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CALL TO ORDER

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

NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PRAYER

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

ROLL CALL

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. James “Jojo” Ang Jr., there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abalos	Baronda	Chungalao	Hernandez (D.)
Acop	Barzaga	Co (R.L.)	Hernandez (R.)
Acosta	Bascug	Cojuangco (M.)	Ismula
Adiong	Bautista (J.M.)	Co-Pilar	Iway
Advincula	Bautista-Lim	Corvera	Kho (A.)
Agarao	Beltran	Cruz (A.P.)	Kho (E.)
Agyao	Benitez (J.M.)	Cruz (R.)	Kho (W.)
Alano	Bernos (C.)	Cua	Khonghun
Alba	Bernos (J.)	Dagooc	Labadlabad
Albano	Biron	Dalog	Lacson
Almario (C.M.)	Bocobo	De Jesus	Lagbas
Almario (D.)	Bolilia	De Lima	Lagdameo (J.M.)
Almonte	Briones	Defensor	Lagdameo (M.Y.M)
Alvarez (J.)	Bulut-Begtang	Del Mar	Lagman
Ang	Cagas	Dimaguila	Lara
Angara	Calderon	Diokno	Lazatin
Aquino-Magsaysay	Calixto	Dionisio	Legacion
Arbison (M.)	Caoagdan	Domingo	Legarda
Arbison (M.N.)	Cari	Domogan	Legazpi
Arenas	Castro	Duterte (O.V.)	Lopez
Arrogancia	Cayton	Dy (F.)	Loria
Ayon	Celeste	Emano	Loyola
Bag-ao	Cendaña	Erice	Lumayag
Balindong	Ceniza	Escudero	Macapagal-Arroyo
Baños-Nogralles	Chan	Espares	Macasaet
Bancoro	Chua	Espina	Maceda
Barba	Chua-Tai	Fortes	Madrona
		Fresnedi	Malapitan
		Fuentebella	Mangudadatu
		Galang	Maniquiz
		Garbin	Marañon
		Garcia (D.)	Marcos
		Garcia (K.H.)	Marquez
		Garcia (M.A.)	Mastura
		Gato	Matugas
		Gomez	Mendoza
		Gonzales (A.M.)	Miraflores
		Gonzales (R.)	Montes
		Gorriceta	Nava
		Guico	Nazal
		Guintu	Nisay
		Gutierrez	Nolasco
		Hernandez (C.A.)	Oaminal (H.)

Oaminal (S.F.)	Singson (R.)
Ongchuan	Singson (R.V.)
Oreta	Singson-Meehan
Ortega	Suan
Padiernos	Suansing (B.V.)
Pancho	Suarez
Pascual	Suntay
Pimentel	Tallado
Plaza	Tan (J.)
Pleyto	Tan (K.M.)
Poe	Tanjuatco
Primicias-Agabas	Teodoro
Pumaren	Tereng
Quimbo	Teves
Rama	Tinio
Recto	Tuan
Regencia	Tulfo (J.)
Remulla	Tupas
Revilla (R.J.)	Tutor
Rivera	Umali
Rodriguez (E.)	Valeriano
Rodriguez (M.)	Vargas-Alfonso
Rodriguez (R.)	Veloso-Tuazon
Roman	Vergara
Romualdez (F.M.)	Villafuerte (M.L.)
Romualdez (Y.M.)	Villafuerte (V.R.L.)
Romualdo	Villanueva
Roque	Yamsuan
Sagarbarria	Yap (Edvic)
Sakaluran	Yap (J.G.)
Sali	Yatco
Salvacion	Ynares
Salvador	Yu (J.V.)
Salvame	Yu (J.K.)
San Fernando	Yulo
Santos (M.A.S.)	Zamora (Y.M.)
Santos (M.A.)	

With 213 Members responding to the call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix)

DEFERMENT OF APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

On motion of Representative Ang, there being no objection, the Body deferred the approval of the Journal of the previous session.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Subsequently, on another motion of Representative Ang, there being no objection, the Body then proceeded with the Reference of Business.

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the titles of the following Bills and Resolutions

on First Reading as filed, and Communication, which were referred to the appropriate committees indicated hereunder:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 2779, titled:

AN ACT INCREASING THE ENTRY LEVEL SALARY GRADE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS IN BASIC EDUCATION FROM SALARY GRADE 11 TO SALARY GRADE 15 AND TEACHING PERSONNEL IN PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS INCLUDING TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS FROM SALARY GRADE 12 TO SALARY GRADE 16 AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Roque
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 2780, titled:

AN ACT EXPANDING THE SERVICES OF THE PHILIPPINE CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION AND ENCOURAGING PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN AGRICULTURAL INSURANCE, FURTHER AMENDING SECTIONS 1 AND 3.11 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1467, CREATING THE PHILIPPINE CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION, AS AMENDED

By Representatives Villafuerte (Miguel Luis), Villafuerte (Vincenzo Renato Luigi), Horibata and Ridon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 2781, titled:

AN ACT FURTHER PROMOTING THE ENTRY AND GROWTH OF STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS IN THE COUNTRY, ESTABLISHING FOR THE PURPOSE THE GREEN LANES FOR STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS

By Representatives Villafuerte (Miguel Luis), Villafuerte (Vincenzo Renato Luigi), Horibata and Ridon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 2782, titled:

AN ACT TO DEVELOP A NATIONAL QUALITY POLICY DEFINING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE (NQI) THEREOF, CREATING FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL

QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE
COORDINATING COUNCIL

By Representatives Villafuerte (Miguel Luis),
Villafuerte (Vincenzo Renato Luigi), Horibata
and Ridon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 2783, titled:

AN ACT ENHANCING THE NATIONAL
SHELTER PROGRAM, REVITALIZING
AND STRENGTHENING THE HOUSING
FINANCE ECOSYSTEM, APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representatives Villafuerte (Miguel Luis),
Villafuerte (Vincenzo Renato Luigi), Horibata
and Ridon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 2784, titled:

AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE
OF CAMARINES SUR AS THE
“WAKEBOARDING CAPITAL OF THE
PHILIPPINES”

By Representatives Villafuerte (Miguel Luis),
Villafuerte (Vincenzo Renato Luigi), Horibata
and Ridon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 2785, titled:

AN ACT SEPARATING THE REBOKON
AGRICULTURAL VOCATIONAL HIGH
SCHOOL-BIBILIK EXTENSION IN
BARANGAY BIBILIK, MUNICIPALITY
OF DUMALINAO, PROVINCE OF
ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR FROM THE
REBOKON AGRICULTURAL VOCATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN
INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
TO BE KNOWN AS BIBILIK NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Yu (Jeyzel Victoria)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND
CULTURE

House Bill No. 2786, titled:

AN ACT REQUIRING THE RECOGNITION
OF HEALTHCARE PROXIES BY ALL
HEALTH SERVICE PROVIDERS AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representatives Cendaña, Diokno, Ismula and
Bag-ao

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2787, titled:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE MUNICIPALITY
OF SANTA CRUZ IN THE PROVINCE OF
DAVAO DEL SUR INTO A COMPONENT
CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CITY OF
SANTA CRUZ

By Representative Cagas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2788, titled:

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11055,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “PHILIPPINE
IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM ACT”

By Representative Benitez (Javier Miguel)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY
RELATIONS

House Bill No. 2789, titled:

AN ACT EXPANDING THE PANTAWID
PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4Ps),
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 11310, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
“THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO
PROGRAM (4Ps) ACT”

By Representative Benitez (Javier Miguel)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION

House Bill No. 2790, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL
SCHOLARSHIP AND RETURN SERVICE
PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS IN
AGRICULTURE AND ALLIED FIELDS
WHO ARE CHILDREN OR DEPENDENTS
OF FARMERS, TO BE KNOWN AS
THE KABATAANG MAGSASAKA
SCHOLARSHIP ACT, AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Benitez (Javier Miguel)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL
EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2791, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING MEDICAL PAROLE
FOR ELDERLY PERSONS DEPRIVED OF
LIBERTY WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM
TERMINAL OR SEVERE MEDICAL
CONDITIONS, PROVIDING GUIDELINES
FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Benitez (Javier Miguel)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2792, titled:

AN ACT EXEMPTING INCENTIVES, REWARDS,
BONUSES AND OTHER FORMS OF

EMOLUMENTS RECEIVED BY NATIONAL ATHLETES AND COACHES FROM TAXES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10699, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “NATIONAL ATHLETES AND COACHES BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ACT”

By Representative Benitez (Javier Miguel)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 2793, titled:

AN ACT DEFINING AND PENALIZING ESPIONAGE AND OTHER SIMILAR OFFENSES AGAINST NATIONAL SECURITY

By Representative Benitez (Javier Miguel)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 2794, titled:

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PARTICIPATION OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS (CSOs) IN THE PREPARATION AND AUTHORIZATION PROCESS OF THE ANNUAL NATIONAL BUDGET, PROVIDING EFFECTIVE MECHANISMS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Benitez (Javier Miguel)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 2795, titled:

AN ACT SIMPLIFYING THE DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCESSING GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Benitez (Javier Miguel)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 2796, titled:

AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO THE ASSOCIATION FOR ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICE COOPERATIVE UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8090, ENTITLED “AN ACT GRANTING THE ASSOCIATION FOR ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICE COOPERATIVE IN FRANCHISE TO INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO BROADCASTING STATION IN THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR”

By Representatives Yu (Joseph Kim) and Yu (Jeyzel Victoria)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 2797, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE SOCIAL PENSION OF INDIGENT PERSONS WITH DISABILITY (PWDs) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Santos (Mark Anthony)
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

House Bill No. 2798, titled:

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE POLITICAL PARTY SYSTEM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 2799, titled:

AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4566 ALSO KNOWN AS THE “CONTRACTORS’ LICENSING LAW”

By Representative Momo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 2800, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA FOR WORKERS IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

By Representative Momo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 2801, titled:

AN ACT UPGRADING THE BASIC SALARY OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS FROM SALARY GRADE ELEVEN (11) TO SALARY GRADE FIFTEEN (15)

By Representative Aumentado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 2802, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL MEASUREMENT INSTITUTE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Aumentado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 2803, titled:

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE MAGNA CARTA FOR BARANGAYS

By Representative Marcos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2804, titled:

AN ACT REDUCING THE COST OF ELECTRICITY FOR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES

BY PROMOTING THE DEVELOPMENT AND UTILIZATION OF SOLAR ENERGY IN ALL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS AND OFFICES, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Marcos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 2805, titled:

AN ACT INSTITUTING A COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL CARE PLAN TO ENCOURAGE COOPERATION, ACCOUNTABILITY AND RESEARCH FOR THE EDUCATION AND SUPPORT OF PERSONS WITH AUTISM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Marcos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2806, titled:

AN ACT CREATING THE POSITION OF BARANGAY NUTRITION WORKER IN EVERY BARANGAY, PROVIDING INCENTIVES THERETO, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Marcos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2807, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FRAMEWORK FOR BLUE ECONOMY, PROMOTING STEWARDSHIP AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF COASTAL AND MARINE ECOSYSTEMS AND RESOURCES, REORGANIZING AND RENAMING THE NATIONAL COAST WATCH SYSTEM AS THE NATIONAL MARITIME MONITORING SYSTEM, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Marcos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 2808, titled:

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

By Representative Marcos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 2809, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FINANCIAL LITERACY AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAMS FOR WORKERS

By Representative Marcos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 2810, titled:

AN ACT MANDATING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES TO EXECUTE AND SUBMIT A WRITTEN PERMISSION TO EXAMINE, INQUIRE OR LOOK INTO ALL THEIR DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS THEREBY WAIVING THE BANK SECRECY LAW AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERS 1405 AND 6426

By Representative Marcos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 2811, titled:

AN ACT CRIMINALIZING NEGLIGENCE ON GOVERNMENT PROJECTS WHOSE QUALITY OF WORK IS BELOW PRESCRIBED STANDARDS

By Representative Marcos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2812, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL GROUND FOR CANCELLING THE CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY OF A CANDIDATE AND MAKING THE ACTS OF A NUISANCE CANDIDATE AN ELECTION OFFENSE, AMENDING SECTIONS 69, 261 (CC) AND 264 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 881, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES"

By Representative Marcos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 2813, titled:

AN ACT DIVIDING BARANGAY ADAMS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ADAMS, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE INTO THREE (3) DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY ADAN, BARANGAY BUCAROT, AND BARANGAY MALASIN

By Representative Marcos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2814, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF THE MARIANO MARCOS MEMORIAL STATE UNIVERSITY IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Marcos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2815, titled:

AN ACT DECLARING AND DESIGNATING METROPOLITAN ILOCOS NORTE WATERSHED FOREST RESERVE, SITUATED WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PASUQUIN IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE AS A PROTECTED AREA UNDER THE CATEGORY OF PROTECTED LANDSCAPE PURSUANT TO THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREA SYSTEM (NIPAS), TO BE REFERRED TO AS THE PASUQUIN PROTECTED LANDSCAPE, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Marcos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 2816, titled:

AN ACT RECTIFYING THE COMPOSITION AND TECHNICAL DESCRIPTIONS OF BARANGAYS KALAW, CABARITAN AND QUIBEL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DUMALNEG, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE, AND THEIR ADJOINING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10955, ENTITLED, "AN ACT DIVIDING BARANGAY DUMALNEG IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE INTO THREE (3) DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY KALAW, CABARITAN AND QUIBEL"

By Representative Marcos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2817, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING SATELLITE SPECIALTY HOSPITALS IN NORTHERN LUZON TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO SPECIALIZED MEDICAL CARE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Marcos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2818, titled:

AN ACT DECLARING AND DESIGNATING TANAP WATERSHED FOREST RESERVE, SITUATED WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BURGOS IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE AS A PROTECTED AREA UNDER THE CATEGORY OF PROTECTED LANDSCAPE PURSUANT TO THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED

AREA SYSTEM (NIPAS), TO BE REFERRED TO AS THE BURGOS PROTECTED LANDSCAPE, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Marcos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 2819, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BACARRA, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE BACARRA, ILOCOS NORTE TESDA TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Marcos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2820, titled:

AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 11 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE IN COMMEMORATION OF THE BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF FORMER PRESIDENT FERDINAND EDRALIN MARCOS, TO BE KNOWN AS "PRESIDENT FERDINAND EDRALIN MARCOS DAY"

By Representative Marcos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2821, titled:

AN ACT CREATING THE HEALTH EMERGENCY AUXILIARY REINFORCEMENT TEAM UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Montes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2822, titled:

AN ACT UPGRADING THE MINIMUM SALARY GRADE LEVEL OF TEACHERS FROM SALARY GRADE 11 TO 18

By Representative Montes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 2823, titled:

AN ACT ENSURING THAT SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES UNDER THE K TO 12 PROGRAM ARE EQUIPPED WITH THE KNOWLEDGE, TRAINING AND SKILLS

DEMANDED IN THE LABOR MARKET, ENHANCING THEIR EMPLOYABILITY AND COMPETITIVENESS, CREATING THE BATANG MAGALING COUNCILS TO STRENGTHEN MULTI-STAKEHOLDER COLLABORATION AND SUPPORT FOR THEIR EMPLOYMENT, ALLOWING DEDUCTION OF TRAINING EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THEIR SKILLS DEVELOPMENT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Montes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2824, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A VOUCHER SYSTEM FOR POOR AND ACADEMICALLY QUALIFIED STUDENTS OF PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AND PRIVATE TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10931, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO QUALITY TERTIARY EDUCATION ACT”

By Representative Montes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2825, titled:

AN ACT PROMOTING MENSTRUAL HEALTH AND HYGIENE BY PROVIDING FREE MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS TO INDIGENT WOMEN AND TO GIRLS ENROLLED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Montes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2826, titled:

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURE AGAINST CYBERSECURITY THREATS AND INCIDENTS, CREATING THE NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY AGENCY, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representatives Villafuerte (Miguel Luis), Villafuerte (Vincenzo Renato Luigi), Horibata and Ridon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 2827, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR A ROBUST, RELIABLE, AND TRUSTWORTHY DEVELOPMENT, APPLICATION, AND USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE SYSTEMS, CREATING THE PHILIPPINE COUNCIL ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, DELINEATING THE ROLES OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, DEFINING AND PENALIZING CERTAIN PROHIBITED ACTS

By Representatives Villafuerte (Miguel Luis), Villafuerte (Vincenzo Renato Luigi), Horibata and Ridon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 2828, titled:

AN ACT PROMOTING GENDER EQUALITY AND UPHOLDING THE SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE, THEREBY AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE TITLE ELEVEN, CHAPTER ONE, ARTICLES 333 AND 334 OF ACT NO. 3815, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AS AMENDED

By Representatives Tulfo (Ralph Wendel) and Tulfo (Jocelyn)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 2829, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DIGITALIZED OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (OFW) WELFARE AND MONITORING SYSTEM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representatives Tulfo (Jocelyn), Tulfo (Ralph Wendel) and Yap (Edvic)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 2830, titled:

AN ACT EXPANDING HEALTH BENEFITS AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS, FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010,” AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representatives Tulfo (Jocelyn), Tulfo (Ralph Wendel) and Yap (Edvic)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 2831, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR FREE TERTIARY AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND OTHER

RELATED COURSES TO THE DEPENDENT CHILDREN OF QUALIFIED INDIGENT FARMERS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representatives Tulfo (Jocelyn), Tulfo (Ralph Wendel) and Yap (Edvic)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2832, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A FREE FINANCIAL EDUCATION TO OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

By Representatives Tulfo (Jocelyn), Tulfo (Ralph Wendel) and Yap (Edvic)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 2833, titled:

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PROTECTION OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS AGAINST FRAUDULENT PRACTICES, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR

By Representatives Tulfo (Jocelyn), Tulfo (Ralph Wendel) and Yap (Edvic)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 2834, titled:

AN ACT INSTITUTING A COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL CARE AND SUPPORT PLAN FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, PROVIDING FOR THEIR RIGHTS AND WELFARE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representatives Tulfo (Jocelyn), Tulfo (Ralph Wendel) and Yap (Edvic)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 2835, titled:

AN ACT REMOVING THE EXEMPTION FROM CRIMINAL LIABILITY OF RELATIVES FOR CRIMES OF THEFT, SWINDLING, AND MALICIOUS MISCHIEF, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 332 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE

By Representatives Tulfo (Jocelyn), Tulfo (Ralph Wendel) and Yap (Edvic)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 2836, titled:

AN ACT PROMOTING INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT

AND LIVELIHOOD ENHANCEMENT IN THE PHILIPPINES, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representatives Tulfo (Jocelyn), Tulfo (Ralph Wendel) and Yap (Edvic)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 2837, titled:

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A NATIONAL MEDICINE SYSTEM IN THE PHILIPPINES

By Representatives Tulfo (Jocelyn), Tulfo (Ralph Wendel) and Yap (Edvic)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2838, titled:

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE CAREER PROGRESSION SYSTEM FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Ouano-Dizon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 2839, titled:

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE TRANSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT TO E-GOVERNANCE IN THE DIGITAL AGE, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE PHILIPPINE INFOSTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT CORPORATION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Ouano-Dizon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 2840, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MAGNA CARTA OF BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS

By Representative Ouano-Dizon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2841, titled:

AN ACT INSTITUTING THE MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Ouano-Dizon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2842, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE VIROLOGY AND VACCINE INSTITUTE OF THE PHILIPPINES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Ouano-Dizon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2843, titled:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE AGUSAN DEL NORTE PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN BUTUAN CITY, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL NORTE INTO A LEVEL III TEACHING AND TRAINING HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE AGUSAN DEL NORTE GENERAL HOSPITAL AND TRAINING CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Corvera
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2844, titled:

AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF DISASTER RESILIENCE, DEFINING ITS MANDATES, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Corvera
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DISASTER RESILIENCE AND THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION

House Bill No. 2845, titled:

AN ACT ENHANCING THE DISCOUNT ON THE PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES OF SENIOR CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

By Representative Corvera
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS, THE COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS, AND THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

House Bill No. 2846, titled:

AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES OF SENIOR CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITY

By Representative Corvera
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS, THE COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS, AND THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

House Bill No. 2847, titled:

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 285 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991", AS AMENDED, TO INCLUDE AREA OF MUNICIPAL WATERS AS AN ADDITIONAL FACTOR IN DETERMINING THE SHARE OF EACH LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT IN THE NATIONAL TAX ALLOTMENT

By Representative Corvera
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2848, titled:

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS IN CRISIS SITUATIONS PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF CERTAIN UNLAWFUL ACTS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Corvera
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 2849, titled:

AN ACT CREATING THE LAKE MAINIT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF

By Representative Corvera
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 2850, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING MONTHLY SUPPORT TO SENIOR CITIZENS OF PRESCRIBED MAINTENANCE MEDICINES, FOOD SUPPLEMENTS, AND VITAMINS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Corvera
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 2851, titled:

AN ACT PROTECTING SENIOR CITIZENS FROM VIOLENCE AND ABUSE, TO BE KNOWN AS "SENIOR CITIZEN PROTECTION ACT", DEFINING ELDER ABUSE PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Corvera
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 2852, titled:

AN ACT INTEGRATING A GRASS ROOTS FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC LITERACY PROGRAM AS AN ADDITIONAL CRITERION IN THE DETERMINATION OF GRANTING A SEAL OF GOOD LOCAL GOVERNANCE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11292 OR THE SEAL OF GOOD LOCAL GOVERNANCE ACT OF 2019

By Representative Alba
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2853, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AS EMPLOYEES IN PRIVATE ENTITIES BY GRANTING INCREASED INCENTIVES TO PRIVATE ENTITIES THAT EMPLOY SENIOR CITIZENS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZEN ACT OF 2010

By Representative Yap (Eric)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 2854, titled:

AN ACT MANDATING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) TO ENSURE THE AVAILABILITY OF MEDICINES AND PROCUREMENT OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT IN ALL PUBLIC HOSPITALS THROUGH THE UTILIZATION OF THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIGENT AND FINANCIALLY INCAPACITATED PATIENTS (MAIFIP) FUND, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Yap (Eric)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2855, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A TWO HUNDRED PESOS (P200.00) DAILY WAGE INCREASE FOR MINIMUM WAGE WORKERS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR

By Representative Yap (Eric)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 2856, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING PROTECTION AND INCENTIVES FOR FREELANCE WORKERS

By Representative Yap (Eric)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 2857, titled:

AN ACT REGULATING THE OPERATION OF MOTORCYCLES- FOR-HIRE

By Representative Yap (Eric)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2858, titled:

AN ACT INSTITUTING A NATIONAL LAND USE POLICY, PROVIDING THE IMPLEMENTING MECHANISMS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Yap (Eric)
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

House Bill No. 2859, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE WATER REGULATORY COMMISSION, DEFINING THEIR MANDATES, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Yap (Eric)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION

House Bill No. 2860, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PROTECTION OF THE REMITTANCES OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS

By Representative Yap (Eric)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 2861, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING COMPASSIONATE AND RIGHT OF ACCESS TO MEDICAL CANNABIS, EXPANDING RESEARCH INTO ITS MEDICINAL PROPERTIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Yap (Eric)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS AND THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2862, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PRIVATE BASIC EDUCATION VOUCHER PROGRAM, PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF THE BUREAU OF PRIVATE EDUCATION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 2, 3, 4(2), 4(3), 5, 6, 7, 12, 14, AND 15 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8545, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "EXPANDED GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS AND TEACHERS IN PRIVATE EDUCATION ACT", WHICH AMENDED REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6728, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS AND TEACHERS IN PRIVATE EDUCATION ACT"

By Representative Yap (Eric)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2863, titled:

AN ACT UPGRADING THE DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE IN THE CITY OF IRIGA, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, FROM A CLASS “D” TO A CLASS “B” DISTRICT OFFICE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Villafuerte (Miguel Luis)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 107, titled:

A RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE, THE COMMITTEE ON DISASTER RESILIENCE, AND THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY TO CONDUCT A JOINT INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE REVIEW OF ALL EXISTING FLOOD CONTROL PROJECTS ALONG LAGUNA DE BAY, AND THE FEASIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING NATURE-BASED AND SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS, WITH THE END VIEW OF MITIGATING FLOODING AND FORMULATING A COMPREHENSIVE LAKE MANAGEMENT AND FLOOD MITIGATION MASTER PLAN

By Representative Hernandez (Charisse Anne)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 108, titled:

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE OPERATIONAL FAILURES OF THE ALBAY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (ALECO), THE HOLDER OF AN EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION (NEA), WHICH HAVE RESULTED IN FREQUENT POWER OUTAGES AND HAVE ADVERSELY AFFECTED THE ALBAYANONS IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBAY

By Representative Loria
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 109, titled:

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE COLLAPSE OF THE CABAGAN-STA. MARIA BRIDGE

IN ISABELA WITH THE END VIEW OF DETERMINING ACCOUNTABILITY AND FORMULATING LEGISLATIVE MEASURES TO PREVENT SIMILAR TRAGIC INCIDENTS

By Representatives Albano, Kho (Antonio), Kho (Wilton), Ty and Dy (Faustino)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Joint Resolution No. 3, titled:

JOINT RESOLUTION TERMINATING THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE PRESIDENT TO ADJUST TARIFF RATES ON RICE, AND REVERTING TARIFFS TO PREVIOUS LEVEL

By Representatives Bag-ao, Ismula, Diokno, Cendaña, Lagman, De Lima and San Fernando
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

COMMUNICATION

Report dated July 3, 2025 of Honorable Reginald S. Velasco, Secretary General, House of Representatives, on enrolled copies of Senate Bill No. 2252 and House Bill No. 7479, titled:

AN ACT DECLARING A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PAOAY IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE, A PROTECTED AREA WITH THE CATEGORY OF PROTECTED LANDSCAPE UNDER THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM, TO BE REFERRED TO AS THE PAOAY LAKE PROTECTED LANDSCAPE, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

which were returned to the Senate on even date and to be transmitted to the Office of the President, for His Excellency’s consideration and signature, pursuant to Section 18(h), Rule VI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Upon the request of Rep. Antonino B. Roman III, the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Reps. Jose “Bong” J. Teves Jr. and Brian Raymund S. Yamsuan.

