements and guidelines for the utilization of the same. Citing the 1987 Constitution, she added that the 19th Congress should ensure that public funds are utilized according to the law. While she recognized the necessity for confidential funds in keeping national security and public order, Representative Luistro underscored the need to strike a delicate balance to ensure the integrity of the public financial system and maintain people's trust in the government.

She emphasized that procedural laws must align with substantive laws; and pointed out that currently, there is no substantive law governing the creation, allocation, and use of confidential funds. Instead, she noted that the current practice relies solely on a joint circular from the Commission on Audit, which serves as an operational guideline and is procedural in nature. She explained that the committee-level investigation revealed the significant vulnerability of confidential funds to abuse and mismanagement. Thus, she emphasized the need for a unified framework for the disbursement of public funds that should define confidential funds; provide disbursement and auditing procedures; penalize abuse, misuse, and neglect of the same; upgrade the qualifications of Special Disbursing Officers; and mandate the posting of sufficient fidelity bond enough to secure and protect the total amount of public funds.

In closing, Representative Luistro urged the Body to urgently act on the necessary legal options that will safeguard public funds and ensure that the government's confidential operations are effective, transparent, and accountable. She also noted that her speech was delivered in anticipation of relevant House bills which will be filed by the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability.

MANIFESTATION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER ALBANO

Thereupon, Deputy Speaker Albano manifested his intent to be a coauthor of the anticipated measures mentioned by Representative Luistro.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE LUISTRO

On motion of Representative Tan (K.M.), there being no objection, the Body approved to refer the privilege speech of Representative Luistro to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

SUSPENSION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR

On motion of Representative Tan (K.M.), there being no objection, the Body suspended the Privilege Hour.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Tan (K.M.), the Chair suspended the session at 4:59 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:04 p.m.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1297 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 10755

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Tan (K.M.), there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 10755 contained in Committee Report No. 1297 as submitted by the Committee on Trade and Industry.

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 Record of the House; and upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the title of the Bill, to wit:

AN ACT LIBERALIZING THE LEASE OF
LANDS BY FOREIGN INVESTORS,
ESTABLISHING THE STABILITY OF LONG-
TERM LEASE CONTRACTS, AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT

NO. 7652, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
“INVESTORS’ LEASE ACT.”

On motion of Representative Tan, the Chair recognized Rep. Ferjenel G. Biron, Chairperson of the Committee on Trade and Industry, for his sponsorship speech.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE BIRON

At the outset, Representative Biron stated that House Bill No. 10755, a consolidation of several House Bills, seeks to amend Republic Act No. 7652 or the “Investors’ Lease Act,” which was passed in June 1993 in order to promote the Philippines as a top investment destination, foster economic growth, create jobs, and improve the overall investment climate in the country.

He identified the Bill’s salient provisions such as (1) liberalizing land lease policies for foreign investors by extending the maximum lease period from 75 to 99 years, making the Philippines more competitive in attracting foreign direct investments (FDIs); (2) allowing foreign investors to use lease contracts as collateral, sublet leased land; and (3) improving business liquidity.

Representative Biron further explained that the Bill responds to the growing demand for longer lease terms and aims to support capital-intensive investments, particularly in energy infrastructure. He emphasized the urgency of these amendments to boost the economy, noting that the Philippines lags behind ASEAN neighbors in attracting FDIs. He urged the Body to support the immediate approval of the Bill to enhance the country’s investment climate and economic growth.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Tan (K.M.), the Chair suspended the session at 5:13 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:13 p.m.

Upon resumption of session, on motion of Representative Tan (K.M.), the Chair recognized Representative Rodriguez for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE RODRIGUEZ (R.)

To his colleague’s initial query, Representative Biron agreed that Congress should pass bills to amend the economic provisions of the 1987 Constitution. Representative Rodriguez pointed out that the Senate has not acted on any constitutional amendments, and suggested that the proposal to extend lease terms to 99 years could be the best alternative to attract more foreign investments, to which Representative Biron concurred, noting that this compromise was necessary due to the Senate’s inaction.

Representative Rodriguez expressed his strong support for the Bill; requested to be made a coauthor of the Bill; and signified his intent to propose amendments at the proper time, to include agroforestry and ecological preservation in the Bill’s coverage to attract more investments. As Representative Biron agreed in principle to the proposed amendments, Representative Rodriguez pledged to present them during the period of amendments and mentioned that the Federation for Economic Freedom supported these additions.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 10755

On motion of Representative Tan (K.M.), there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 10755.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Tan (K.M.), there being no objection, the Chair suspended the session until three o’clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, December 11, 2024.

It was 5:20 p.m. of Tuesday, December 10, 2024.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:00 p.m. of Wednesday, December 11, 2024, the session resumed with Deputy Speaker Antonio “Tonypet” T. Albano presiding.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Raul Angelo “Jil” D. Bongalon, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Additional 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, Message from the President, Message from the Senate, Communications, and Committee Reports, which were referred to the appropriate committees or consigned to the Archives as indicated hereunder:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 11183, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO GOVERNMENT HEALTH WORKERS AND ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS FACING CHARGES ARISING FROM THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Sakaluran
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 11184, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND NON-TEACHING PERSONNEL FACING CHARGES ARISING FROM THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Sakaluran
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 11187, titled:

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10586, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “AN ACT PENALIZING PERSONS DRIVING

UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL, DANGEROUS DRUGS, AND SIMILAR SUBSTANCES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Reyes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 2115, titled:

A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING HONORABLE JUSTICE FERNANDA LAMPAS-PERALTA AS THE NEW PRESIDING JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS

By Representative Pleyto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Resolution No. 2116, titled:

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN THE ILLEGAL OPERATIONS OF PHILIPPINE OFFSHORE GAMING OPERATORS (POGO) IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE

By Representative Dujali
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2117, titled:

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PHP11-BILLION WORTH OF EXPIRED DRUGS, MEDICINES AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) WAREHOUSES AND HEALTH FACILITIES WITHOUT BEING UTILIZED, RESULTING IN WASTAGE OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF EXACTING IMMEDIATE ACCOUNTABILITY, CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TO PREVENT THE RECURRENCE OF SUCH INCIDENTS, AND SYSTEMIC REFORMS IN THE PROCUREMENT, STORAGE, AND DISTRIBUTION OF THESE

ESSENTIAL MEDICINES AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES THAT CAN SAVE MILLIONS OF FILIPINO LIVES

By Representative Lee
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

OF ASIA (BFA) U12 CHAMPIONSHIP IN MATSUYAMA, JAPAN

By Representative Barba
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 2118, titled:

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE MS. MERCY SUNOT, LEAD VOCALIST OF THE AEGIS BAND, AND COMMEMORATING HER EXEMPLARY LIFE AND LEGACY IN MUSIC INDUSTRY

By Representative Suan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2123, titled:

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING ILOCOS NORTE LADY SMASHERS FOR WINNING THE 2024 BATANG PINOY BEACH VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

By Representative Barba
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 2119, titled:

A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING JUSTICE GENER M. GITO AS THE NEW ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SANDIGANBAYAN

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Resolution No. 2124, titled:

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE HIGH INCIDENCE OF CERVICAL AND BREAST CANCER IN THE PHILIPPINES

By Representative Co (Angelica Natasha)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2120, titled:

A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING JUDGE J. ERMIN ERNEST LOUIE MIGUEL AS THE NEW ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SANDIGANBAYAN

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Resolution No. 2125, titled:

A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE SENSELESS KILLING OF A COMELEC ELECTION OFFICER IN THE PROVINCE OF LANAODEL NORTE AND DEMANDING THE IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION OF ELECTION-RELATED VIOLENCE

By Representative Dimaporo (Mohamad Khalid)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2121, titled:

A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING UNDERSECRETARY GILBERTO DC CRUZ FOR BEING ONE OF THIS YEAR'S AWARDEES OF "THE OUTSTANDING FILIPINO AWARD" (TOFIL) 2024

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 2126, titled:

A RESOLUTION IMPLORING THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED), TO LOOK INTO AND ASSIST THE PAMANTASAN NG LUNGSOD NG MAYNILA (PLM), WHICH IS IN DIRE FINANCIAL SITUATION, AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE NON-PAYMENT / NON-REIMBURSEMENT OF ADJUSTED TUITION AND OTHER LABORATORY FEES, AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES

By Representatives Valeriano, Dionisio, Chua, Maceda, Tieng and Abante
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Resolution No. 2122, titled:

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING GERICK JOHN FLORES FOR HIS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AS A MYTHICAL AWARDEE FOR MOST STOLEN BASES IN THE 11TH BASEBALL FEDERATION

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

06 December 2024

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
and Members of the House of Representatives
House of Representatives
Batasan Hills, Quezon City

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with the administration's thrust to help sustain the significant impact achieved in enhancing the livelihood of our rice farmers, ensuring food security, and attaining a productive rice industry, I sign into law RA No. 12078, entitled:

**"AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8178 OR THE
'AGRICULTURAL TARIFFICATION ACT', AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 11203."**

The passage of the bill, which seeks to further amend Republic Act (RA) No. 8178,¹ as amended by RA No. 11203,² by introducing additional terms, strengthening regulatory functions, empowering Presidential prerogative in case of rice shortage, and increasing the rice fund, is a step toward improving the capacity of the Government to respond to food security issues concerning the rice staple. The Act mandates the registration and inspection of rice storage facilities and the analysis of rice trading activities to ensure compliance with standards, rules, and regulations. It also authorizes the Department of Agriculture to declare a rice emergency due to supply shortage or extraordinary increase in prices, and the President to suspend or prohibit importation, whenever there is an excessive supply of imported or local rice. Finally, it extends the *Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund* to 2031 and increases its annual appropriation to thirty billion pesos (₱30,000,000,000.00).

