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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:00 p.m. of Monday, February 2, 2026, Deputy Speaker Kristine Singson-Meehan called the session to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM AND INVOCATION

The Members sang the National Anthem and thereafter, Rep. Arlyn P. Ayon delivered the invocation.

ROLL CALL

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

Abalos
Abante
Acidre
Acosta
Adiong
Agarao
Agyao
Alba
Albano
Almario (C.M.)
Almario (D.)
Alvarez (J.)
Amante
Angeles
Aquino
Aquino-Magsaysay
Arbison (M.)
Arbison (M.N.)
Arrogancia
Asistio
Atayde
Aumentado
Ayon
Bag-ao
Balindong
Bancoro
Barba
Barbers
Baronda
Bascug
Bautista (J.M.)
Bautista-Lim
Benitez (J.M.)
Bernos (C.)
Bernos (J.)
Biron
Bocobo
Bolilia
Bondoc
Bulut-Begtang
Cagas
Calderon
Calixto
Caoagdan
Castro
Cayton
Celeste
Cendaña
Ceniza
Chan (J.F.N.J)
Chan (J.)
Chua
Chua-Tai
Chungalao
Co
Co-Pilar
Cojuangco (M.)
Collantes
Corvera
Cruz (A.)
Cruz (R.)
Cruzado
Cua
Dagooc
Dalog
Dayanghirang
De Jesus
De Lima
Defensor
Degamo
Del Mar
Dimacuha
Dimaporo (I.)
Diokno
Dionisio
Domingo
Domogan
Duterte (H.J.)
Duterte (O.V.)
Duterte (P.)
Dy (F.)
Dy (F.M.C.)
Elago
Enverga
Erice
Escudero
Espares
Espina
Estrella
Ferrer (A.)
Flores
Fortes
Fresnedi
Galang
Galeos
Garbin
Garcia (A.)
Garcia (D.)
Garcia (J.A.)
Garcia (K.H.)
Gardiola
Garin
Gatchalian
Gato
Glepa
Gomez
Gonzales (A.)
Gonzales (A.M.)
Gonzales (R.)
Gorriceta
Guico
Gutierrez
Hernandez (C.A.)
Hernandez (F.)
Hernandez (R.)
Hofer-Hasim
Ismula
Javier
Kho (W.)
Khonghun
Ko
Lacson
Lagbas
Lagdameo (J.M.)
Lagman
Lagon (D.)
Lagon (S.)
Lara
Lazatin
Ledesma
Legacion
Legarda
Legazpi
Libanan
Luistro
Lumayag

Macapagal-Arroyo
Macasaet
Maceda
Madrona
Malapitan
Maniquiz
Marañon
Marcos
Marquez
Mastura
Matibag
Matugas
Mercado
Mercado-Revilla
Miraflores
Momo
Montes
Nava
Nazal
Nisay
Nolasco
Oaminal (H.)
Olivarez
Ongchuan
Ordanes
Oreta
Padiernos
Panaligan
Pancho
Pascual
Perez
Pimentel
Plaza
Pleyto
Poe
Primicias-Agabas
Pumaren
Quimbo
Recto
Remulla
Revilla (B.)
Revilla (R.J.)
Ridon
Rivera
Robes
Rodriguez (E.)
Rodriguez (M.)
Rodriguez (R.)
Roman
Romualdez (A.J.)
Romualdez (Y.M.)
Romualdo
Romulo
Roque
Sagarbarria
Sali
Salvame
San Fernando
Santos (M.A.)
Shimura
Singson (R.V.)
Singson-Meehan
Suan
Suansing (B.V.)
Suansing (M.A.)
Suntay
Tan (A.)
Tan (J.)
Tan (K.M.)
Tan (S.J.)
Tanjuatco
Tarriela
Teodoro
Tereng
Teves
Tiangco
Tieng
Tinio
Tolentino
Tuan
Tulfo (J.)
Tupas
Ty
Umali
Uy (D.C.)
Valeriano
Vargas
Vargas-Alfonso
Veloso
Veloso-Tuazon
Vergara
Villafuerte (M.L.)
Villarica
Yamsuan
Yap (J.G.)
Yatco
Ynares
Yu (J.K.)
Yulo
Zamora (M.C.)
Zamora (Y.M.)
Zubiri

With 238 Members present during the Roll Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, upon the request of Rep. Antonino B. Roman III, the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Speaker Faustino "Bojie" G. Dy III, namely: Her Excellency Titanilla Tóth, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Hungary to the Philippines; Mr. Emil Bakos and Mr. Tibor Bárány, Deputy General Directors of the National Assembly of Hungary; Mr. Zsolt Horváth, Consul of the Embassy of Hungary; and Dr. Balázs Rátkai, Consul/ Interpreter of the Embassy of Hungary.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Roman, the Chair suspended the session at 3:19 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session was resumed at 3:20 p.m.

DEFERMENT OF APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Lagon (D.), there being no objection, the Body deferred the approval of the Journal of the previous session.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Lagon (D.), there being no objection, the Body 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 Committee Reports, which were referred to the appropriate committees indicated hereunder:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 7380, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA OF TRICYCLE DRIVERS AND OPERATORS, INSTITUTIONALIZING MECHANISMS FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Galang

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 7381, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING URBAN WALKABILITY AND SAFE PATHWAYS STANDARDS NATIONWIDE, MANDATING

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE INFRASTRUCTURE IN ALL NEW BRIDGE AND TOLL ROAD PROJECTS, PROVIDING FOR A PHASED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SAFE PATHWAYS NETWORK, CREATING THE NATIONAL TRANSPORT AWARDS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Galang

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

House Bill No. 7382, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CLASSROOM-BUILDING ACCELERATION PROGRAM (CAP) UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AUTHORIZING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS TO UNDERTAKE CLASSROOM CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

By Representative Galang

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7383, titled:

AN ACT UPGRADING THE MINIMUM SALARY GRADE LEVEL OF NURSES FROM SALARY GRADE 15 TO 19, AMENDING SEC. 32 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9173, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "THE PHILIPPINE NURSING ACT OF 2002"

By Representative Galang

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 7384, titled:

AN ACT PROTECTING SENIOR CITIZENS AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DEFINING AND CLASSIFYING FORMS OF ELDER ABUSE, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR

By Representative Galang

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 7385, titled:

AN ACT GRANTING TIMES BROADCASTING NETWORK CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Ayon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 7386, titled:

AN ACT INSTITUTING A COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL HEALTH PROGRAM TO COMBAT SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS (LUPUS) DISEASE, ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL LUPUS AWARENESS, PREVENTION, AND TREATMENT PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Salceda

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7387, titled:

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 32(B) OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, TO EXCLUDE FROM GROSS INCOME THE HONORARIA AND ALLOWANCES RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ELECTION INSPECTORS AND OTHER ELECTION WORKERS FOR SERVICES RENDERED DURING ELECTIONS

By Representative Salceda

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 7388, titled:

AN ACT MANDATING COMPREHENSIVE THIRD-PARTY LIABILITY INSURANCE, INCLUDING PROPERTY DAMAGE, AS A PREREQUISITE FOR THE REGISTRATION AND RENEWAL OF ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTIONS 387 AND 389 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10607, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE INSURANCE CODE

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 7389, titled:

AN ACT MANDATING THE FULL DISCLOSURE OF GOVERNMENT TRANSACTIONS THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DIGITAL BUDGET PORTAL TO ENHANCE TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE PHILIPPINE BUDGET PROCESS

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 7390, titled:

AN ACT PROHIBITING TICKET SCALPING AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR

By Representative Garcia (Karen Hope)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 7391, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ZERO INTEREST SALARY LOANS TO ALL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES IN GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