PRIVILEGE HOUR

With leave of the House, on successive motions of Rep. Ralph Wendel P. Tulfo, there being no objection, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour and thereafter, recognized Rep. Rufus B. Rodriguez for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE RODRIGUEZ (R.)

Representative Rodriguez raised an urgent national concern about the growing crisis of online gambling in the country, which he described as a “digital plague” devastating Filipino families. He emphasized how the digital shift has made gambling dangerously accessible 24/7 and even to minors through smartphones. He said that based on a 2025 study by the Digital Risk Observatory, around 34 million Filipinos have engaged in online gambling, many of whom started before reaching the legal age. He said that he finds it more alarming that various gambling apps are aggressively promoted by influencers and high-profile Filipino celebrities whose endorsements, he stressed, were often disguised as lifestyle content, thus making online gambling appear as harmless and aspirational.

He acknowledged that online gambling contributes to the economy and provides employment for 40,000 Filipinos; however, he questioned the societal cost of these gains, citing broken families, mental health issues, domestic abuse, and youth addiction. He described gambling as a trap for the poor and a threat to Filipino culture, emphasizing that no amount of money can equal a human life or the well-being of a family. He also cited the Department of Health’s declaration of gambling addiction as a public mental health concern, as well as the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of the Philippines’ warning of a moral and social emergency. He added that while e-wallet platforms have begun limiting gambling-related ads, regulation remains weak and gambling platforms continue to grow.

In the end, Representative Rodriguez (1) called on the House to support a total ban on online gambling just as it dared to end Philippine offshore gaming operations and *e-sabong*; (2) proposed prohibiting e-wallets from enabling gambling transactions and penalizing operators, intermediaries, and endorsers; and (3) urged the government to empower regulatory and law enforcement agencies and to launch nationwide awareness and recovery programs.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ROMULO

Rep. Roman T. Romulo, whom the Chair recognized upon motion of Rep. Munir N. Arbison Jr., initially sought confirmation about a boy who had died of leptospirosis after searching for his father. Representative Rodriguez agreed that it was indeed an ironic situation that a father was arrested for a minimal offense of playing “*kara-krus*,” while the

bigger issue of online gambling is being deliberated on the floor. He noted that the Supreme Court had, on one case, ruled that the arrest and the penalty related thereto were anti-poor and should not be allowed.

Representative Romulo urged Representative Rodriguez to consider reviewing the anti-poor effects of Presidential Decree No. 1602 and its other adverse consequences in the process of filing a bill to ban online gambling. He manifested to support his colleague during the committee hearings.

For his part, Representative Rodriguez assured Representative Romulo that he will look into the anti-poor provisions of the said decree; informed the Body about his plan to file a bill providing for a total ban on online gaming the following day; and sought the support of his colleague on the matter.

On motion of Rep. Javier Miguel Lopez Benitez, the Chair recognized Rep. Lorenz R. Defensor for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE DEFENSOR

Representative Defensor inquired whether there are countries that have already implemented regulations or bans on gambling or social media to protect their citizens, especially the youth, and whether Representative Rodriguez (R.) had data to back up the proposed ban on online gambling.

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Singson-Meehan relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Yasser Alonto Balindong.

Representative Rodriguez replied that there are countries already regulating, not completely banning, online gambling. However, he argued that regulation alone would not be enough to prevent the addictive effects of online gambling. He then reiterated that the Digital Risk Observatory 2025 study revealed that an estimated 34 million Filipinos are engaged in online gambling which, he said, could be considered a silent epidemic plaguing the country.

Representative Defensor also asked about the recommendations of Representative Rodriguez for those who would be affected by a total ban on online gambling, considering that around 40,000 Filipinos are involved in it as a means of livelihood. In response, Representative Rodriguez asked the Department of Labor and Employment to be prepared to implement programs that would provide jobs through training and orientation.

Ending his interpellation, Representative Defensor expressed his intention to be the first co-author of the proposal to ban online gaming. Representative Rodriguez thanked Representatives Defensor and Romulo for their initial support and gave the assurance to make them first co-authors of the bill.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE RODRIGUEZ (R.)

On motion of Representative Benitez (J.M.), there being no objection, the Body approved to refer the privilege speech of Representative Rodriguez and the interpellations thereon to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

TERMINATION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR

Subsequently, on further motion of Representative Benitez (J.M.), there being no objection, the Body terminated the Privilege Hour.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Thereupon, upon the request of Rep. Ysabel Maria J. Zamora, the Chair recognized the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Yevgeny Vincente B. Emano.

Likewise, upon the request of Rep. Brian Poe, the Chair recognized the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Arnan C. Panaligan.

Also, upon the request of Representative Benitez (J.M.), the Chair recognized the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Reynaldo P. Salvacion.

ADOPTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION NOS. 94 AND 106

On successive motions of Rep. Vincenzo Renato Luigi R. Villafuerte, 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. 94, titled: RESOLUTION INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF BONA FIDE PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATIONS AS OFFICIAL NON-VOTING OBSERVERS IN THE PUBLIC HEARINGS OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS ON THE NATIONAL

BUDGET AND ALL SUBSEQUENT GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS; and

2. House Resolution No. 106, titled: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMITTEES ON HUMAN RIGHTS, PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY, DANGEROUS DRUGS, AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTS TO CONDUCT A JOINT INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, TO ADDRESS EMERGING AND UNRESOLVED ISSUES BROUGHT FORTH BY THE JOINT INVESTIGATION OF THE PREVIOUS QUAD-COMMITTEE DURING THE NINETEENTH CONGRESS.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Villafuerte (V.R.L.), the Chair suspended the session at 3:07 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session was resumed at 3:08 p.m.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMISSION ON APPOINTMENTS

On motion of Majority Leader Ferdinand Alexander A. Marcos, there being no objection, the Body affirmed the election of the following Members as House contingents of the Commission on Appointments:

(as head)

Rep. Ramon N. Guico Jr.