I am grateful to both houses of Congress in their efforts in timely crafting the amending law in order for the country to continue reaping the benefits of a robust and

¹ *An Act Replacing Quantitative Import Restrictions on Agricultural Products, except Rice, with Tariffs, Creating the Agricultural Competitiveness Enhancement Fund, and for Other Purposes*, dated 28 March 1996.

² *An Act Liberalizing the Importation, Exportation and Trading of Rice, Lifting for the Purpose the Quantitative Import Restriction on Rice, and for other Purposes*, dated 14 February 2019.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

resilient rice industry. Nonetheless, with much consternation, I feel that certain provisions of the bill may bring unfavorable results than their perceived benefits.

As such, I am constrained to veto a provision in Section 2 of the measure, which introduces a new Section 6(c), and a portion in Section 5 of the same bill, which amends Section 13, now Section 16(c)(2), of the *Agricultural Tariffication Act* as these may be inconsistent with the principles of sound public fiscal management.

In particular, the setting aside of an amount of five billion pesos from the current unutilized portion of the Department of Agriculture's annual budget to be credited to the rice buffer fund runs against the directive in Section 44 of Executive Order No. 292,³ which states that all accruing income of agencies shall be deposited in the National Treasury and shall be part of the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund of the Government. In the same vein, the provision involving an excess amount of not more than two billion pesos from the annual tariff income from rice importation collected by the Bureau of Customs to be credited to the same buffer fund, instead of reverting to the National Treasury, also proves to be inconsistent with the general principles of National Government Budgeting.

Under Section 27(2), Article VI of the 1987 Constitution, "[t]he President shall have the power to veto any particular item or items in an appropriation, revenue, or tariff bill, but the veto shall not affect the item or items to which he does not object."

As such, I hereby register the line veto of Sections 2 and 5 of the measure, which was intended to further amend the aforementioned provisions of the *Agricultural Tariffication Act*, which will now read as follows:

"SEC. 2. New Sections 5 and 6 are hereby inserted after Section 4 of Republic Act No. 8178, as amended by Republic Act No. 11203, to read as follows:

'SEC. 5. *Strengthening the Regulatory Function of the Department of Agriculture (DA)*. – The DA, through the Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI), is hereby authorized to:

- (a)xxx;
- (b)xxx; and
- (c)xxx.

The DA-BPI shall xxx.

Upon the request of xxx.

³ *Administrative Code of 1987*.

SEC. 6. *Powers of the DA on Rice Price Stabilization and Supply Regulation.* – The DA Secretary, upon the recommendation of the National Price Coordinating Council (NPCC), shall declare a food security emergency on rice due to supply shortage or extraordinary increase in prices.

The NPCC shall xxx.

- (a) xxx:
 - (1) xxx; and
 - (2) xxx;
- (b) xxx; or
- (c) xxx.

The DA shall maintain a buffer fund for food security emergencies on rice. ~~For this purpose, the amount of Five billion pesos (P5,000,000,000.00) from any current unutilized portion of the DA budget shall not revert to the National Treasury but shall instead be credited to the buffer fund: Provided, That any excess in the annual tariff collection from the importation of rice not exceeding Two billion pesos (P2,000,000,000.00) shall be credited to the buffer fund: Provided, further, That the proceeds of the sale under paragraph (a) of this section shall revert to the DA buffer fund.~~

SEC. 5. Section 13 of Republic Act No. 8178, as amended by Republic Act No. 11203, is hereby further amended as follows:

'SEC. 16. Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF). – xxx.

xxx

The amount xxx.

xxx

Subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations, the RCEF shall be allocated and disbursed to rice-producing areas, as follows:



- (a) xxx.
- (b) xxx.
- (c) xxx:
 - (1) xxx;

- (2) Financial assistance to rice farmers tilling up to two (2) hectares of rice land which shall be released to the DA-Office of the Secretary (DA-OSEC) for direct cash distribution to qualified farmers. The DA-OSEC shall devise a mechanism for the distribution of cash assistance which will ensure that all farmers tilling up to two (2) hectares of rice land listed in the Registry System for Basic Sectors in Agriculture (RSBSA) shall directly receive the cash assistance. ~~The BOC is hereby mandated to directly remit the said funds to the DA;~~”

The line veto of the bill’s provisions is in adherence to the Government’s ‘one fund’ policy, where the creation of special funds is discouraged to prevent the reduction of the national revenue, and in upholding fiscal discipline and proper resource allocation.

In any case, I would like to extend my unequivocal admiration to the leadership of the Legislative branch for working together with the Executive in pursuing the common goals for a *Bagong Pilipinas*.

Very truly yours,



Copy furnished:

SEN. FRANCIS “CHIZ” G. ESCUDERO
Senate President
Senate of the Philippines
GSIS Building, Pasay City

SECRETARY MARK LLANDRO L. MENDOZA
Head
Presidential Legislative Liaison Office
2nd Floor, New Executive Building
Malacañang, Manila



MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message dated December 9, 2024, informing the House of Representatives that on even date, the Senate passed the following Senate Bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

Senate Bill No. 2871, titled:

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION, STOCKPILING, AND USE OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS, PROVIDING FOR THEIR DESTRUCTION, IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR; and
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

Senate Bill No. 2797, titled:

AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA AS THE “CULINARY CAPITAL OF THE PHILIPPINES”.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated October 14, 2024 of Michael G. Aguinaldo, Chairperson, Philippine Competition Commission, providing the House of Representatives a copy of their 2023 Annual Report, titled, “Off to a Fast Start”.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Memorandum dated October 30, 2024 of Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr., Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity, Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity, providing the House of Representatives with a copy of their Accomplishment Report for the month of September 2024.
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PEACE, RECONCILIATION AND UNITY

Letter dated October 31, 2024 of Joel Anthony M. Viado, Commissioner, Bureau of Immigration, Department of Justice, submitting to the House of Representatives a copy of their Third Quarter Collection Report for the Express Lane Fee for FY 2024, which was posted on their website.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated November 4, 2024 of Arsenio M. Balisacan, PhD, Secretary, National Economic and Development Authority, submitting to the House of Representatives a copy of their 2023 Progress Report on the Implementation of the Philippine

Innovation Act, titled, “Reshaping the Future, Advancing *Filipinnovation*”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Letter dated November 5, 2024 of Jesus Nathaniel Martin B. Gonzales, Undersecretary for Administration and Finance, Department of Transportation, submitting to the House of Representatives copies of their following reports for the month of October 2024 and informing that the said reports were also submitted online to the Department of Budget and Management through the Unified Reporting System on November 5, 2024:

1. Monthly Report of Disbursements – Fund Clusters 01 and 02; and
2. Monthly Report of Disbursements – Fund Cluster 02 – Working Fund.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated November 8, 2024 of Atty. Septon A. De La Cruz, CESO III, Officer-in-Charge, Catanduanes State University, submitting to the House of Representatives a copy of their Quarterly Physical Report of Operation as of September 30, 2024, which was generated from the Department of Budget and Management through the Unified Reporting System on October 28, 2024.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Letter dated November 12, 2024 of Atty. Marius P. Corpus, Chairperson, Governance Commission for Government Owned or Controlled Corporations, submitting to the House of Representatives a copy of their 2022 Annual Report, titled, “Steering the GOCC Sector into New Horizons”.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated November 18, 2024 of Secretary Mark Llandro L. Mendoza, Presidential Adviser on Legislative Affairs and Head, Presidential Legislative Liaison Office, informing the House of Representatives that their Quarterly Physical Report of Operations as of September 30, 2024 has been submitted through the Department of Budget and Management Unified Reporting System on November 15, 2024.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated November 19, 2024 of Amenah F. Pangandaman, Secretary, Department of Budget and Management, transmitting to the House of Representatives copies of the following reports of

the national government agencies for the quarter ending September 30, 2024, which were posted on their website:

1. Annex A – Consolidated FY 2024 Statement of Appropriations, Allotments, Obligations, Disbursements and Balances;
2. Annex B – Ranking by department from lowest to highest in terms of obligation rate; and
3. Annex C – The status of agencies' compliance in the submission of Statement of Appropriations, Allotments, Obligations, Disbursements and Balances.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated November 27, 2024 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-2024-051 dated 20 November 2024.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letters dated December 6, 2024 of Adrian Carlos A. Bersamin, Undersecretary, Officer-in-Charge, Office of the Executive Secretary, Office of the President, Malacañang, transmitting two (2) original copies each of the following Republic Acts which were signed by President Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos Jr.:

1. R.A. No. 12076, titled:
AN ACT ESTABLISHING EVACUATION CENTERS FOR EVERY CITY AND MUNICIPALITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR; and
2. R.A. No. 12077, titled:
AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MORATORIUM ON THE PAYMENT OF STUDENT LOANS DURING DISASTERS AND OTHER EMERGENCIES.

TO THE ARCHIVES

Letter dated December 6, 2024 of Adrian Carlos A. Bersamin, Undersecretary, Officer-in-Charge, Office of the Executive Secretary, Office of the President, Malacañang, transmitting two (2) original copies of Republic Act No. 12078, titled: AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8178 OR THE "AGRICULTURAL TARIFFICATION ACT", AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11203

which was signed by President Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos Jr., together with his line-veto message.
TO THE ARCHIVES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Report No. 1301, submitted by the Committee on Local Government on H.B. No. 11189, titled:

AN ACT RENAMING BARANGAY NEW ALABANG VILLAGE IN THE CITY OF MUNTINLUPA AS BARANGAY AYALA ALABANG

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 10890

Sponsors: Representatives Sagarbarria and Fresnedi
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 1302, submitted by the Committee on Public Accounts

re: Inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the reported mismanagement and non-compliance with mandated standards by the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF) of the 2023 Hajj pilgrimage and on the utilization of public funds therefor.

informing the House of its findings and recommendations

Sponsors: Representatives Paduano, Balindong, Adiong, Dimaporo (Mohamad Khalid) and Matsura

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS

On successive motions of Reps. Francisco Paolo P. Ortega V and Ramon C. Nolasco Jr., there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the approval on Third Reading of the following House Bills, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on the dates mentioned herein, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the Rules of the House:

Distributed on November 27, 2024:

1. House Bill No. 11039, titled: AN ACT UPGRADING AND CREATING ADDITIONAL POSITIONS IN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT CORPORATE COUNSEL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 878, S. 1983, ENTITLED "REORGANIZING THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT CORPORATE COUNSEL", AS AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 299, S. 1987, ENTITLED "MODIFYING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 878 DATED MARCH 4, 1983"

The Chair then directed the Secretary General to call the Roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a roll call vote was made.