By Representative Oaminal (Sancho Fernando)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 7392, titled:

AN ACT RECLASSIFYING AS AGRICULTURAL LAND PARCELS OF LAND OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DON VICTORIANO, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL, AND OPEN TO DISPOSITION FOR AGRICULTURAL, COMMERCIAL, RESIDENTIAL, AND INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES

By Representative Oaminal (Sancho Fernando)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 7393, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REAPPORTIONMENT OF THE LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF BENGUET INTO TWO LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

By Representative Yap (Eric)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 7394, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE PROVINCIAL ROAD FROM TUBO JUNCTION LOCATED IN BARANGAY SAPID, KM 343+200 TO SAYAPOT JUNCTION LOCATED IN BARANGAY BALILI, KM 355+200 IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MANKAYAN, PROVINCE OF BENGUET INTO A NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Yap (Eric)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 7395, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE AGRICULTURE INFORMATION SYSTEM IN ALL CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES

By Representatives Yap (Eric) and Yap (Edvic)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 7396, titled:

AN ACT DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF MANKAYAN, PROVINCE OF BENGUET AS "HOME OF THE BIGGEST GONG IN THE PHILIPPINES"

By Representative Yap (Eric)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 7397, titled:

AN ACT DIVIDING BARANGAY CAMP FOUR IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUBA, PROVINCE OF BENGUET INTO TWO SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY CAMP FOUR AND BARANGAY CAMP SIX

By Representative Yap (Eric)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 7398, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE ITOGON CENTRAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN SITIO AYOSIP, BARANGAY POBLACION IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ITOGON, PROVINCE OF BENGUET, TO CATER TO JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Yap (Eric)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7399, titled:

AN ACT SEPARATING THE SITIO OF DALICNO FROM BARANGAY AMPUCAO, MUNICIPALITY OF ITOGON, PROVINCE OF BENGUET, AND CONSTITUTING IT INTO A SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY DALICNO

By Representative Yap (Eric)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 7400, titled:

AN ACT CREATING ONE BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT (RTC) IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JANIUAY, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(M) AND SECTION 30 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED

By Representative Defensor

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 7401, titled:

AN ACT CREATING ONE BRANCH OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT (MTC) IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JANIUAY, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(M) AND SECTION 30 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED

By Representative Defensor

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 7402, titled:

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND CASH-FOR-WORK PROGRAMS WITHIN SIX (6) MONTHS BEFORE ANY SCHEDULED NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Ordanes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 7403, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTERS IN VISAYAS AND IN MINDANAO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Oaminal (Sancho Fernando)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7404, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MAGNA CARTA FOR BARANGAYS

By Representative Oaminal (Sancho Fernando)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 7405, titled:

AN ACT TO PROTECT WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES FROM THE HAZARDS OF WORKING IN AGRICULTURAL SITES

By Representatives Yap (Eric) and Yap (Edvic)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 7406, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF EVACUATION CENTERS IN EVERY CITY AND MUNICIPALITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representatives Yap (Eric) and Yap (Edvic)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON DISASTER RESILIENCE

House Bill No. 7407, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A FREE ANNUAL MEDICAL CHECK-UP FOR FILIPINOS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representatives Yap (Eric) and Yap (Edvic)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7408, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NEW CHARTER OF THE DEVELOPMENT BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 81, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE 1986 REVISED CHARTER OF THE DEVELOPMENT BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES," AS AMENDED

By Representative Fortes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 7409, titled:

AN ACT TO CREATE A HEALTHY FOOD ENVIRONMENT BY REQUIRING FRONT-OF-PACKAGE WARNING LABELS FOR FOOD HIGH IN FAT, SODIUM, OR SUGAR AND REGULATING THE MARKETING OF SUCH FOOD TO CHILDREN

By Representative Fortes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 7410, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL POLICE COMMISSION

By Representative Fortes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 7411, titled:

AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT THE PARTY-LIST SYSTEM IS RESERVED FOR THE MARGINALIZED AND UNDERREPRESENTED AMENDING FOR THAT PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 7941, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "PARTY-LIST SYSTEM ACT"

By Representative Fortes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 7412, titled:

AN ACT INSTITUTING A "TOILET PARITY POLICY" AT CROWDED PUBLIC PLACES, SUCH AS MALLS, SCHOOLS, STADIUMS,

CONVENTION CENTERS, PUBLIC PARKS, TRANSPORTATION HUBS, AND OTHER SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS
By Representative Fortes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY

House Bill No. 7413, titled:
AN ACT PROHIBITING THE CONCURRENT AND SUCCESSIVE HOLDING OF MULTIPLE ELECTIVE POSITIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE SAME FAMILY, IMPOSING LIMITATIONS ON FAMILY-BASED CANDIDACIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES
By Representative Luistro
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 7414, titled:
AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PROTECTION OF THE REMITTANCES OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS
By Representative Lagbas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 7415, titled:
AN ACT PROVIDING A MANDATORY HOLIDAY GRACE PERIOD FOR CREDIT CARD AND LOAN PAYMENTS, PROHIBITING THE IMPOSITION OF LATE FEES, PENALTY CHARGES, AND ADDITIONAL INTEREST DURING THE YEAR-END HOLIDAY PERIOD, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES
By Representative Lagbas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 7416, titled:
AN ACT EXPANDING THE USE OF THE LEGAL ASSISTANCE FUND AND THE AGARANG KALINGA AT SAKLOLO PARA SA MGA OFWS NA NANGANGAILANGAN (AKSYON) FUND, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 26 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8042, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MIGRANT WORKERS AND OVERSEAS FILIPINOS ACT OF 1995," AS AMENDED, AND SECTION 14 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11641, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "DEPARTMENT OF MIGRANT WORKERS ACT"
By Representative Lagbas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 7417, titled:
AN ACT PROVIDING INDIGENT JOB SEEKERS, DISCOUNTED OR WAIVED FEES AND CHARGES IN THE ISSUANCE OF CERTAIN PRE-EMPLOYMENT DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES
By Representative Lagbas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION

House Bill No. 7418, titled:
AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NATIONAL POLICY IN PREVENTING ADOLESCENT PREGNANCIES, INSTITUTIONALIZING SOCIAL PROTECTION FOR ADOLESCENT PARENTS
By Representative Lagbas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 7419, titled:
AN ACT EXTENDING EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS TO LEGITIMATE DEPENDENT CHILDREN OF ACCREDITED BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS, MEMBERS OF THE LUPONG TAGAPAMAYAPA, BARANGAY TANODS, CIVILIAN VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS, BARANGAY POLICE ACTION TEAMS AND PUROK PRESIDENTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 393 (d) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160 AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991
By Representative Oaminal (Sancho Fernando)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 7420, titled:
AN ACT RECLASSIFYING AS AGRICULTURAL LAND A PARCEL OF LAND OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN LOCATED IN BARANGAY POBLACION, MUNICIPALITY OF SINACABAN, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL, AND OPEN TO DISPOSITION FOR AGRICULTURAL, COMMERCIAL, RESIDENTIAL, AND INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES
By Representative Oaminal (Sancho Fernando)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 7421, titled:
AN ACT INTEGRATING ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION IN THE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
By Representative Legarda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7422, titled:

AN ACT MODERNIZING PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND BARANGAY READING CENTERS AS COMMUNITY LEARNING SPACES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7743, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CONGRESSIONAL, CITY, AND MUNICIPAL LIBRARIES, AND BARANGAY READING CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES, APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES", AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Legarda

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7423, titled:

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 37 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11223, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACT"

By Representative Legarda

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7424, titled:

AN ACT PRESERVING THE INDIGENOUS GAMES AND SPORTS OF THE PHILIPPINES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Legarda

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 7425, titled:

AN ACT INTEGRATING BASIC SANITATION AND PERSONAL HYGIENE PRACTICES IN THE CURRICULUM OF THE ENHANCED BASIC EDUCATION (K-12) PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Legarda

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7426, titled:

AN ACT MANDATING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DepEd) AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS (DPWH) TO ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE (WASH) AREAS IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Legarda

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7427, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTIVE PROMOTION AND IDENTITY PROTECTION OF AGRICULTURAL OR NATURAL (UNPROCESSED OR WILD) PRODUCTS, LOCALLY PROCESSED PRODUCTS, OR ANY LOCAL PRODUCTS OF HANDICRAFT OR INDUSTRY WITH GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS

By Representative Legarda

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 7428, titled:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE EXTENSION CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JASAAN, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, INTO A REGULAR CAMPUS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Emano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 7429, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING LIFETIME VALIDITY FOR SENIOR CITIZEN IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND FOR PERSONS WITH PERMANENT DISABILITIES, RATIONALIZING THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF IDENTIFICATION CARDS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representatives Chan (Jan Franz Norbert Joselito) and Garbin

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS AND THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

House Bill No. 7430, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL LIFETIME SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN AND ADULTS, GUARANTEEING CARE, GUARDIANSHIP, AND DIGNITY AFTER THE LOSS OR INCAPACITY OF PRIMARY CAREGIVERS, AND CREATING A NATIONWIDE FRAMEWORK FOR INCLUSIVE PLANNING, SERVICES, AND LONG-TERM SECURITY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representatives Chan (Jan Franz Norbert Joselito) and Garbin

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7431, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING ENHANCED PROTECTION, WELFARE, AND SAFETY BENEFITS FOR MEDIA PERSONNEL,

ENSURING FAIR LABOR STANDARDS AND WORKING CONDITIONS IN THE NEWS AND INFORMATION SECTOR, ESTABLISHING A NEWS MEDIA TRIPARTITE COUNCIL, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representatives Chan (Jan Franz Norbert Joselito) and Garbin

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 7432, titled:

AN ACT MANDATING A "NO WORK, NO PAY" COMPENSATION SCHEME FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Marcos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 7433, titled:

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PHILIPPINE ABACA INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Rodriguez (Eulogio)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 7434, titled:

AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAS NIEVES, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY CASIKLAN

By Representative Corvera

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 7435, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN AGRICULTURE INFORMATION SYSTEM IN ALL CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES

By Representative Corvera

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 7436, titled:

AN ACT ABOLISHING THE ESTATE TAX UNDER THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED

By Representative Corvera

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 7437, titled:

AN ACT REGULATING THE USE OF TREATMENT TECHNOLOGY FOR MUNICIPAL AND HAZARDOUS WASTES, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 20 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8749, ENTITLED "THE PHILIPPINE CLEAN AIR ACT OF 1999"

By Representative Corvera

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 7438, titled:

AN ACT STREAMLINING ACCESS TO INVESTIGATIONAL DRUGS, BIOLOGICS, AND MEDICAL DEVICES FOR PATIENTS WITH LIFE-THREATENING OR SERIOUSLY DEBILITATING CONDITIONS, ESTABLISHING THE EXPANDED ACCESS AND RIGHT TO TRY FRAMEWORK, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Salceda

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7439, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE RIGHTS OF DESIGNATED PRIMARY CAREGIVERS IN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS, PROVIDING FOR HOSPITAL VISITATION, MEDICAL DECISION-MAKING, INSURANCE, AND OTHER RIGHTS, PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEX, GENDER, OR RELATIONSHIP STATUS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Salceda

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7440, titled:

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POLICY REFORMS WITH THE END IN VIEW OF PROMOTING EFFICIENCY, TRANSPARENCY, ACCESSIBILITY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Bocobo

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House Bill No. 7442, titled:

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE RIGHTS OF PATIENTS AGAINST HOSPITAL DETENTION ON THE GROUND OF NONPAYMENT OF HOSPITAL BILLS AND MEDICAL EXPENSES AND PROVIDING STIFFER PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9439 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DETENTION OF PATIENTS IN HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CLINICS ON GROUNDS OF NONPAYMENT OF HOSPITAL BILLS OR MEDICAL EXPENSES"

By Representative Bocobo

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House Bill No. 7443, titled:

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By Representative Marcos

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House Bill No. 7444, titled:

AN ACT INSTITUTING A MAGNA CARTA OF FIRST RESPONDERS AND RESCUERS, PROVIDING FOR THEIR RIGHTS, BENEFITS, AND PROTECTIONS, ESTABLISHING INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Marcos

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By Representative Ayon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 7446, titled:

AN ACT STRENGTHENING LOCAL RABIES CONTROL AND PREVENTION BY MANDATING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO CREATE LOCAL RABIES PREVENTION AND CONTROL COMMITTEES AND TO ESTABLISH LOCAL VETERINARY OFFICES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9482, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "ANTI-RABIES ACT OF 2007"

By Representative Escudero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CLASSROOM-BUILDING ACCELERATION PROGRAM (CAP), AUTHORIZING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND PRIVATE SECTOR ENTITIES TO UNDERTAKE CLASSROOM CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Escudero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7448, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROVINCIAL OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED) IN THE PROVINCE OF SORSOGON, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Escudero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 7449, titled:

AN ACT PROTECTING THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO FREEDOM OF RELIGION IN THE PHILIPPINES GUARANTEED UNDER SECTION 5, ARTICLE III OF THE CONSTITUTION

By Representative Abante

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

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AN ACT MANDATING THE FULL DISCLOSURE OF GOVERNMENT REVENUE AND TRANSACTIONS THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DIGITAL BUDGET PORTAL TO ENHANCE TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE PHILIPPINE BUDGET PROCESS

By Representative Roman

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 7451, titled:

AN ACT PROMOTING WOMEN PARTICIPATION AND EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION IN AND BY POLITICAL PARTIES, GIVING INCENTIVES THEREFOR, CREATING THE WOMEN IN POLITICAL PARTIES EMPOWERMENT FUND, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representatives Ismula, Diokno, Cendaña and Bag-ao

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House Bill No. 7452, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL RECOVERY AND ACCELERATION PROGRAM TO REDUCE POVERTY AND ENHANCE THE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS OF THE POOREST PROVINCES IN THE COUNTRY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Amatong

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By Representative Abante

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 7454, titled:

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By Representatives Yap (Edvic) and Yap (Eric)

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House Bill No. 7456, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF HERITAGE TREES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representatives Yap (Edvic) and Yap (Eric)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 7457, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR FREE FREIGHT SERVICES IN THE TRANSPORTATION OF RELIEF GOODS TO CALAMITY-STRICKEN AREAS

By Representatives Yap (Edvic) and Yap (Eric)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON DISASTER RESILIENCE

House Bill No. 7458, titled:

AN ACT REQUIRING ALL NATIONAL, REGIONAL, AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN A DIALYSIS WARD OR UNIT IN THEIR RESPECTIVE HOSPITAL, AND TO PROVIDE FREE DIALYSIS TREATMENT TO INDIGENT PATIENTS

By Representatives Yap (Edvic) and Yap (Eric)

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By Representatives Yap (Edvic) and Yap (Eric)

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By Representative Nazal

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By Representative Villafuerte (Miguel Luis)

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By Representative Mendoza

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By Representative Alba

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By Representative Marquez

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By Representatives Bernos (JB) and Bernos (Ching)

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By Representatives Bernos (JB) and Bernos (Ching)