(as members)

- Rep. Jose "Joboy" S. Aquino II
- Rep. Antonio "Tonypet" T. Albano
- Rep. Lani Mercado-Revilla
- Rep. Jurdin Jesus M. Romualdo
- Rep. Benjamin C. Agarao Jr.
- Rep. Alfredo A. Garbin Jr.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE HRET

On another motion of Majority Leader Marcos, there being no objection, the Body affirmed the election of the following Members to the House of Representatives Electoral Tribunal (HRET):

(as head)

Rep. Ysabel Maria J. Zamora

(as members)

Rep. Munir M. Arbison
Rep. Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica

ELECTION OF MAJORITY MEMBERS TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES

Thereafter, on successive motions of Majority Leader Marcos, there being no objection, the Body affirmed the election of the following Members of the Majority to the committees specified hereunder:

Committee on Disaster Resilience

(as chairperson)

Rep. Joseph “Jojo” L. Lara

Committee on Ecology

(as chairperson)

Rep. Maria Vanessa “Van-Van” C. Aumentado, RN

Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization

(as chairperson)

Rep. Eric L. Olivarez

Committee on Government Reorganization

(as chairperson)

Rep. Salvador A. Pleyto

Committee on Health

(as chairperson)

Rep. Ciriaco B. Gato Jr., MD, FPSO-HNS

Committee on Muslim Affairs

(as chairperson)

Rep. Bai Dimple I. Mastura

Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs

(as chairperson)

Rep. Bryan B. Revilla

Committee on Population and Family Relations

(as chairperson)

Rep. Roger Gaviola Mercado

Committee on Poverty Alleviation

(as chairperson)

Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo

Committee on Sustainable Development Goals

(as chairperson)

Rep. Jose Manuel F. Alba

Committee on Visayas Development

(as chairperson)

Rep. Lolita T. Javier

Committee on Women and Gender Equality

(as chairperson)

Rep. Ma. Rene Ann Lourdes G. Matibag

Special Committee on Bicol Affairs and Economic Development

(as chairperson)

Rep. Eulogio “Leo” R. Rodriguez

Special Committee on Land Use

(as chairperson)

Rep. Francisco “Lalo” T. Matugas

Special Committee on Southern Tagalog Development

(as chairperson)

Rep. Ramil Laurel Hernandez

Special Committee on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity

(as chairperson)

Rep. Samier A. Tan

Committee on Agrarian Reform

(as vice-chairperson)

Rep. Rosalie Ang Salvame

Committee on Agriculture and Food

(as vice-chairpersons)

Rep. Noel “Bong” N. Rivera

Rep. Emmanuel L. Iway

Rep. Yevgeny Vincente B. Emano

Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources

(as senior vice-chairperson)

Rep. Isidro D. Lumayag

(as vice-chairpersons)

Rep. Bryan B. Revilla
Rep. Manuel “Manman” O. Ko

Committee on Basic Education and Culture

(as vice-chairperson)

Rep. Leandro Legarda Leviste

Committee on Cooperatives Development

(as vice-chairperson)

Rep. Isidro D. Lumayag

Committee on Energy

(as vice-chairpersons)

Rep. Edwin Ongchuan
Rep. Julius Cesar “Jay” Vergara

Committee on Games and Amusements

(as vice-chairperson)

Rep. Junard “Ahong” Q. Chan

Committee on Good Government
and Public Accountability

(as vice-chairperson)

Rep. Alexander Ty Pimentel

Committee on Health

(as senior vice-chairperson)

Rep. Yedda Marie K. Romualdez

(as vice-chairperson)

Rep. Julius Cesar “Jay” Vergara

Committee on Higher and Technical Education

(as vice-chairpersons)

Rep. Eulogio “Leo” R. Rodriguez
Rep. Ustadz Yusop T. Alano

Committee on Housing and Urban Development

(as vice-chairperson)

Rep. Ralph Wendel P. Tulfo

Committee on Indigenous Cultural
Communities and Indigenous Peoples

(as vice-chairperson)

Rep. Caroline B. Agyao, MD

Committee on Muslim Affairs

(as senior vice-chairperson)

Rep. Ustadz Yusop T. Alano

Committee on National Defense and Security

(as vice-chairperson)

Rep. Esmael G. Mangudadatu

Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs

(as vice-chairperson)

Rep. Yedda Marie K. Romualdez

Committee on Public Order and Safety

(as vice-chairperson)

Rep. Esmael G. Mangudadatu

Committee on Social Services

(as vice-chairperson)

Rep. Caroline B. Agyao, MD

Committee on Tourism

(as vice-chairperson)

Rep. Junard “Ahong” Q. Chan

Committee on Trade and Industry

(as vice-chairperson)

Rep. Jose Manuel “JM” Floirendo Lagdameo

Committee on Transportation

(as vice-chairperson)

Rep. Carmelo G. Lazatin Jr.