RESULT OF VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abalos	Castro (J.)
Abante	Celeste
Abunda	Cendaña
Acharon	Chan
Acidre	Chatto
Adiong	Chua
Agarao	Chungalao
Alba	Cojuangco (M.)
Almonte	Collantes
Alonte	Corvera
Amante	Cruz (A.)
Ang	Cua
Angara	Cuaresma
Aquino	Dagooc
Aquino-Magsaysay	Dalipe
Arenas	Dalog
Arrogancia	De Jesus
Asistio	de Venecia
Atayde	Defensor
Aumentado	Del Mar
Balindong	Delos Santos
Barba	Dimaporo (M.K.)
Baronda	Dionisio
Bascug	Domingo
Bernos	Dy (F.M.C.)
Billones	Dy (I.P.)
Biron	Ecleo
Bolilia	Emano
Bongalon	Enverga
Bordado	Espares
Bosita	Espina
Briones	Eudela
Brosas	Fariñas
Bulut-Begtang	Ferrer (A.)
Bustos	Ferrer (J.M.)
Cabredo	Flores
Cagas	Fresnedi
Cajayon-Uy	Galeos
Calderon	Garcia (A.)
Calixto	Garcia (D.)
Campos	Garcia (J.A.)
Caoagdan	Gardiola
Cari	Garin
Castro (F.)	Gasataya

Gato	Ordanes
Go (E.C.)	Ortega
Go (M.)	Ouano-Dizon
Gonzales (A.)	Padiernos
Gonzales (N.)	Paduano
Gorriceta	Paglas
Guico	Palma
Gullas	Panaligan
Gutierrez	Pancho
Haresco	Panotes
Hernandez	Pascual
Herrera	Peña
Javier	Pimentel
Kho (O.)	Plaza
Kho (R.)	Pleyto
Kho (W.)	Pumaren
Khonghun	Quimbo
Labadlabad	Regencia
Lacson-Noel	Remulla
Lagon (D.)	Revilla (B.)
Lagon (S.)	Revilla (R.J.)
Lara	Reyes
Lazatin	Rivera
Legarda	Robes
Libanan	Rodriguez (E.)
Limkaichong	Rodriguez (R.)
Loyola	Roman
Luistro	Romualdez (F.M.)
Lumayag	Romualdez (Y.M.)
Macapagal-Arroyo	Romualdo
Maceda	Romulo
Madrona	Roque
Malapitan	Sacdalan
Mangaoang	Sakaluran
Maniquiz	Salimbangon
Manuel	Salo
Marañon	Saulog
Marcos	Silverio
Mariano-Hernandez	Singson-Meehan
Marquez	Solon
Mastura	Suan
Matibag	Suarez
Matugas	Tallado
Mercado	Tamayo
Miguel	Tambunting
Momo	Tan (J.)
Morden	Tan (K.M.)
Nava	Tan (S.)
Nisay	Tanchay
Nogralles	Tarriela
Nolasco	Teodoro
Oaminal	Teves
Olaso	Tieng
Olivarez	Tulfo (E.)

Tulfo (J.)	Villaraza-Suarez
Tulfo (R.W.)	Yamsuan
Tutor	Yap (C.)
Ty	Yap (Edvic)
Umali	Yap (Eric)
Unabia	Yu (D.G.)
Uy	Yu (J.V.)
Valeriano	Yulo
Valmayor	Zamora (A.M.)
Veloso-Tuazon	Zamora (M.C.)
Verzosa	Zamora (Y.M.)

Negative:

None

Abstention:

None

With 218 affirmative votes, zero negative votes, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 11039.

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS

(Continuation)

Distributed on November 27, 2024:

2. House Bill No. 10637, titled: AN ACT DECLARING THE BINADLAN FALLS, LOCATED IN BARANGAY BIAO, MUNICIPALITY OF BINALBAGAN, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, AN ECOTOURISM SITE
3. House Bill No. 11109, titled: AN ACT DECLARING THE BATAG LIGHTHOUSE STATION, LOCATED IN BARANGAY MARUBAY, BATAG ISLAND, MUNICIPALITY OF LAOANG, PROVINCE OF NORTHERN SAMAR, A TOURISM DESTINATION

Distributed on December 5, 2024:

4. House Bill No. 11125, titled: AN ACT REVISING THE TECHNICAL DESCRIPTIONS OF FORESHORE LAND AREAS COVERED BY THE BALANGA WETLAND AND NATURE PARK ECOTOURISM ZONE, LOCATED IN BARANGAY TORTUGAS, CITY OF BALANGA, PROVINCE OF

BATAAN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11365, ENTITLED, “AN ACT DECLARING THE BALANGA WETLAND AND NATURE PARK LOCATED IN BARANGAY TORTUGAS, CITY OF BALANGA, PROVINCE OF BATAAN AS A RESPONSIBLE, COMMUNITY-BASED ECOTOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

5. House Bill No. 11128, titled: AN ACT DECLARING BARANGAY RUBAS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JARO, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, AN ECOTOURISM DESTINATION

The Chair then directed the Secretary General to call the Roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a roll call vote was made.

RESULT OF VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abalos	Bongalon
Abante	Bordado
Abunda	Bosita
Acharon	Briones
Acidre	Bulut-Begtang
Adiong	Bustos
Agarao	Cabredo
Alba	Cagas
Almonte	Cajayon-Uy
Alonte	Calderon
Amante	Calixto
Ang	Campos
Angara	Caoagdan
Aquino	Cari
Aquino-Magsaysay	Castro (J.)
Arenas	Celeste
Arrogancia	Cendaña
Asistio	Chan
Atayde	Chatto
Aumentado	Chua
Balindong	Chungalao
Barba	Cojuangco (M.)
Baronda	Collantes
Bascug	Corvera
Bernos	Cruz (A.)
Billones	Cua
Biron	Cuaresma
Bolilia	Dagooc

Dalipe	Libanan	Rodriguez (R.)	Teves
Dalog	Limkaichong	Roman	Tieng
De Jesus	Loyola	Romualdez (F.M.)	Tulfo (E.)
de Venecia	Luistro	Romualdez (Y.M.)	Tulfo (J.)
Defensor	Lumayag	Romualdo	Tulfo (R.W.)
Del Mar	Macapagal-Arroyo	Romulo	Tutor
Delos Santos	Maceda	Roque	Ty
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Madrona	Sacdalan	Umali
Dionisio	Malapitan	Sakaluran	Unabia
Domingo	Mangaoang	Salimbangon	Uy
Dy (F.M.C.)	Maniquiz	Salo	Valeriano
Dy (I.P.)	Marañon	Saulog	Valmayor
Ecleo	Marcos	Silverio	Vargas-Alfonso
Emano	Mariano-Hernandez	Singson-Meehan	Veloso-Tuazon
Enverga	Marquez	Solon	Verzosa
Espares	Mastura	Suan	Villaraza-Suarez
Espina	Matibag	Suarez	Yamsuan
Eudela	Matugas	Tallado	Yap (C.)
Fariñas	Mercado	Tamayo	Yap (Edvic)
Ferrer (A.)	Miguel	Tambunting	Yap (Eric)
Ferrer (J.M.)	Momo	Tan (J.)	Yu (D.G.)
Flores	Morden	Tan (K.M.)	Yu (J.V.)
Fresnedi	Nava	Tan (S.)	Yulo
Galeos	Nisay	Tanchay	Zamora (A.M.)
Garcia (A.)	Nograles	Tarriela	Zamora (M.C.)
Garcia (D.)	Nolasco	Teodoro	Zamora (Y.M.)
Garcia (J.A.)	Oaminal		
Gardiola	Olaso	<i>Negative:</i>	
Garin	Olivarez	None	
Gasataya	Ordanes		
Gato	Ortega	<i>Abstention:</i>	
Go (E.C.)	Ouano-Dizon		
Go (M.)	Padiernos		
Gonzales (A.)	Paduano	Brosas	Manuel
Gonzales (N.)	Paglas	Castro (F.)	
Gorriceta	Palma		
Guico	Panaligan		
Gullas	Pancho		
Gutierrez	Panotes		
Haresco	Pascual		
Hernandez	Peña		
Herrera	Pimentel		
Javier	Plaza		
Kho (O.)	Pleyto		
Kho (R.)	Pumaren		
Kho (W.)	Quimbo		
Khonghun	Regencia		
Labadlabad	Remulla		
Lacson-Noel	Revilla (B.)		
Lagon (D.)	Revilla (R.J.)		
Lagon (S.)	Reyes		
Lara	Rivera		
Lazatin	Robes		
Legarda	Rodriguez (E.)		

With 216 affirmative votes, zero negative votes, and three abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading the aforementioned House Bills.