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By Representative Chua-Tai

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By Representative Chua-Tai

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By Representative Mercado

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By Representative Salceda

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By Representative Salceda

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By Representative Mastura

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By Representative Ayon

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By Representative Villarica

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By Representative Villarica

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By Representatives De Lima, Amatong, Bag-ao, Cendaña, Diokno, Erice, Fresnedi, Ismula, Lagman and Umali

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By Representative Oaminal (Sancho Fernando)

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By Representative Oaminal (Sancho Fernando)

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By Representative Salceda

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By Representative Salceda

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By Representative Salceda

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By Representative Salceda

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By Representative De Lima

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 688, titled:

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By Representatives De Jesus and Dagooc

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By Representatives Dagooc and De Jesus

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House Resolution No. 690, titled:

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By Representatives De Jesus and Dagooc

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House Resolution No. 691, titled:

A RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION FOR THE REVIEW AND REASSESSMENT OF ALL ISSUANCES, MEMORANDA, GUIDELINES, RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION (ERC) AND THE NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION (NEA)

By Representatives De Jesus and Dagooc

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By Representatives Dagooc and De Jesus

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 693, titled:

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By Representative Teodoro

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 694, titled:

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By Representative Dy (Faustino Michael Carlos)

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A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT, AND, THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE ALLEGED "PALAKASAN SCHEME" IN THE

IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE SALARY CAP AND OTHER COMPETITIVE BALANCE MECHANISMS IN THE PHILIPPINE BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (PBA), WITH THE END IN VIEW OF RECOMMENDING MEASURES TO PROMOTE PARITY, TRANSPARENCY, AND THE LONG-TERM INTEGRITY OF PROFESSIONAL SPORTS

By Representative Abante

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 696, titled:

RESOLUTION URGING THE PHILIPPINE PORTS AUTHORITY TO PRIORITIZE THE EXPANSION AND MODERNIZATION OF THE PORT OF PIO DURAN IN ALBAY, AND CALLING ON THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO MAKE THE NECESSARY APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR

By Representative Salceda

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By Representative Salceda

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By Representative Roman

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

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Committee Report No. 74, submitted by the Committee on Energy on H.B. No. 7479, titled:

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Sponsors: Representatives Alvarez (Jose), Dagooc and De Jesus

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Committee Report No. 75, submitted by the Committee on Youth and Sports Development on H.R. No. 699, titled:

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE JUNIOR PENCAK SILAT TEAM FOR WINNING FIRST RUNNER-UP OVERALL CHAMPION IN THE 3RD JUNIOR ASIAN PENCAK SILAT CHAMPIONSHIP 2025 HELD IN SRINAGAR, INDIA FROM SEPTEMBER 25 TO 30, 2025

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Sponsors: Representatives Dy (Faustino Michael Carlos) and Marquez

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Committee Report No. 76, submitted by the Committee on Youth and Sports Development on H.R. No. 700, titled:

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING YOUNG FILIPINO TAEKWONDO ATHLETES FOR WINNING GOLD MEDALS AT THE 13TH ROYAL PRINCESS CUP INTERNATIONAL TAEKWONDO CHAMPIONSHIP HELD IN BANGKOK, THAILAND FROM SEPTEMBER 25 TO 28, 2025

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Sponsors: Representatives Dy (Faustino Michael Carlos) and Lazatin

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Committee Report No. 77, submitted by the Committee on Youth and Sports Development on H.R. No. 701, titled:

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE BENCHREST SHOOTING TEAM FOR WINNING MEDALS IN THE 2025 WORLD RIMFIRE AND AIR RIFLE BENCHREST FEDERATION WORLD CUP HELD IN RUUTIKANGAS SHOOTING COMPLEX, OULU FINLAND, FROM AUGUST 6 TO 16, 2025

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Sponsors: Representatives Dy (Faustino Michael Carlos) and Matibag

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 78, submitted by the Committee on Youth and Sports Development on H.R. No. 702, titled:

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION FOR THE SUCCESSFUL HOSTING OF THE 2025 *FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE VOLLEYBALL* MEN'S VOLLEYBALL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP HELD AT THE SM MALL OF ASIA ARENA, PASAY CITY, AND THE SMART ARANETA COLISEUM, QUEZON CITY, PHILIPPINES, FROM SEPTEMBER 12 TO 28, 2025

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolution No. 324

Sponsor: Representative Dy (Faustino Michael Carlos)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 79, submitted by the Committee on Youth and Sports Development on H.R. No. 703, titled:

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO TRIATHLETE KIRA ELLIS FOR WINNING THE GOLD MEDAL IN THE JUNIOR WOMEN'S DIVISION AT THE 2025 EUROPE TRIATHLON JUNIOR CUP RIGA HELD IN MEŽAPARKS, RIGA, LATVIA ON AUGUST 16, 2025

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolutions Numbered 172, 174 and 207

Sponsors: Representatives Dy (Faustino Michael Carlos), Tolentino, Olivarez and Co-Pilar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 80, submitted by the Committee on Youth and Sports Development on H.R. No. 704, titled:

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE HIP HOP DANCE GROUPS *LEGIT STATUS* AND *VPEEPZ* FOR WINNING MEDALS IN THE 2025 WORLD HIP HOP DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP HELD IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FROM JULY 26 TO AUGUST 2, 2025

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolutions Numbered 121 and 236

Sponsors: Representatives Dy (Faustino Michael Carlos), Tolentino, Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 81 submitted by the Committee on Youth and Sports Development on H.B. No. 7484, titled:

AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE MANAGEMENT AND FULL CONTROL OF THE LAND FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY THE QUEZON CITY VELODROME, INCLUDING ALL APPURTENANCES THERETO, FROM THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION TO THE QUEZON CITY GOVERNMENT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 23 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6847, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION ACT"

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2898

Sponsors: Representatives Dy (Faustino Michael Carlos) and Tolentino

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 82 submitted by the Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms on H.B. No. 7486, titled:

AN ACT INCREASING THE AUTHORIZED CAMPAIGN EXPENSES OF CANDIDATES AND POLITICAL PARTIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 13 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7166, ENTITLED, "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SYNCHRONIZED NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS AND FOR ELECTORAL REFORMS, AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 550, 2970 and 3778

Sponsors: Representatives Primicias-Agabas and Adiong

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 83 submitted by the Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms on H.B. No. 7487, titled:

AN ACT MODIFYING THE GROUNDS FOR SUBSTITUTION OF CANDIDATES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 77 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 881, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES"

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 775, 1133, 3283 and 5787

Sponsors: Representatives Co-Pilar and Adiong

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, upon the request of Rep. Ralph S. Recto, the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Crispin Diego D. Remulla; of Senior Deputy Majority Leader Lorenz R. Defensor; and of Rep. Emigdio P. Tanjuatco III.

PRIVILEGE HOUR

The day being a Monday, on further motion of Representative Recto, there being no objection, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour and thereafter, recognized Minority Leader Marcelino C. Libanan for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF MINORITY LEADER LIBANAN

Minority Leader Libanan initially emphasized the importance of the principles of good governance and professionalism in public service, as he mentioned the recent controversy involving the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) spokesperson who reportedly displayed a caricature of Chinese President Xi Jinping while discussing the West Philippine Sea (WPS) issue in a Philippine university. Then clarifying that his speech was neither a defense of China nor a retreat from Philippine sovereign rights, Minority Leader Libanan stressed that such action by a PCG official was in violation of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 6713, which requires public officials to act with accountability, integrity, uphold public interest, and with the highest level of professionalism. He stated that while satire may be acceptable for private citizens or academics, such conduct by a government spokesperson, according to him, carries State-level implications, considering that, in terms of diplomacy, perception matters as much as intent, and unrestricted action risks undermining the country's credibility and shifting focus away from core national principles.