Committee on Ways and Means

(as vice-chairpersons)

Rep. Ferdinand L. Hernandez
Rep. Maria Cristina C. Angeles

Committee on Welfare of Children

(as vice-chairperson)

Rep. Yedda Marie K. Romualdez

Special Committee on East ASEAN Growth Area

(as vice-chairperson)

Rep. Katrina Reiko Chua-Tai

Special Committee on Food Security

(as vice-chairperson)

Rep. Jose Manuel "JM" Floirendo Lagdameo

Special Committee on Land Use

(as vice-chairperson)

Rep. Leody "Odie" F. Tarriela

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Majority Leader Marcos, the Chair suspended the session at 3:14 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session was resumed at 3:33 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, upon the request of Rep. Ryan S. Recto, the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Speaker Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez and Rep. Yedda Marie K. Romualdez.

**ELECTION OF MAJORITY MEMBERS
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

Thereafter, on motion of Majority Leader Marcos, there being no objection, the Body affirmed the election of the following Members of the Majority to the Committee on Appropriations:

(as vice-chairpersons)


Rep. Arnie B. Fuentebella
Rep. Rommel Rico T. Angara
Rep. Ronald V. Singson
Rep. Anna York P. Bondoc, MD
Rep. Maria Angela S. Garcia
Rep. Keith Micah "Atty. Mike" D.L. Tan
Rep. Ferdinand L. Hernandez
Rep. Bella Vanessa B. Suansing
Rep. JC Rahman A. Nava, MD
Rep. Monique Yazmin Maria Q. Lagdameo
Rep. Edwin Ongchuan

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Subsequently, on another motion of Majority Leader Marcos, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, August 6, 2025.

It was 3:36 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.


REGINALD S. VELASCO
Secretary General

Approved on August 12, 2025.

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BERNOS (J.)	* DY (F.M.C.)	LACSON
** BIRON	**** DY (I.P.)	LAGBAS
BOCOBO	EMANO	LAGDAMEO (J.M.)
BOLILIA	* ENVERGA	LAGDAMEO (M.Y.M.)
* BONDOC	ERICE	LAGMAN
BRIONES	ESCUDERO	*** LAGON (D.)

**** LAGON (S.)	PASCUAL	TAN (J.)
LARA	* PEREZ	TAN (K.M.)
LAZATIN	PIMENTEL	**** TAN (R.M.)
** LEDESMA	** PLAZA	*** TAN (S.)
LEGACION	PLEYTO	**** TAN (S.J.)
LEGARDA	POE	* TANCHAY
LEGAZPI	PRIMICIAS-AGABAS	TANJUATCO
* LEVISTE	PUMAREN	* TARRIELA
**** LIBANAN	* PUNO	TEODORO
LOPEZ	QUIMBO	TERENG
LORIA	RAMA	TEVES
LOYOLA	RECTO	**** TIANGCO
**** LUISTRO	REGENCIA	* TIENG
LUMAYAG	REMULLA	TINIO
MACAPAGAL-ARROYO	**** REVILLA (B.)	**** TOLENTINO
MACASAET	** REVILLA (R.J.)	TUAN
MACEDA	* RIDON	TULFO (J.)
MADRONA	RIVERA	* TULFO (R.W.)
MALAPITAN	* ROBES	TUPAS
MANGUDADATU	RODRIGUEZ (E.)	** TUTOR
MANQUIZ	RODRIGUEZ (M.)	* TY
MARAÑON	RODRIGUEZ (R.)	UMALI
* MARCOLETA	ROMAN	* UNGAB
MARCOS	*** ROMUALDEZ (A.J.)	* UY (D.C.)
MARQUEZ	ROMUALDEZ (F.M.)	*** UY (R.)
MASTURA	ROMUALDEZ (Y.M.)	VALERIANO
* MATIBAG	ROMUALDO	* VARGAS
MATUGAS	* ROMULO	VARGAS-ALFONSO
MENDOZA	ROQUE	* VELOSO
* MERCADO	SAGARBARRIA	VELOSO-TUAZON
MERCADO-REVILLA	SAKALURAN	VERGARA
** MIRAFLORES	* SALCEDA	**** VILLA
**** MOMO	SALI	VILLAFUERTE (M.L.)
MONTES	SALVACION	VILLAFUERTE (V.R.L.)
NAVA	SALVADOR	** VILLANUEVA
NAZAL	SALVAME	* VILLARICA
NISAY	SAN FERNANDO	* VIOLAGO
NOLASCO	SANTOS (M.A.S.)	YAMSUAN
OAMINAL (H.)	SANTOS (M.A.)	**** YAP (C.)
OAMINAL (S.F.)	* SHIMURA	YAP (EDVIC)
* ODOCADO	** SINGSON (R.)	* YAP (ERIC)
* OLIVAREZ	SINGSON (R.V.)	YAP (J.G.)
** ONGCHUAN	SINGSON-MEEHAN	YATCO
* ORDANES	**** SOLON	YNARES
ORETA	SUAN	YU (J.V.)
ORTEGA	SUANSING (B.V.)	YU (J.K.)
* OUANO-DIZON	* SUANSING (M.A.)	YULO
PADIERNOS	SUAREZ	* ZAMORA (M.C.)
* PANALIGAN	SUNTAY	ZAMORA (Y.M.)
PANCHO	TALLADO	ZUBIRI
* PANOTES	* TAN (A.)	

* Appeared after the Roll Call

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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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