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS

(Continuation)

Distributed on November 27, 2024:

- House Bill No. 11105, titled: AN ACT DECLARING THE IMMEDIATE ENVIRONS OF THE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE SALVACION CHURCH, LOCATED IN BARANGAY NAPOTIOCAN, MUNICIPALITY OF LAOANG, PROVINCE OF NORTHERN SAMAR, A TOURISM DESTINATION

7. House Bill No. 11106, titled: AN ACT DECLARING THE PINIPISAKAN FALLS, LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAS NAVAS, PROVINCE OF NORTHERN SAMAR, A TOURISM DESTINATION
8. House Bill No. 11107, titled: AN ACT DECLARING THE BATAG LIGHTHOUSE STATION, LOCATED IN BARANGAY MARUBAY, BATAG ISLAND, MUNICIPALITY OF LAOANG, PROVINCE OF NORTHERN SAMAR, A TOURISM DESTINATION
9. House Bill No. 11110, titled: AN ACT DECLARING SITIO TIMOGA, LOCATED IN BARANGAY BURU-UN, CITY OF ILIGAN, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE, A TOURISM ZONE

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| Balindong | Espina |
| Barba | Eudela |
| Baronda | Fariñas |
| Bascug | Ferrer (A.) |
| Bernos | Ferrer (J.M.) |
| Billones | Flores |
| Biron | Fresnedi |
| Bolilia | Galeos |
| Bongalon | Garcia (A.) |
| Bordado | Garcia (D.) |
| Bosita | Garcia (J.A.) |
| Briones | Gardiola |
| Brosas | Garin |
| Bulut-Begtang | Gasataya |
| Bustos | Gato |
| Cabredo | Go (E.C.) |
| Cagas | Go (M.) |
| Cajayon-Uy | Gonzales (A.) |
| Calderon | Gonzales (N.) |
| Calixto | Gorriceta |
| Campos | Guico |
| Caoagdan | Gullas |
| Cari | Gutierrez |
| Castro (F.) | Haresco |
| Castro (J.) | Hernandez |
| Celeste | Herrera |
| Cendaña | Javier |
| Chan | Kho (O.) |
| Chatto | Kho (R.) |
| Chua | Kho (W.) |
| Chungalao | Khonghun |
| Cojuangco (M.) | Labadlabad |
| Collantes | Lacson-Noel |
| Corvera | Lagon (D.) |
| Cruz (A.) | Lagon (S.) |
| Cua | Lara |
| Cuaresma | Lazatin |
| Dagooc | Legarda |
| Dalipe | Libanan |
| Dalog | Limkaichong |
| De Jesus | Loyola |
| de Venecia | Luistro |
| Defensor | Lumayag |
| Del Mar | Macapagal-Arroyo |
| Delos Santos | Maceda |
| Dimaporo (M.K.) | Madrona |
| Dionisio | Malapitan |
| Domingo | Mangaoang |
| Dy (F.M.C.) | Maniquiz |
| Dy (I.P.) | Manuel |
| Ecleo | Marañon |
| Emano | Marcos |
| Enverga | Mariano-Hernandez |
| Espares | Marquez |

Distributed on December 5, 2024:

10. House Bill No. 11126, titled: AN ACT DECLARING THE ONAY BEACH, LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAOANG, PROVINCE OF NORTHERN SAMAR, A TOURISM DESTINATION
11. House Bill No. 11129, titled: AN ACT DECLARING THE HUNDRED ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF ALAMINOS, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN, A TOURISM ZONE

The Chair then directed the Secretary General to call the Roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a roll call vote was made.

RESULT OF VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

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| Abalos | Amante |
| Abante | Ang |
| Abunda | Angara |
| Acharon | Aquino |
| Acidre | Aquino-Magsaysay |
| Adiong | Arenas |
| Agarao | Arrogancia |
| Alba | Asistio |
| Almonte | Atayde |
| Alonte | Aumentado |

Mastura	Sacdalan
Matibag	Sakaluran
Matugas	Salimbangon
Mercado	Salo
Miguel	Saulog
Momo	Silverio
Morden	Singson-Meehan
Nava	Solon
Nisay	Suan
Nograles	Suarez
Nolasco	Tallado
Oaminal	Tamayo
Olaso	Tambunting
Olivarez	Tan (J.)
Ordanes	Tan (K.M.)
Ortega	Tan (S.)
Ouano-Dizon	Tanchay
Padiernos	Tarriela
Paduano	Teodoro
Paglas	Teves
Palma	Tieng
Panaligan	Tulfo (E.)
Pancho	Tulfo (J.)
Panotes	Tulfo (R.W.)
Pascual	Tutor
Peña	Ty
Pimentel	Umali
Plaza	Unabia
Pleyto	Uy
Pumaren	Valeriano
Quimbo	Valmayor
Regencia	Vargas-Alfonso
Remulla	Veloso-Tuazon
Revilla (B.)	Verzosa
Revilla (R.J.)	Villaraza-Suarez
Reyes	Yamsuan
Rivera	Yap (C.)
Robes	Yap (Edvic)
Rodriguez (E.)	Yap (Eric)
Rodriguez (R.)	Yu (D.G.)
Roman	Yu (J.V.)
Romualdez (F.M.)	Yulo
Romualdez (Y.M.)	Zamora (A.M.)
Romualdo	Zamora (M.C.)
Romulo	Zamora (Y.M.)
Roque	

Negative:

None

Abstention:

None

With 219 affirmative votes, zero negative votes, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading the aforementioned House Bills.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Upon the request of Rep. Amparo Maria J. Zamora, the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Jose “Bong” J. Teves Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1297 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 10755

On motion of Representative Zamora (A.M.), there being no objection, the Body resumed the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 10755 contained in Committee Report No. 1297 as reported out by the Committee on Trade and Industry.

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

AN ACT LIBERALIZING THE LEASE OF LANDS BY FOREIGN INVESTORS, ESTABLISHING THE STABILITY OF LONG-TERM LEASE CONTRACTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7652, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “INVESTORS’ LEASE ACT.”

Representative Zamora stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate; and on her successive motions, the Chair then recognized Rep. Ferjenel G. Biron, Chairperson of the Committee on Trade and Industry, to sponsor the measure and Rep. Arlene D. Brosas for her interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS

Representative Brosas initially inquired whether the proposed amendment in the Bill to extend the aggregate period of the lease contract of foreign investors from 50 years to 99 years was not violative of the 1987 Constitution which stipulates that foreigners are generally not allowed to own land in the Philippines and whether the Bill was, in effect, allowing them to own and not merely lease the land considering that 99 years is a lifetime. Representative Biron stated that the Bill clearly defines a lease agreement and never contemplated that the lessee will own the land. He further explained that the 99-year lease agreement is

a tradition across Southeast Asia and was largely an American invention that would allow the successor or the leasehold estate to ensure that the business would continue within the lease period.

Further citing exceptions on foreigners allowed to own land such as hereditary succession, Representative Brosas pointed out that the restrictions on foreign land ownership are intended to protect the country's resources for Filipinos and violations thereof can have serious legal consequences. She then asked the compelling reason why there is the need to change the number of years on the lease of land stipulated in the Constitution. Representative Biron stated that ownership is different from lease agreements and cited the difference between the rights of owners and lessees. He clarified that the proposed measure is only confined to lease agreements for the long term not exceeding 99 years.

As Representative Brosas expressed apprehension with the Bill's inclusion of agricultural endeavors, Representative Biron stated that one of the reasons the Philippines has minimal foreign direct investments (FDIs) was the duration of lease agreements. In reply to the succeeding query, he confirmed that no ASEAN country allows foreign ownership or lease of land except for Malaysia but with prohibitions on heritage buildings, agricultural lands, and housing projects.

To Representative Brosas' succeeding queries, Representative Biron shared that there was a comprehensive discussion at the committee level about protection of the country's resources for Filipinos when the committee considered extending the foreign land lease period by confining the lease to private properties including patrimonial properties managed by investment promotion agencies (IPAs).

As Representative Brosas asked whether to open the country further to foreign investors, with existing laws such as Republic Act (R.A.) No. 11534 or the Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives for Enterprises (CREATE) Act and R.A. No. 12066 or the Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives for Enterprises to Maximize Opportunities for Reinvigorating the Economy (CREATE MORE) would either lead to long-term benefits for Filipinos or would only benefit foreigners, Representative Biron responded that those laws were designed primarily to attract both foreign and domestic investments, offer tax incentives, and generate domestic investments. He explained that the goal is to bring in foreign expertise and technology, which the Philippines lacks, and to make the country

more globally competitive. However, Representative Brosas reiterated concerns about the actual outcomes of these laws, particularly regarding job quality and wage conditions for Filipino workers.

Representative Brosas next adverted to Section 5-A of the Bill which would allow foreign lessees to sublease land, potentially giving foreigners excessive control over land they do not own. She opined that foreign investors could lease land, including agricultural lands awarded to agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs), and sublease it to another, thereby undermining the control of local farmers. Representative Biron clarified that subleasing is allowed only with the landowner's consent and emphasized that agricultural lands leased to foreign investors would be used strictly for agricultural activities to ensure food security.

For her part, Representative Brosas expressed her worry about the potential impact on ARBs which, she said, contradicted the food security mentioned by the Sponsor. Representative Biron assured that the farmer-beneficiaries would not be deprived of the right to use and farm their lands. He argued that large-scale agricultural investments could help improve competitiveness and lower production costs, benefiting the agriculture sector.

To Representative Brosas' opinion that the lease agreements may lead to land grabbing and worsen the farmworkers' situation, as they might not receive fair compensation or have the protection they need, especially when lease durations are extended, Representative Biron assured that multinational companies will not force farmers to lease their land; the lease agreements will be negotiated with fair market values and that the terms considered inflation, currency exchange rates, and other economic factors to ensure that the farmworkers and landowners are not shortchanged.

Representative Brosas emphasized, however, that the situation is not always as favorable for farmworkers, especially those under the collective Certificate of Land Ownership Awards who are still struggling and will not significantly profit from such deals. She also highlighted additional issues such as disputes over freedom of assembly, strikes, and a general lack of understanding among farmworkers about the agreements they enter into. She stressed that the Bill's inclusion of agricultural land matters is contentious, particularly because it directly affects the farmworkers and ARBs who may be disadvantaged by such agreements.