Minority Leader Libanan pointed out that, while defending Philippine sovereignty and the 2016 arbitral ruling is essential, true patriotism is grounded in international law, consistent State policy, and institutional credibility, and not with inflammatory rhetoric, as officials who act without restraint weaken national interests. He added that the Constitution assigned distinct roles to institutions, with diplomacy reserved for the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), and actions outside these boundaries could create confusion and mixed signals. Stating that the issue evolved in the manner of conduct, he called for a reaffirmation of the Code of Conduct, particularly the principle of professionalism in public communications; the establishment of clear executive guidelines on how spokespersons and uniformed personnel should engage with academic institutions and public forums on foreign policy issues; and recognition that diplomatic engagement is the sole responsibility of DFA, which ensures consistency and discipline in international relations.

Minority Leader Libanan clarified that it is not about silencing voices but about aligning them so the Philippines speaks with clarity, credibility, and dignity. He stressed that in times of heightened tension, a nation must show not only courage but composure, defending sovereignty with character, discipline, and professionalism to command respect on the global stage.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Recto, the Chair recognized Rep. Rufus B. Rodriguez for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE RODRIGUEZ (R.)

As Minority Leader Libanan confirmed that he was referring to PCG spokesperson Commodore Jay T. Tarriela, Representative Rodriguez said that he was insulted that a Member of Congress would appear to side with China, stressing that Commodore Tarriela was only doing his duty in exposing China's repeated violations of Philippine sovereignty, such as water cannon attacks, laser harassment, and incursions into WPS. He cited the 2016 Hague Arbitral Tribunal ruling under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), which invalidated China's nine-dash line, and argued that patriotism requires supporting officials like Commodore Tarriela in defending the country. He insisted that Commodore Tarriela had not violated the Code of Conduct and that Minority Leader Libanan's speech undermined national interests that could be subject to an ethics probe.

In response, Minority Leader Libanan clarified that his intent was not to defend China but to call for professionalism, discipline, and proper management of international relations, emphasizing that DFA should lead in delivering official messages to ensure consistency and credibility.

Representative Rodriguez thereafter argued that PCG has a rightful role in defending the country's sovereignty against China's repeated incursions, citing hundreds of diplomatic protests and daily violations in the WPS despite the 2016 Hague Arbitral Tribunal ruling under UNCLOS. He opined that Commodore Tarriela's actions were justified and patriotic, national security cannot be compromised, and all officials must stand firmly against China's aggression. He thereafter asked the withdrawal of Representative Libanan's speech for failure to defend the Philippine Constitution.

As Minority Leader Libanan refused to retract his privilege speech, he clarified that he never claimed Commodore Tarriela violated the Code of Conduct but was just calling for adherence to professional standards and for DFA to lead communications to avoid misperception. He stressed his own commitment to defending Philippine sovereignty, but maintained that messages must be delivered with discipline and professionalism to ensure credibility and clarity.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At this point, the Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 4:14 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session was resumed at 4:21 p.m.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE RODRIGUEZ (R.)
(Continuation)

Responding to the pending concern of Representative Rodriguez, Minority Leader Libanan concluded by clarifying anew that he was not defending China but was committed to defending Philippine territory, just as he is a Philippine Army Reservist with a rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He stressed that security issues should be handled through proper channels to avoid confusion and unnecessary conflict.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Recto, the Chair recognized Rep. Kaka J. Bag-ao for her interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE BAG-AO

Representative Bag-ao first asked why Minority Leader Libanan did not defend colleagues from the Minority bloc who were previously criticized by the Chinese Embassy. The latter replied that Members may speak freely, but diplomatic issues should go through DFA, noting that matters nowadays are often mishandled on social media. She then urged her colleague to be consistent in demanding professionalism from foreign officials. Minority Leader Libanan agreed and assured his support for any formal request from Congress to ask the Chinese embassy to observe professionalism and proper conduct.

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Recto, the Chair recognized Rep. Leila M. De Lima for her interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE DE LIMA

Representative De Lima initially expressed her agreement with Representative Rodriguez's (R.) criticisms of China but opposed the latter's call for the withdrawal of Minority Leader Libanan's speech, stressing that Members have the right to express their views through a privilege speech.

She contended that Commodore Tarriela's transparency initiative, which is exposing China's actions in WPS, should not be restrained and is essential for gaining international support. She then appealed to her colleagues to support House Resolution No. 680 filed by the Liberal Party bloc and Akbayan Party List, which urges the Executive branch, particularly DFA, to take bolder initiatives in response to the violations of China under the precepts of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, including considering declaring Chinese embassy officials *persona non grata* and summoning the Chinese ambassador.

Minority Leader Libanan responded that he was not trying to silence Commodore Tarriela, but instead urging him to follow diplomatic channels and coordinate with DFA to ensure that statements relative to WPS are conveyed carefully and diplomatically. As he further stressed that he was not calling for a gag order on Commodore Tarriela, he pointed out that unlike the Philippines' democratic system of government, China is a communist country and has a much larger population, hence, it requires a calibrated approach so the Philippines can assert its position clearly and firmly without provoking unnecessary retaliation.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Recto, the Chair recognized Rep. Paolo Henry M. Marcoleta for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE MARCOLETA

Representative Marcoleta initially stated that he shared the sentiment of Minority Leader Libanan on the importance of dialogue and diplomacy in dealing with China. He subsequently inquired as to who had permitted Commodore Tarriela to conduct presentations in schools. Minority Leader Libanan replied that he was unaware of who authorized the outreach activities and emphasized that the issue was not the act itself but the manner in which it was conducted. He explained that communications regarding WPS should be handled professionally, carefully, and without personal or inflammatory language to avoid aggravating tensions with a much larger and more powerful neighboring country, and stressed the need for calibrated and diplomatic responses. Further mentioning the possible economic impact of a potential Chinese investment pullout from the country, Representative Marcoleta expressed his support for the privilege speech of Minority Leader Libanan.

In response, Minority Leader Libanan underscored that diplomacy must remain central to the Philippines' foreign policy, given China's economic and military power and the potential consequences for trade, investments, and overseas Filipino workers (OFWs). He added that while he supported strengthening national defense and preparedness, the Philippines must act with caution and strategy, as it stands between two global superpowers and must exercise prudence to safeguard its national interests.

Thereafter, on another motion of Representative Recto, the Chair recognized Rep. Bienvenido M. Abante Jr. for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ABANTE

Representative Abante questioned why the Philippines should exercise restraint in protecting its sovereignty, arguing that defending national interests may require sacrifices and citing countries such as Malaysia and Indonesia as examples of firmer actions against foreign incursions. He also raised concerns that, despite a large number of illegal Chinese nationals in the country, allegedly linked to the Chinese military, Philippine offshore gaming operators, and online disinformation that were discovered during the Quad committee meetings, only a small fraction had been deported. Representative Abante further expressed the view that the Philippines should continue airing its concerns over the continued human rights violations experienced by Filipino fisherfolk in their encounters with China and that addressing them should remain the primary concern.

Thereafter, Representative Abante asked the Minority Leader what measures could have been undertaken to respond to these issues, noting that PCG has been performing its mandated duties. Responding thereto, Minority Leader Libanan maintained that government officials should consistently observe proper conduct, as the country operates under the rule of law. While acknowledging the efforts of officials in protecting national interests, he stressed the importance of examining the matter more exhaustively, such as studying how Vietnam, as well as other countries, silently protects their territories through less confrontational means, as well as analyzing China's broader strategies.