Thereupon, Representative Brosas sought clarification on the definition of “private lands” covered by the proposed measure, particularly regarding the inclusion of properties managed by IPAs, which are typically government agencies overseeing special economic zones and other development areas across the country. She pointed out that many of these properties are public, and not private lands. She then inquired whether the Bill’s inclusion of said lands would allow foreign investors to lease government-managed properties, some of which, she opined, are under the guise of private lands. Representative Biron explained that the provision is based on existing regulations and has been included in the amendment of R.A No. 7652 or the Investors’ Lease Act. He confirmed that the expanded definition of public lands was already part of existing law and adopted into House Bill No. 10755.

In closing, Representative Brosas manifested her strong opposition to further liberalizing foreign land leasing, particularly the proposal to extend the lease period to 99 years. She argued that such policy will harm Filipinos, especially local farmers and agricultural workers whose current struggles, she shared, include landlessness, displacement due to militarization, and the inability of farmers to reclaim or maintain their lands due to lack of support which, she said, could be exacerbated by allowing foreigners to take control of land that should benefit Filipino citizens.

In response, Representative Biron clarified that the 99-year lease term is not mandatory but rather a maximum duration for leasehold agreements. He emphasized that such agreements are consensual and that the duration can be shortened if both parties agree.

As a rejoinder, Representative Brosas expressed concern about the broader implications of such policies to the country’s current situation and the Filipino people.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Ed Christopher S. Go, the Chair recognized Rep. France L. Castro for her interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE CASTRO (F.)

As she initially referred to Section 7, Article XII of the 1987 Constitution which prohibits foreign ownership of land, Representative Castro argued that the 99-year lease term could circumvent said restriction and effectively allow foreigners to control and own land, which she viewed as a form of selling land to

foreigners. She pointed out that the Constitution allows a lease term of up to 50 years and questioned the need for such a long lease period.

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Albano relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Yasser Alonto Balindong.

While he agreed that foreign ownership is prohibited in the Constitution, Representative Biron clarified that the proposed measure does not allow foreign ownership of land but only extends the lease term to a maximum of 99 years. He stressed that it is still not the same as the lessor or the landowner retains superior rights over the lessee and if the lessee violates the terms of the lease, the lessor can reclaim the property. He also affirmed that the lease can be terminated if the lessee breaches the agreement, but ownership remains with the lessor.

Deputy Speaker Balindong relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Albano.

To Representative Castro’s further query on the constitutionality of the Bill, Representative Biron clarified that it adheres to constitutional limitations, specifically regarding agricultural lands, which would be leased out for agroforestry, where gestation periods are significantly longer, thus justifying the extended lease term of up to 99 years. However, Representative Castro raised concerns about the absence of limitations in terms of hectareage on leases to private entities, as it could potentially disadvantage small farmers.

Subsequently, Representatives Castro and Biron discussed the inclusion of public lands in the Bill. Representative Biron clarified that the proposed measure applies solely to lands of the private domain which, under its expanded definition, covers patrimonial properties of the State that are owned, held, controlled, supervised, managed, and administered by IPAs, such as economic zones.

Representative Castro then emphasized that the equitable distribution of wealth, as mandated by the Constitution, should be the primary consideration in any land legislation. Additionally, she pointed out the displacement of indigenous peoples from their ancestral domains.

In response to Representative Castro’s subsequent query about the potential land area to be leased out, Representative Biron acknowledged that he did not have the specific data. However, he emphasized that the measure aims to make the country competitive enough

to attract foreign investors. In response, Representative Castro opined that low foreign investments are rather attributable to poor infrastructure and business environment and noted that economic growth resulting from FDIs should benefit across sectors and regions in the country.

Representative Biron agreed with Representative Castro that attracting FDIs is dependent on various factors as he pointed out that the Bill is not a magic bullet that will give the Philippines the highest ranking or incentive in bringing FDIs but said that the approval of the measure would improve the country's FDIs to become more competitive with its ASEAN neighbors.

As both Members agreed that land is the biggest natural resource of the country and therefore important to the Filipino people as such should be protected by the government, Representative Castro asked whether the Sponsor believes that allowing lease agreements to foreigners would dilute or weaken the government's control over these lands. Representative Biron responded that any lease agreement is governed by a contract and the lessee has the right to manage said property. He added that any violation of any of the provisions contained in the contract will effectively terminate its effectiveness and control would automatically go back to the owner. He also cited the provisions and safeguards contained in the agreement that would protect the rights of the owner in case of failure of the lessee to comply therewith.

On the next query of the interpellator regarding Section 2, Article XII of the Constitution which states that the State has full control and supervision of the country's natural resources and alienable lands, Representative Biron stated that when the land is leased for a period of a maximum of 99 years, it is governed by the provisions of the lease agreement or the reason the land should be leased out.

On succeeding queries of Representative Castro, Representative Biron said that the government can intervene in case there is a violation in the use of the land that is subject to environmental laws to ensure sustainable ecology; and stated that the Bill also allows leasing the land to be used for social services and by educational institutions. They also discussed how the Bill would ensure the creation of jobs for Filipinos, especially in the medical field through the creation of foreign hospitals and medical facilities and whether this would lessen the opportunity for local investors to invest considering that they are competing with big foreign investors. Representative Biron stated that leasing rates

are subject to fair market value and the projection rate will depend on the tenure of the lease agreement.

Representative Castro raised concerns about the Bill, particularly regarding foreign ownership of land through long-term leases. She cited a Supreme Court decision that declared certain land lease agreements with an option to buy as a form of "virtual sale," which violates the Constitution's prohibition against foreign ownership of land. She argued that long leases such as the proposed 99-year lease, could indirectly transfer ownership to foreigners, especially if combined with options for the lessee to acquire the property later. Representative Castro opined that such arrangements might circumvent constitutional restrictions on foreign land ownership.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, upon the request of Representative Go (E.C.), the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Representative Brosas.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Go, the Chair next recognized Rep. Raoul Danniell A. Manuel for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE MANUEL

Representative Manuel questioned whether lands managed by IPAs could be classified as agricultural, noting that the Constitution only allows agricultural lands to be alienable. As Representative Biron clarified that lands managed by IPAs currently do not include agricultural lands and such lands are classified based on the laws that created ecozones or for other specific purposes, Representative Manuel expressed concerns about agricultural land potentially being reclassified for commercial use such as ecozones, which could lead to long-term leases including up to 99 years.

On his colleague's query regarding the process for public land to be classified as the patrimonial property of the State, Representative Biron explained that this classification requires legislation. Representative Manuel maintained that even though lands classified as patrimonial properties are managed privately, they remain part of public domain and should be subject to constitutional restrictions. He also emphasized that lands managed by IPAs should still be governed by the constitutional limit on lease terms for public lands with a period of 25 years, renewable for another 25 years. Representative Manuel also argued that

redefining public lands as private, especially by including patrimonial properties, could allow for longer lease periods that may primarily benefit foreign investors, rather than serving the broader economic interests of the Filipino people. As Representative Biron responded that reclassification is for specific purposes, with legislation ensuring that these lands are no longer retained for public service or national wealth development, Representative Manuel expressed concern that economic gains from such lands might benefit foreign investors instead of the Filipino people.

Representative Manuel opined that the lease term extension of up to 99 years would undermine the interests of the Filipino people, particularly regarding the 1987 Constitution which limits land lease durations to 25 years and renewable for another 25 years. He stressed that the expanded definition of “private lands” might be constitutionally challenged if the proposed measure becomes a law. He highlighted the risks of granting foreign corporations too much economic and political powers, arguing that such long leases could empower these corporations to dominate over local interests. He then asked how the Bill would ensure that land remains accessible to Filipinos, particularly the poor, ARBs, and the homeless, without foreign investors overpowering them.

Representative Biron explained that the land proposed in the Bill is meant for industrialization and technological projects, not housing projects. He assured that the government is aggressively addressing the housing shortage to solve 90 percent of the deficiency by 2028. He also emphasized the need for technology-driven initiatives to boost agriculture and other industries.

Representative Manuel stressed that successful nations ensure food security through genuine agrarian reform, protecting farmers and the poor in having access to land. He expressed apprehension that the proposed measure could exacerbate the country’s import dependence and undermine food security by making agricultural lands vulnerable to conversion for industrial use, especially with longer lease terms for foreign investors.

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

There being no other Members who wished to interpellate the Sponsor, on successive motions of Representative Nolasco, there being no objection, the

Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on House Bill No. 10755; and thereafter, proceeded to the period of amendments.

PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Nolasco, there being no objection, the Body approved the committee amendments as contained in Committee Report No. 1297.

Thereafter, the Body proceeded to the consideration of individual amendments; and on motion of Representative Nolasco, the Chair recognized Rep. Mark O. Go to introduce his individual amendments.

AMENDMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVE GO (M.)

As proposed by Representative Go and accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body approved to amend Sections 1, 2, 5, and 8 of House Bill No. 10755.

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no other amendments, on motion of Representative Nolasco, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of amendments.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 10755, AS AMENDED

On further motion of Representative Nolasco, there being no objection, the Body approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 10755, as amended, through *viva voce* voting.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1256 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 11093

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Nolasco, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 11093 contained in Committee Report No. 1256 as reported out by the Committees on Ecology, and Ways and Means.

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 Record of the House; and upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the title of the Bill, to wit:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT SYSTEM.

On motion of Representative Nolasco, the Chair recognized Rep. Marlyn “Len” B. Alonte, Chairperson of the Committee on Ecology, for her sponsorship speech.

**SPONSORSHIP SPEECH
OF REPRESENTATIVE ALONTE**

Representative Alonte presented House Bill No. 11093 which aims to address the limitations of the current Environmental Impact Statement System (EISS) under Presidential Decree No. 1586 of 1978. She stated that the proposed measure seeks to create a comprehensive Environmental Assessment System (EAS) to identify, evaluate, and mitigate the potential adverse impacts of policies, programs, or projects on the environment, public health, and socio-economy. She relayed that it consists of two main components: (1) the adoption of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) for national, sub-national, sectoral, and development policies that could have significant environmental impacts; and (2) the streamlined Environmental Impact Assessment for critical projects.

Representative Alonte stated that the Bill proposes replacing the Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) with the Certificate of Proponent’s Environmental Commitment (CPEC) to ensure that environmental considerations are integrated into the project’s design, management, construction, operation, and decommissioning phases. She pointed out that EAS also promotes transparency, public participation, and cross-sector collaboration to reinforce the shared responsibility for environmental protection. She then urged her colleagues to support and approve House Bill No. 11093 to proactively address environmental impacts and ensure sustainable development.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Nolasco, the Chair recognized Representative Manuel for his interpellation.

**INTERPELLATION OF
REPRESENTATIVE MANUEL**

Representative Manuel sought clarification on the proposed changes regarding ECC considering that many

Filipinos are familiar with it, particularly in relation to controversial projects like resorts in Chocolate Hills, among others. He then inquired whether the proposed measure would replace ECC with a new certification or if it would remain in place.

Representative Alonte stated that ECC will be replaced with CPEC, explaining that the change would strengthen the current system by focusing not only on individual projects but also considering the broader environmental impact of projects within a province or a region. She clarified that under the Bill, there will be a comprehensive assessment of the overall environmental impact of a project or activity. She further explained that while the grant of ECCs is currently managed by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)-Environmental Management Bureau, the Bill will establish an inter-agency committee that includes the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples and the Climate Change Commission, and will also mandate public consultations to evaluate projects.

Subsequently, Representative Manuel sought clarification on whether, following the evaluation measures previously mentioned, DENR would still be the responsible agency for issuing CPEC. He also inquired about how the Bill would address past issues related to the DENR’s issuance of certificates to prevent similar problems in the future. In response, Representative Alonte stated that the creation of an inter-agency committee and the requirement for public consultations will help prevent the railroading of the project evaluation process.

Thereafter, the Members discussed the penalties for local government officials who failed to properly secure CPEC for a certain project. Representative Alonte said that the proposed measure would impose higher fines plus damages and possible imprisonment for the head of the involved company.

Regarding the financial guarantee mechanism outlined in the Bill that would be provided to affected communities, Representative Alonte responded that guarantee instruments would include, among others, trust funds, environmental insurance, and cash funds, but would exclude loans. Representative Manuel expressed support for the proposal, noting that loans could be an additional burden to vulnerable communities.

Representative Manuel subsequently asked whether activities in military bases and the Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement are covered by the

proposed measure. As the Sponsor replied in the affirmative, Representative Manuel then inquired about the guarantees of the proper compliance of concerned countries such as the United States. Representative Alonte replied that the Bill will provide for the establishment of the Multipartite Monitoring Team and Environmental Monitoring Fund that will encourage public participation, promote greater stockholder vigilance, and provide appropriate check and balance mechanisms in monitoring project implementation.

In closing, Representative Manuel lauded the proposed measure but emphasized the need for greater accountability from DENR as well as compliance by powerful countries that may be impacted by the Bill.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 11093

Thereafter, on successive motions of Representative Nolasco, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the measure, there being no other Members who wished to interpellate the Sponsor; terminated the period of amendments, there being no committee and individual amendments; and approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 11093 through *viva voce* voting.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Nolasco, the Chair suspended the session at 6:12 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 6:16 p.m.

ADOPTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

On successive motions of Representative Nolasco, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the consideration of the following House Resolutions; dispensed with the reading of the texts of the Resolutions without prejudice to their insertion into the Record 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. 2082, titled: RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONGRATULATIONS AND COMMENDATION TO THE CENTRAL LUZON STATE UNIVERSITY MAESTRO SINGERS FROM THE SCIENCE CITY OF

MUÑOZ, NUEVA ECIJA, FOR BAGGING FIVE MAJOR AWARDS IN THE 5TH TOKYO INTERNATIONAL CHOIR COMPETITION HELD IN TOKYO, JAPAN, ON JULY 28 TO 30, 2023;

2. House Resolution No. 2103, titled: RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING BOHOLANO VIRTUAL ARTIST ELVIN PEROCHO VITOR FOR BEING HONORED WITH THE LEONARDO DA VINCI INTERNATIONAL ART PRIZE FOR VISUAL ART ON APRIL 14, 2024, IN MILAN, ITALY; and
3. House Resolution No. 2112, titled: RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO PROFESSIONAL POOL PLAYER RUBILEN R. AMIT FOR WINNING THE 2024 MASSÉ WORLD POOL ASSOCIATION WORLD 9-BALL WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE HELD IN HAMILTON, NEW ZEALAND ON SEPTEMBER 3 TO 8, 2024.

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

On an omnibus motion of Representative Nolasco, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the consideration on Second Reading of 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 Bills without prejudice to their insertion into the Record of the House as copies thereof had been previously distributed to the Members; adopted the Explanatory Notes of the Bills as the sponsorship remarks on the measures; terminated the period of sponsorship and debate in the absence of interpellations; adopted the amendments as contained in the committee reports, if any; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of individual amendments; and approved the measures on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting:

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

1. House Bill No. 11115 contained in Committee Report No. 1266, declaring the F. Mercado Street and JP Rizal Street in the City of

Calamba, Laguna as historical and cultural zones;

2. House Bill No. 11116 contained in Committee Report No. 1267, establishing the *Sentrong Pangkultura, Arkibo, at Museo ng Lungsod ng Bacoor*, in Bacoor City, Cavite;
3. House Bill No. 11167 contained in Committee Report No. 1290, converting the Alegria Elementary School in Alegria, Barcelona, Sorsogon into an integrated school to be known as the Alegria Integrated School;

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

4. House Bill No. 11152 contained in Committee Report No. 1277, establishing a technical-vocational institution under the supervision and administration of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) in Sta. Maria, Bulacan;
5. House Bill No. 11153 contained in Committee Report No. 1278, establishing a TESDA District Office in the City of General Santos;
6. House Bill No. 11154 contained in Committee Report No. 1279, establishing a TESDA Training and Assessment Center in Gulod, Novaliches, Quezon City;
7. House Bill No. 11155 contained in Committee Report No. 1280, establishing a TESDA Training and Assessment Center in Magsaysay, Occidental Mindoro;
8. House Bill No. 11156 contained in Committee Report No. 1281, establishing a TESDA Training and Assessment Center in San Jose City, Nueva Ecija;
9. House Bill No. 11157 contained in Committee Report No. 1282, establishing a TESDA Provincial Training and Assessment Center in the City of Balanga, Bataan;
10. House Bill No. 11158 contained in Committee Report No. 1283, establishing a TESDA Provincial Training and Assessment Center in Buug, Zamboanga Sibugay;

11. House Bill No. 11159 contained in Committee Report No. 1284, establishing a TESDA Training and Assessment Center in Sta. Cruz, Makati City;

Submitted by the Committees on Health, and Appropriations:

12. House Bill No. 11162 contained in Committee Report No. 1285, establishing the Aurora Medical Center, a level III general hospital, in Baler, Aurora;

Submitted by the Committees on Transportation, and Appropriations:

13. House Bill No. 11165 contained in Committee Report No. 1288, establishing a provincial office of the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board in Bohol;

Submitted by the Committee on Tourism:

14. House Bill No. 11168 contained in Committee Report No. 1291, declaring the Macahambus Gorge and its immediate environs, in Lumbia, City of Cagayan de Oro, Misamis Oriental, an ecotourism zone;
15. House Bill No. 11169 contained in Committee Report No. 1292, declaring the Congressman Edelmiro A. Amante, Sr. Mapaso Resort and Adventure Nature Park in Santiago, Agusan del Norte, an ecotourism zone;
16. House Bill No. 11170 contained in Committee Report No. 1293, declaring Mount Kanlandog in Canlandog, Murcia, Negros Occidental, an ecotourism zone;
17. House Bill No. 11171 contained in Committee Report No. 1294, declaring Sitio Pulak-Pulakan in San Fernando, City of Talisay, Negros Occidental, an ecotourism zone;
18. House Bill No. 11172 contained in Committee Report No. 1295, declaring the Aloha Falls in Puncan, Carranglan, Nueva Ecija, an ecotourism site; and
19. House Bill No. 11173 contained in Committee Report No. 1296, declaring Silawa Falls in Villa Conzoilo, Jaro, Leyte, an ecotourism site.

**BUSINESS FOR THURSDAY AND FRIDAY:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1286
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 11163**

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Nolasco, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 11163 contained in Committee Report No. 1286 as reported out by the Committees on Health, and Appropriations.

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 Record of the House; and upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the title of the Bill, to wit:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LILOY, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE, A LEVEL II GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE LILOY DISTRICT HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

On motion of Representative Nolasco, there being no objection, the Chair recognized Rep. Peter B. Miguel, a principal author, to sponsor the Bill.

**SPONSORSHIP SPEECH
OF REPRESENTATIVE MIGUEL**

Representative Miguel stated that House Bill No. 11163 aims to establish the Liloy District Hospital in Zamboanga del Norte under the supervision of the Department of Health (DOH). He said that the district lacks a level II general hospital despite its growing population and high poverty incidence of 40 to 60 percent, pointing out that the establishment of a hospital therein would provide accessible and cost-effective medical care to its geographically isolated and disadvantaged people.

Representative Miguel thereafter sought the support of his colleagues to provide adequate quality health care to the people.

**TERMINATION OF PERIOD
OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE**

There being no Member who wished to interpellate the Sponsor, on motion of Representative Nolasco, there being no objection, the Body terminated the

period of sponsorship and debate on House Bill No. 11163; and thereafter, proceeded to the period of amendments.

PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no committee amendment, on motion of Representative Nolasco, the Chair recognized Rep. Ray T. Reyes for his individual amendments.

**AMENDMENTS OF
REPRESENTATIVE REYES**

As proposed by Representative Reyes and accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body approved the following amendments to House Bill No. 11163:

1. To amend Section 1; and
2. To amend the title of the Bill to read as: “AN ACT ESTABLISHING IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LILOY, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE, A LEVEL II GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE LILOY GENERAL HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.”