Representative Abante then suggested, and the Minority Leader agreed, on crafting a resolution before fellow Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) members to call on China to uphold Philippine sovereignty, given that the Philippines holds the ASEAN chairship. Minority Leader Libanan contended that DFA should take the lead in such initiatives, including conducting a briefing for House Members on the country's policy direction regarding relations with China. However, Representative Abante expressed his belief that as the Chinese government would not accord the Philippines due respect regardless of the country's adherence to professionalism, the Philippines' allies should act in response to China's violations and reiterated his strong dissatisfaction over these actions against the country.

In response, Minority Leader Libanan clarified that he was seeking more effective solutions while ensuring that government officials uphold existing laws and maintain professional standards. Representative Abante expressed belief that no violations had been committed by Philippine officials, and that even with adherence to international law, the Chinese government would continue to disregard the Philippines' sovereign rights.

In the end, Minority Leader Libanan clarified that he did not accuse any official of violating the law but was merely emphasizing the importance of recognizing governing laws to prevent further conflict.

On motion of Representative Recto, the Chair recognized Senior Deputy Minority Edgar R. Erice for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ERICE

Representative Erice first pointed out that the statement of President Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos Jr., who is the "sole organ" and "chief architect" for foreign policy, should already provide guidance to the actions of the government, and should be respected.

The two Members thereafter discussed the PCG's mandate, wherein Representative Erice explained that the agency's primary responsibility is the protection and management of Philippine waters, not the issuance of pronouncements on foreign policy directions as he noted that such could lead to misunderstandings. Agreeing therewith, Minority Leader Libanan stated that having different spokespersons could send mixed signals to other countries, particularly China.

To address the issue, Representative Erice proposed that the House Committee on Foreign Affairs invite DFA to provide a comprehensive briefing on the government's foreign policy direction with regard to China. He further remarked that bilateral relations extend beyond WPS and should include trade, cultural ties, and broader socio-economic considerations. Minority Leader Libanan concurred thereto and emphasized the need to carefully study how the Philippine government should act moving forward.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE SUNTAY

Recognized by the Chair on motion of Representative Recto, Rep. Jesus "Bong" C. Suntay first expressed his manifestation of support for Minority Libanan's call for caution and diplomacy in addressing tensions with China. He thereafter underscored the vast military capability of China compared to the Philippines; emphasized that armed conflict would place the Philippines at a severe disadvantage; and warned about potential economic consequences of confrontation, particularly for Filipino workers in China. Thus, Representative Suntay advocated for a realistic and pragmatic approach and urged careful deliberation in public statements and policy actions. He also cautioned against overreliance on external allies for defense and emphasized the need to choose engagements wisely in order to protect national interests.

For his parting argument, Minority Leader Libanan reiterated that the disparity in power is public knowledge and warned against actions that could trigger conflict, as he briefly mentioned the Philippines' historical precedents of foreign occupation. He likewise emphasized strengthening diplomatic channels, treaties, and international agreements as the most viable means of defending national sovereignty and underscored the role of professional diplomacy in resolving complex international issues.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF MINORITY LEADER LIBANAN

On motion of Representative Recto, there being no objection, the Body approved to refer the privilege speech of Minority Leader Libanan and the interpellations thereon to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, upon the request of Representative Recto, the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Eric L. Olivarez; and of Minority Leader Libanan.

EXTENSION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR

On motion of Representative Recto, there being no objection, the Chair approved to extend the Privilege Hour for another hour.

Thereafter, on another motion of Representative Recto, the Chair next recognized Rep. Bai Dimple I. Mastura for her privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE MASTURA

Representative Mastura first briefly recounted the origins and significance of World Hijab Day, which is observed every February 1 to foster freedom of religious expression and cultural acceptance. She then expressed pride in the enactment of R.A. No. 1224, signed into law in June 2025, which officially declares February 1 of every year as the "National Day of Awareness on Hijab and Other Traditional Garments and Attire."

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

Thereafter, Representative Mastura shared that today marked the country's first celebration of World Hijab Day by virtue of the newly enacted law. Speaking as a Muslim woman, she expressed gratitude for the acceptance and recognition shown by fellow Filipinos toward Muslim women's struggle for equality and inclusion in advancing peace, security, and national development. She underscored that wearing the hijab is an expression of Muslim identity, culture, and a sacred religious obligation, while lamenting the persistence of discrimination against hijabi women both abroad and in the Philippines, including reports of schools prohibiting the hijab and requiring affected students to transfer. She emphasized that Muslim women across professions continue to challenge biased interpretations by demonstrating that religious practice and professional life can coexist.

Representative Mastura informed the Body that the House of Representatives, through the Committee on Muslim Affairs, formally opened the celebration of World Hijab Day and the Halal Festival at the South Wing Lobby of the House of Representatives, with the participation of the Ambassador of Malaysia to the Philippines, who reaffirmed strong cultural and economic ties between the two countries. Representative Mastura expressed appreciation to Speaker Dy (F.), his wife, and the House leadership, partner agencies, and supporting offices, particularly the Department of Trade and Industry and the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF), for their assistance in ensuring the success of the multi-day celebration.

Finally, Representative Mastura encouraged broader public participation and understanding, including from non-Muslim women, as a means of fostering respect, reducing discrimination, and promoting peaceful coexistence. She reiterated the call for greater awareness and acceptance of religious and cultural diversity, and stressed that while discrimination may not be entirely eradicated, collective efforts can help lessen it and eventually uphold the dignity of Muslim women.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE MASTURA

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

Subsequently, the Chair recognized Rep. Imelda Quibranza Dimaporo to deliver her privilege speech, on another motion of Representative Recto.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE DIMAPORO (I.)

At the outset, Representative Dimaporo condemned the January 23, 2026 ambush in Barangay Lininding, Munai, Lanao del Norte that killed four soldiers and wounded another, describing it as a grave attack on public security and national sovereignty allegedly perpetrated by remnants of the Dawlah Islamiyah-Maute Group. She stressed that the incident was not isolated, citing earlier ambushes, bombings, and armed encounters in the same area that resulted in the deaths of several soldiers and the displacement of civilian families, despite intensified operations by the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP).

As she raised serious concerns over the continued presence and brazenness of extremist groups in the province, she questioned whether some local officials were negligent, absent from their communities, and tolerant of or possibly complicit in terrorist activities. She recalled that as provincial governor, she had challenged the Department of the Interior and Local Government to take action against local officials who fail to perform their duties or do not reside in their barangays, emphasizing that visible and accountable local leadership is essential to peace and security.

Representative Dimaporo also urged the Philippine National Police, AFP, and other agencies to undertake prompt and coordinated action to apprehend the perpetrators, dismantle remaining threats, and prevent further attacks. She reiterated that lasting peace cannot be achieved through force alone but requires cooperation, vigilance, and collective responsibility, and expressed the province's resolve to pursue peace, justice, and development while honoring the sacrifice of the fallen soldiers.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Recto, the Chair recognized Rep. Sittie Aminah Q. Dimaporo for her manifestation.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE DIMAPORO (S.A.)

Representative Dimaporo manifested her full support for the privilege speech of Representative Dimaporo (I.) and expressed solidarity with the Body in condemning the terrorist attack that claimed the lives of soldiers and endangered civilians. Likewise, she conveyed condolences to the bereaved families and affirmed the province's commitment to peace, unity, and long-term stability in Mindanao.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE DIMAPORO (I.)

On motion of Representative Recto, there being no objection, the Body approved to refer the privilege speech of Representative Dimaporo and the manifestation thereon to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

On another motion of Representative Recto, the Chair recognized Rep. Rodolfo "Ompong" M. Ordanes for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ORDANES

Representative Ordanes took the floor to raise his concern regarding the reported physical confrontation between Rep. Richard I. Gomez, DPA, and Philippine

Fencing Association President Rene Gacuma during the 33rd Southeast Asian Games in Thailand, which allegedly resulted in a serious and dangerous blood pressure spike of Mr. Gacuma, a senior citizen.