**APPROVAL ON SECOND READING
OF HOUSE BILL NO. 11163, AS AMENDED**

Thereafter, on successive motions of Representative Nolasco, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of amendments; and approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 11163, as amended, through *viva voce* voting.

**APPROVAL ON THIRD READING
OF HOUSE BILLS**

(Continuation)

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12. House Bill No. 11060, titled: AN ACT ABOLISHING THE PRINCIPLE OF RESERVA TRONCAL, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 891 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 386, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “CIVIL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

The Chair then directed the Secretary General to call the Roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a roll call vote was made.

RESULT OF VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abalos	Chatto	Guico	Paglas
Abante	Chua	Guintu	Palma
Abunda	Chungalao	Gullas	Panaligan
Acharon	Co-Pilar	Gutierrez	Pancho
Acidre	Cojuangco (M.)	Haresco	Panotes
Adiong	Collantes	Hernandez	Pascual
Agarao	Corvera	Herrera	Peña
Alba	Cruz (A.)	Javier	Pimentel
Almonte	Cua	Kho (O.)	Plaza
Alonte	Cuaresma	Kho (R.)	Pleyto
Amante	Dagooc	Kho (W.)	Primicias-Agabas
Ang	Dalipe	Khonghun	Pumaren
Angara	Dalog	Labadlabad	Quimbo
Aquino	Daza	Lacson-Noel	Regencia
Aquino-Magsaysay	De Jesus	Lagon (D.)	Remulla
Arenas	de Venecia	Lagon (S.)	Revilla (B.)
Arrogancia	Defensor	Lara	Revilla (R.J.)
Asistio	Del Mar	Lazatin	Reyes
Atayde	Delos Santos	Legarda	Rivera
Aumentado	Dimaporo (M.K.)	Libanan	Robes
Balindong	Dionisio	Limkaichong	Rodriguez (E.)
Barba	Domingo	Loyola	Rodriguez (R.)
Baronda	Dy (F.M.C.)	Luistro	Roman
Bascug	Dy (I.P.)	Lumayag	Romualdez (F.M.)
Bernos	Ecleo	Macapagal-Arroyo	Romualdez (Y.M.)
Billones	Emano	Maceda	Romualdo
Biron	Enverga	Madrona	Romulo
Bolilia	Espares	Malapitan	Roque
Bongalon	Espina	Mangaoang	Sacdalan
Bordado	Eudela	Maniquiz	Sakaluran
Bosita	Fariñas	Manuel	Salimbangon
Briones	Ferrer (A.)	Marañon	Salo
Brosas	Ferrer (J.M.)	Marcos	Saulog
Bulut-Begtang	Fortes	Mariano-Hernandez	Silverio
Bustos	Fresnedi	Marquez	Singson-Meehan
Cabredo	Galeos	Mastura	Solon
Cagas	Garcia (A.)	Matibag	Suan
Cajayon-Uy	Garcia (D.)	Matugas	Suarez
Calderon	Garcia (J.A.)	Mercado	Tallado
Calixto	Gardiola	Miguel	Tamayo
Campos	Garin	Momo	Tambunting
Caoagdan	Gasataya	Morden	Tan (J.)
Cari	Gato	Nava	Tan (K.M.)
Castro (F.)	Go (E.C.)	Nisay	Tan (S.)
Castro (J.)	Go (M.)	Nogralas	Tanchay
Celeste	Gonzales (A.)	Nolasco	Tarriela
Cendaña	Gonzales (N.)	Oaminal	Teodoro
Chan	Gorriceta	Olaso	Teves
		Olivarez	Tieng
		Ordanes	Tulfo (E.)
		Ortega	Tulfo (J.)
		Ouano-Dizon	Tulfo (R.W.)
		Padiernos	Tutor
		Paduano	Ty

Umali	Yap (C.)	Arrogancia	Dy (I.P.)
Unabia	Yap (Edvic)	Asistio	Ecleo
Uy	Yap (Eric)	Atayde	Emano
Valeriano	Yu (D.G.)	Aumentado	Enverga
Valmayor	Yu (J.V.)	Balindong	Espares
Vargas-Alfonso	Yulo	Barba	Espina
Veloso-Tuazon	Zamora (A.M.)	Baronda	Eudela
Verzosa	Zamora (M.C.)	Bascug	Fariñas
Villaraza-Suarez	Zamora (Y.M.)	Bernos	Ferrer (A.)
Yamsuan		Billones	Ferrer (J.M.)

Negative:

Flores

Abstention:

None

With 223 affirmative votes, one negative vote, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 11060.

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS

(Continuation)

Distributed on November 27, 2024:

13. House Bill No. 11068, titled: AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 30 OF EVERY YEAR AS JESUS REIGNS NATIONAL DAY OF WORSHIP

The Chair then directed the Secretary General to call the Roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a roll call vote was made.

RESULT OF VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abalos	Almonte
Abante	Alonte
Abunda	Amante
Acharon	Ang
Acidre	Angara
Adiong	Aquino
Agarao	Aquino-Magsaysay
Alba	Arenas

Bongalon	Dy (I.P.)
Bordado	Ecleo
Bosita	Emano
Brones	Enverga
Brosas	Espares
Bulut-Begtang	Espina
Bustos	Eudela
Cabredo	Fariñas
Cagas	Ferrer (A.)
Cajayon-Uy	Ferrer (J.M.)
Calderon	Flores
Calixto	Fortes
Campos	Fresnedi
Caoagdan	Galeos
Cari	Garcia (A.)
Castro (F.)	Garcia (D.)
Castro (J.)	Garcia (J.A.)
Celeste	Gardiola
Cendaña	Garin
Chan	Gasataya
Chatto	Gato
Chua	Go (E.C.)
Chungalao	Go (M.)
Co-Pilar	Gonzales (A.)
Collantes	Gonzales (N.)
Corvera	Gorriceta
Cruz (A.)	Guico
Cua	Guintu
Cuaresma	Gullas
Dagooc	Gutierrez
Dalipe	Haresco
Dalog	Hernandez
Daza	Herrera
De Jesus	Javier
de Venecia	Kho (O.)
Defensor	Kho (R.)
Del Mar	Kho (W.)
Delos Santos	Khonghun
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Labadlabad
Dionisio	Lacson-Noel
Domingo	Lagon (D.)
Dy (F.M.C.)	Lagon (S.)
	Lara
	Lazatin
	Legarda
	Libanan
	Limkaichong
	Loyola
	Luistro
	Lumayag
	Macapagal-Arroyo
	Maceda
	Madrona
	Malapitan

Mangaoang	Romualdez (Y.M.)
Maniquiz	Romualdo
Manuel	Romulo
Marañon	Roque
Marcos	Sacdalan
Mariano-Hernandez	Sakaluran
Marquez	Salimbangon
Mastura	Salo
Matibag	Saulog
Matugas	Silverio
Mercado	Singson-Meehan
Miguel	Solon
Momo	Suan
Morden	Suarez
Nava	Tallado
Nisay	Tamayo
Nograles	Tambunting
Nolasco	Tan (J.)
Oaminal	Tan (K.M.)
Olaso	Tan (S.)
Olivarez	Tanchay
Ordanes	Tarriela
Ortega	Teodoro
Ouano-Dizon	Teves
Padiernos	Tieng
Paduano	Tulfo (E.)
Paglas	Tulfo (J.)
Palma	Tulfo (R.W.)
Panaligan	Tutor
Pancho	Ty
Panotes	Umali
Pascual	Unabia
Peña	Uy
Pimentel	Valeriano
Plaza	Valmayor
Pleyto	Vargas-Alfonso
Primicias-Agabas	Veloso-Tuazon
Pumaren	Verzosa
Quimbo	Villaraza-Suarez
Regencia	Yamsuan
Remulla	Yap (C.)
Revilla (B.)	Yap (Edvic)
Revilla (R.J.)	Yap (Eric)
Reyes	Yu (D.G.)
Rivera	Yu (J.V.)
Robes	Yulo
Rodriguez (E.)	Zamora (A.M.)
Rodriguez (R.)	Zamora (M.C.)
Roman	Zamora (Y.M.)
Romualdez (F.M.)	

Negative:

Cojuangco (M.)

Abstention:

None

With 223 affirmative votes, one negative vote, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 11068.

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS

(Continuation)

Distributed on November 27, 2024:

14. House Bill No. 11071, titled: AN ACT ENSURING GENDER-RESPONSIVENESS IN NATURALIZATION LAWS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 15 OF COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 473, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “REVISED NATURALIZATION LAW” AND SECTION 12 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9139, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE ADMINISTRATIVE NATURALIZATION LAW OF 2000”

The Chair then directed the Secretary General to call the Roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a roll call vote was made.