While acknowledging that facts have not yet been fully established, he stressed that public officials must uphold the principle of conduct in public office and that disagreements should never lead to physical aggression, especially against vulnerable individuals such as senior citizens. Stating that public office is a public trust requiring self-control, civility, and respect, he urged his colleagues to be true leaders modelling peaceful and respectful conflict resolution consistent with the dignity of public service and the nation's commitment to protecting senior citizens from abuse, as no personal or professional disagreement justifies violence.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ORDANES

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Munir N. Arbison Jr., there being no objection, the Body approved to refer the privilege speech of Representative Ordanes to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

On another motion of Representative Arbison, the Chair recognized Rep. Sergio C. Dagooc for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE DAGOOC

Representative Dagooc advocated for the financial rehabilitation of electric cooperatives (ECs) that serve millions of Filipino families, particularly in remote and unviable areas where private companies do not operate. He noted that heavy interests, penalties, and surcharges have trapped many ECs in a vicious cycle of poor cash flow, weakened services, and higher electricity costs that ultimately burden poor consumers. To break this cycle, he proposed the universal debt restructuring program bailout that retains payment of principal debt while condoning accumulated interests, penalties, and surcharges, including those owed to government-owned and -controlled corporations, through the creation of a government-supervised restructuring facility to refinance debts, provide predictable repayment terms, prevent sudden increases in power rates, and grant of a one-time tax amnesty. He added that the program would be paired with strict accountability measures, such as the appointment of independent directors, fit-and-proper standards for management, transparent financial reporting, performance targets, and escrow mechanisms to ensure long-term improvement in service delivery.

He emphasized the need for stronger policy reforms to ensure the financial stability of ECs, particularly those mandated to serve far-flung and unviable areas. He argued that when cooperatives are financially healthy, they can (1) avoid passing the burden of debts, penalties, and surcharges onto consumers, resulting in more affordable and predictable electricity rates; (2) invest in infrastructure improvements such as modernizing lines, replacing unsafe poles, upgrading substations, and reducing system losses, which in turn leads to more reliable service, faster response to outages, and better disaster preparedness; (3) be better positioned to participate in the energy transition, integrating renewable sources, smart grids, and modern energy systems; and (4) ensure consumer protection by providing fair prices, dependable service, and stronger energy security.

Representative Dagooc further stressed the importance of R.A. No. 6038, which established the National Electrification Administration (NEA) in 1969 to organize cooperatives and bring power to rural areas neglected by private companies. He pointed out that rural electrification is not a luxury but a necessity for inclusive growth, industrialization, and digital development. He contended that restoring the financial health of ECs is not about forgoing debts but about making fair adjustments and investments in electricity, and advancing progress and future of the country, especially for communities long left behind.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Ma. Alana Samantha Taliño Santos, the Chair recognized Rep. Presley C. De Jesus for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE DE JESUS

Representative De Jesus raised concerns that condoning the interest, penalties, and surcharges of ECs might be seen as a bailout or a reward for mismanagement. Representative Dagooc clarified that the principal debt remains payable, and only the compounded interests, penalties, and surcharges that have been rendered repayment, particularly to those ailing ECs, are being addressed. He stressed that access to relief would be conditional, tied to strict governance reforms, oversight, and performance targets. He added that it is a reset and not a free pass.

When asked why the State should intervene instead of letting inefficient cooperatives fail and be taken over by private firms, Representative Dagooc explained that cooperatives are not ordinary market players and they serve unviable rural areas that private utilities

avoid, so their collapse would leave communities without electricity. He emphasized that government intervention is meant to protect consumers and ensure continuity of service.

On concerns that restructuring costs might be passed on to consumers, Representative Dagooc assured that mechanisms would be regulated and capped, and in the long run, existing discounts for marginalized groups would be preserved. He argued that condonation is more fiscally sound than subsidies, as it removes "dead weight" charges without requiring recurring public spending. To safeguard public funds, he proposed reforms such as independent directors, transparency requirements, escrow accounts, and mandatory performance targets, with NEA empowered to step in and take over management if cooperatives fail to comply. He underscored that it is a one-time assistance, designed to reinforce discipline rather than encourage repeated bailouts, with stronger oversight than before.

While acknowledging the NEA's central role under R.A. No. 10531, Representative Dagooc clarified that it serves as the mandated supervisory and developmental institution for cooperatives, ensuring electrification in areas where private players would not invest.

The two Members also discussed the supervisory role of NEA over ECs, with a step-in right for ailing cooperatives to ensure continued electricity service, and how well-performing ECs would remain independent. Representative Dagooc stressed that stable electricity in economically unviable and remote areas would promote tourism, encourage infrastructure investment, and ensure national development.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE DAGOOC

On motion of Representative Santos (M.A.S.), there being no objection, the Body approved to refer the privilege speech of Representative Dagooc and the interpellation thereon to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

EXTENSION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR

On another motion of Representative Santos (M.A.S.), there being no objection, the Body extended the Privilege Hour for another hour.

Thereafter, the Chair recognized Rep. Ziaur-Rahman "Zia" Alonto Adiong to avail himself of the same.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ADIONG

Representative Adiong brought to the fore the two recent maritime tragedies involving MV Trisha Kerstin 3 near Basilan and the capsizing of MBCA Amejara off Davao Occidental, which resulted in numerous fatalities and exposed potential human and regulatory failures, such as vessel substitution, inaccurate passenger manifests, and lapses in enforcement. He then highlighted the critical importance of maritime safety for the Philippines, emphasizing that the nation's seas serve as lifelines connecting island communities to markets, schools, hospitals, and government services. He underscored that maritime travel was not a convenience but a matter of survival, and accidents have devastating social and economic consequences.

Then citing data revealing an increase in maritime accidents across the country, he emphasized that certifications should guarantee actual safety, not merely serve as formal compliance, and questioned whether maritime authorities are adequately equipped with personnel, resources, and proper tools to safeguard the public. He urged PCG, the Maritime Industry Authority, and the Ministry of Transportation and Communications-Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao to carry out thorough and transparent investigations, and hold those responsible for negligence and criminal violations accountable.

Finally, Representative Adiong urged the House Committee on Transportation to conduct a legislative inquiry into the regulatory oversight of domestic passenger vessels, enforcement practices, and coordination between maritime authorities; and to examine system-wide issues, including vessel age, inspection frequency, certification processes, and post-accident accountability. He also emphasized that maritime safety must be treated as a national priority, and extended condolences to the families affected by the Basilan ferry tragedy.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ADIONG

On motion of Representative Santos (M.A.S.), there being no objection, the Body approved to refer the privilege speech of Representative Adiong to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Thereupon, the Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 6:56 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session was resumed at 6:58 p.m.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Brian Poe, the Chair recognized Rep. Mark Anthony Santos for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE SANTOS (M.A.)

Representative Santos rose to speak on matters of urgent national importance, involving the credibility of the nation's financial system, the protection of the investing public, and the fundamental principle that no one is above the law. He emphasized that when trust in the market collapses, investments, jobs, and opportunities also vanish, directly affecting the ordinary Filipino.

He discussed the complaints filed by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) against Villar Land Holdings Corporation (Villar Land), its officers, and related entities for alleged market manipulation, insider trading, and misleading or false disclosures. He explained that the allegations involve the declaration of assets ballooning to ₱1.33 trillion and income nearing ₱1 trillion, largely attributed to property revaluations, the value of which, he added, reportedly declined to ₱35.7 billion following an audit. He pointed out that this significant discrepancy is misleading the public. He further emphasized the adverse impact of such disclosures on the market, including their effect on stock prices and, in particular, on small individual investors such as teachers, OFWs, senior citizens, and young people.