RESULT OF VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abalos	Arenas
Abante	Arrogancia
Abunda	Asistio
Acharon	Atayde
Acidre	Aumentado
Adiong	Balindong
Agarao	Barba
Alba	Baronda
Almonte	Bascug
Alonte	Bernos
Amante	Billones
Ang	Biron
Angara	Bolilia
Aquino	Bongalon
Aquino-Magsaysay	Bordado

Bosita	Garcia (A.)	Nisay	Saulog
Briones	Garcia (D.)	Nograles	Silverio
Brosas	Garcia (J.A.)	Nolasco	Singson-Meehan
Bulut-Begtang	Gardiola	Oaminal	Solon
Bustos	Garin	Olaso	Suan
Cabredo	Gasataya	Olivarez	Suarez
Cagas	Gato	Ordanes	Tallado
Cajayon-Uy	Go (E.C.)	Ortega	Tamayo
Calderon	Go (M.)	Ouano-Dizon	Tambunting
Calixto	Gonzales (N.)	Padiernos	Tan (J.)
Campos	Gorriceta	Paduano	Tan (K.M.)
Caoagdan	Guico	Paglas	Tan (S.)
Cari	Guintu	Palma	Tanchay
Castro (F.)	Gullas	Panaligan	Tarriela
Castro (J.)	Gutierrez	Pancho	Teodoro
Celeste	Haresco	Panotes	Teves
Cendaña	Hernandez	Pascual	Tieng
Chan	Herrera	Peña	Tulfo (E.)
Chatto	Javier	Pimentel	Tulfo (J.)
Chua	Kho (O.)	Plaza	Tulfo (R.W.)
Chungalao	Kho (R.)	Pleyto	Tutor
Co-Pilar	Kho (W.)	Primicias-Agabas	Ty
Collantes	Khonghun	Pumaren	Umali
Corvera	Labadlabad	Quimbo	Unabia
Cruz (A.)	Lacson-Noel	Regencia	Uy
Cua	Lagon (D.)	Remulla	Valeriano
Cuaresma	Lagon (S.)	Revilla (B.)	Valmayor
Dagooc	Lara	Revilla (R.J.)	Vargas-Alfonso
Dalipe	Lazatin	Reyes	Veloso-Tuazon
Dalog	Legarda	Rivera	Verzosa
Daza	Libanan	Robes	Villaraza-Suarez
De Jesus	Limkaichong	Rodriguez (E.)	Yamsuan
de Venecia	Loyola	Rodriguez (R.)	Yap (C.)
Defensor	Luistro	Roman	Yap (Edvic)
Del Mar	Lumayag	Romualdez (Y.M.)	Yap (Eric)
Delos Santos	Macapagal-Arroyo	Romualdo	Yu (D.G.)
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Maceda	Romulo	Yu (J.V.)
Dionisio	Madrona	Roque	Yulo
Domingo	Malapitan	Sacdalan	Zamora (A.M.)
Dy (F.M.C.)	Mangaoang	Sakaluran	Zamora (M.C.)
Dy (I.P.)	Maniquiz	Salimbangon	Zamora (Y.M.)
Ecleo	Manuel	Salo	
Emano	Marañon		
Enverga	Marcos	<i>Negative:</i>	
Espares	Mariano-Hernandez	Cojuangco (M.)	
Espina	Marquez		
Eudela	Mastura	<i>Abstention:</i>	
Fariñas	Matibag		
Ferrer (A.)	Matugas		
Ferrer (J.M.)	Mercado	None	
Flores	Miguel		
Fortes	Momo		
Fresnedi	Morden		
Galeos	Nava		

With 221 affirmative votes, one negative vote, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 11071.

REFERRAL OF HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2106

In accordance with the Rules Governing Inquiries in Aid of Legislation of the House of Representatives, on motion of Representative Nolasco, there being no objection, the Body approved to refer House Resolution No. 2106 to the Committee on Health.

REFERRAL OF SPEECHES ON INQUIRIES IN AID OF LEGISLATION

Further, in accordance with the Rules Governing Inquiries in Aid of Legislation of the House of Representatives, on motion of Representative Nolasco, there being no objection, the Body approved to refer the following speeches delivered on the dates specified herein to the appropriate committees indicated hereunder:

Delivered on December 2, 2024:

1. Privilege speech of Rep. Loreto B. Acharon – to the Committee on Appropriations; and

Delivered on December 3, 2024:

2. Privilege speech of Rep. France L. Castro – to the Committees on Basic Education and Culture, and Higher and Technical Education.

CHANGE OF REFERRAL OF HOUSE MEASURES

On motion of Representative Nolasco, there being no objection, the Body changed the referral of the following House measures to the committees specified hereunder:

1. House Bill No. 3163 – from the Committee on Health to the Special Committee on Persons with Disabilities;
2. House Resolution No. 1617 – from the Committee on Local Government to the Committee on Public Accounts; and
3. House Resolution No. 311 and House Joint Resolution No. 2 – from the Committee on Ways and Means to the Committees on Ways and Means, Trade and Industry, Agriculture and Food, and Social Services, and the Special Committee on Food Security.

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

On further motion of Representative Nolasco, there being no objection, the Body approved to include as additional coauthors of House Bill No. 10755, and House Resolution Nos. 2103 and 2112 the names of the Members contained in the list to be submitted by the Committee on Rules.

TRANSMITTAL TO THE SENATE OF HOUSE BILLS

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Nolasco, there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to immediately transmit to the Senate copies of the House Bills that had just been approved on Third Reading.

RATIFICATION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON HOUSE BILL NO. 10800

On motion of Representative Nolasco, there being no objection, the Body considered and subsequently ratified through *viva voce* voting the Conference Committee Report on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 10800, or the proposed “General Appropriations Act of 2025.”

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Nolasco, the Chair recognized Representative Manuel for his manifestation.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE MANUEL

Representative Manuel expressed his opposition to the ratification of the 2025 General Appropriations Bill (GAB), highlighting several critical issues such as the significant budget cuts in key sectors, among which was the education sector where, despite a Seven billion peso increase for State universities and colleges (SUCs), the total of ₱122 billion remains insufficient compared to the original proposals. He also noted the reductions in the budgets of the Department of Education and the Commission on Higher Education which exacerbate the ongoing education crisis. He added that in the social services sector, agencies like the Department of Social Welfare and Development, the Department of Labor and Employment, and the Department of Agriculture also faced budget cuts, as did the National Irrigation Authority, impacting agricultural projects.

In the health sector, Representative Manuel criticized the zero budget allocated for PhilHealth, emphasizing its failure to provide adequate health services, while also highlighting a ₱25.8 billion cut in the DOH's budget which, he argued, would further hinder healthcare improvements. He also noted that the calamity fund, essential for disaster preparedness, was also reduced from ₱21.5 billion to ₱21 billion, despite the growing effects of climate change. He questioned the significant increase in funding for the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) of about ₱290 billion. He asked where the funds cut from other sectors had been redirected.

Representative Manuel also raised concerns about the dramatic increase in unprogrammed appropriations without clarity on how these funds would be used. Additionally, he criticized the proposed budget for the Office of the Vice President, questioning its effectiveness and efficiency in utilizing funds, while also pointing out that the Office of the President saw an increase in its confidential and intelligence funds by ₱5.4 billion. He expressed disappointment with the lack of transparency in the budget process, particularly within the Bicameral Conference Committee, and argued that the final budget prioritizes large infrastructure projects over crucial services like education, health, and disaster preparedness.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Nolasco, the Chair recognized Representative Brosas for her manifestation.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS

Representative Brosas raised concerns regarding the rush ratification of the 2025 GAB. She emphasized the importance of thoroughly scrutinizing the budget, particularly as there had been no time for proper review. This, as she highlighted critical issues, including the urgent need for funding to support local production, farmers, fisherfolk, and agricultural workers, especially in the aftermath of natural disasters. She pointed out the growing housing backlog and criticized the increase in the DPWH budget from ₱800 billion to One trillion pesos, questioning the focus on infrastructure projects that do not address the immediate needs of the people.

Additionally, Representative Brosas criticized the large allocation of funds for the military and police, despite ongoing concerns about red-tagging, harassment, and surveillance. She called for the abolition of confidential and intelligence funds,

advocating for their redirection to services that benefit the Filipino people. She also emphasized the need to address the long-standing issues faced by teachers, health workers, and other government employees still struggling with low wages and insufficient benefits. She further opined that the 2025 GAB should prioritize raising the wages of the said workers rather than funding projects that do not directly benefit the public.

Finally, Representative Brosas stressed the importance of ensuring adequate funding allocations for health, education, and social services, especially amidst rising prices and the ongoing economic crisis. She stated that it was unacceptable for more funds to be allocated to the military than to basic social services, underscoring that the needs of the Filipino people should be the priority. She urged that the 2025 GAB should not have been rushed but should have been thoroughly reviewed and scrutinized by the public.

TERMINATION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR

Whereupon, in the absence of Members who registered to deliver privilege speeches during the session, on motion of Representative Nolasco, there being no objection, the Body terminated the Privilege Hour.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Thereupon, the Chair suspended the session at 7:10 p.m. upon motion of Representative Nolasco.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 7:33 p.m.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Nolasco, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Additional Reference of Business.

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the following Committee Reports, which were referred to the appropriate committees indicated hereunder:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Report No. 1303, submitted by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture on H.B. No. 11198, titled:

AN ACT DECLARING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER OF EACH YEAR AS THE

**NATIONAL BULLYING AWARENESS AND
PREVENTION MONTH**

recommending its approval in substitution of House
Bill No. 7442

Sponsors: Representatives Romulo and Cajayon-Uy
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 1304, submitted by the
Committee on Government Reorganization,
the Committee on Economic Affairs, and the
Committee on Appropriations on H.B. No. 11199,
titled:

**AN ACT REORGANIZING THE NATIONAL
ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY, REPEALING FOR THE
PURPOSE EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.
230, SERIES OF 1987, AND AMENDING
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292, SERIES
OF 1987, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR**

recommending its approval in substitution of
House Bills Numbered. 263, 646, 2460, 3214,
3988, 5593, 7458, 9341 and 9352

Sponsors: Representatives Flores, Valmayor and
Co (Elizaldy)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

**MOTION TO ADJOURN
OF REPRESENTATIVE NOLASCO**

Subsequently, Representative Nolasco moved to
adjourn the session.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at
7:34 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION


The session resumed at 7:34 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Upon resumption of session, on Representative
Nolasco's previous motion, there being no objection, the
Chair declared the session adjourned until three o'clock
in the afternoon of Monday, December 16, 2024.

It was 7:35 p.m. of Wednesday, December 11, 2024.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.


REGINALD S. VELASCO
Secretary General

Approved on December 17, 2024.

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MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE

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Monday to Wednesday, December 9 to 11, 2024

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

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

* Appeared after the Roll Call

** Section 71, Rule XI of the Rules of the House
(Attended committee meetings as authorized by the Committee on Rules/Attended meetings of the CA, HRET, or bicameral conference committees/
On official mission as approved by the Speaker)

*** Officially notified the House, through the Secretariat, of their absence

**** Absent without notice

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