Representative Santos emphasized that his speech was not intended to be political or to target individuals, but in pursuit of accountability, particularly when issues involve influential entities, and maintained that the law and the administration of justice should apply equally to all. He also highlighted the importance of a clean and well-functioning market to the economy, noting that the issue extends beyond corporate governance and directly affects economic security. Hence, he commended SEC for its fearless actions as a regulator, regardless of the influence or wealth involved. Addressing publicly listed companies, he emphasized their responsibility to uphold honesty, transparency, and ethical conduct. He further noted that he was also speaking on behalf of ordinary families in Las Piñas City, who are first-time investors.

In closing, he stressed that the market is founded on confidence and integrity, and that the country's economic growth depends on the existence of a clean and honest market.

On motion of Representative Poe, the Chair recognized Rep. Dadah Kiram Ismula for her interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ISMULA

Representative Ismula initially asked about the first red flag identified by SEC and whether a forensic review was conducted in relation to the issues raised. Representative Santos (M.A.) replied that SEC noted a significant and unusual increase in the reported value of assets while the external audit was still ongoing. He stated that a forensic review was conducted, which took several months, as it required a thorough examination of financial statements, disclosures, valuation reports, and trading records.

In response to his colleague's next question, Representative Santos affirmed that the large discrepancy between the declared assets and the final audited figures was material, as it could significantly influence investor decisions and stock prices. Representative Ismula then asked whether there was evidence of artificial or coordinated trading. In reply, Representative Santos stated that SEC found the asset value disclosures to have influenced investor confidence and stock prices. In response to Representative Ismula's query regarding the involvement of other entities, Representative Santos said that companies under Villar Land are currently under investigation.

On motion of Representative Poe, the Chair recognized Rep. Jose Manuel Tadeo "Chel" I. Diokno for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE DIOKNO

Representative Diokno initially asked about the alleged insider trading involving Villar Land and explained that such violations result in an unfair advantage for stock buyers, with offenders facing penalties of seven to 21 years of imprisonment. He then asked Representative Santos (M.A.) for his view on the adequacy of the existing penalties. Representative Santos reiterated the impact of such violations on small investors and suggested that it may be timely to revisit relevant laws to strengthen stock and securities regulation.

Thereafter, Representative Diokno commended SEC Chairperson Francis Lim and his team for pursuing a serious disclosure case, to which Representative Santos agreed, while also noting the magnitude of the case and the involvement of political personalities.

Representative Diokno then raised concerns about the harassment cases filed by influential individuals against the complainants and asked whether Representative Santos would be open to supporting legislation to address such matters. Representative Santos expressed his agreement thereto and his willingness to coauthor such measure in the future.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE SANTOS (M.A.)

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

TERMINATION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR

There being no other Members who wished to interpellate, on another motion of Representative Poe, there being no objection, the Chair terminated the Privilege Hour.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Poe, the Chair suspended the session at 7:19 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session was resumed at 7:19 p.m.

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL NO. 23

Considering that copies of *Journal No. 23* dated January 26 to 28, 2026 were already distributed to the Members, on motion of Representative Recto, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading thereof and subsequently approved the same.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Recto, there being no objection, the Chair suspended the session until three o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, February 3, 2026.

It was 7:20 p.m. of Monday, February 2, 2026.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:00 p.m. of Tuesday, February 3, 2026, the session was resumed with Deputy Speaker Yasser Alonto Balindong presiding.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Ryan S. Recto, there being no objection, the Body proceeded with 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 Senate, Communication, and Committee Reports, which were referred to the appropriate committees indicated hereunder:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 7480, titled:
AN ACT REQUIRING THE USE OF PLAIN LANGUAGE IN ALL GOVERNMENT-ISSUED PUBLIC ADVISORIES, NOTICES, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND SIMILAR DOCUMENTS
By Representative Pleyto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 7481, titled:
AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RENTAL HOUSING SUBSIDY PROGRAM FOR INFORMAL SETTLER FAMILIES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES
By Representative Pleyto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 7482, titled:
AN ACT STRENGTHENING LOCAL SPORTS PROGRAMS, ESTABLISHING THE GRASSROOTS ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT CENTER IN EVERY MUNICIPALITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
By Representative Pleyto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 7483, titled:
AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A TEN THOUSAND PESOS (P10,000) ACROSS-THE-BOARD INCREASE IN THE BASIC MONTHLY SALARY OF ALL PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
By Representative Baronda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 7485, titled:
AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO POLYTECHNIC FOUNDATION OF COTABATO AND ASIA, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8995 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE POLYTECHNIC FOUNDATION OF COTABATO AND ASIA, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES"
By Representative Cruzado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 7488, titled:
AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 53, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT TO EXEMPT THE PUBLISHER, EDITOR OR REPORTER OF ANY PUBLICATION FROM REVEALING THE SOURCE OF PUBLISHED NEWS OR INFORMATION OBTAINED IN CONFIDENCE", BY INCLUDING WITHIN ITS COVERAGE JOURNALISTS FROM BROADCAST, NEWS AGENCIES AND INTERNET PUBLICATIONS
By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 7489, titled:
AN ACT RESTRUCTURING AND STRENGTHENING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE, CREATING ADDITIONAL POLICE OFFICES, UPGRADING KEY POSITIONS, AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, OR THE "DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990" APPROPRIATE FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES
By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 7490, titled:
AN ACT GRANTING PERSONS WITH DISABILITY (PWD) WHO ARE SELF-

EMPLOYED A SEVENTY PERCENT (70%) GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY FOR THEIR MONTHLY PREMIUM CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM FOR THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF COVERAGE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MAGNA CARTA FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY"

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

House Bill No. 7491, titled:

AN ACT INCREASING THE RECRUITMENT QUOTA REQUIREMENT OF FEMALE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) OFFICERS, AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8551, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 7492, titled:

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 40 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8551, OR THE "PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE REFORM AND REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1998", AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 7493, titled:

AN ACT MANDATING ANNUAL PSYCHIATRIC, PSYCHOLOGICAL DRUG AND PHYSICAL TESTS FOR POLICE OFFICERS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 7494, titled:

AN ACT DEFINING "PRIVATE ARMIES", PROHIBITING THEIR MAINTENANCE, MANDATING THEIR DISMANTLING, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THEREFOR

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 7495, titled:

AN ACT REQUIRING BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS ALL OVER THE PHILIPPINES TO INSTALL CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV) CAMERAS IN THEIR PLACE OF BUSINESS AS A MEANS TO DETER CRIME, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 7496, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING COMMUNICATION ACCESSIBILITY TO FILIPINO DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING FOR FULL INCLUSION INTO THE MAINSTREAM OF SOCIETY

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

House Bill No. 7497, titled:

AN ACT DETERRING AND PUNISHING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF CRIMINAL STREET GANGS, RECRUITMENT OF INDIVIDUALS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMISSION OF GANG CRIMES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 7498, titled:

AN ACT TO ERADICATE RACKETEERS AND POWERFUL SYNDICATES IN THE PHILIPPINES

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 7499, titled:

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL CENTER FOR INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE RELATING TO ALL TYPES OF FAMILY RESOURCE AND SUPPORT PROGRAMS

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 7500, titled:

AN ACT STRENGTHENING AND MODERNIZING THE BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 7501, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FORENSIC DNA DATABASE IN THE PHILIPPINES

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 7502, titled:

AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE INTERNAL SECURITY OPERATION FUNCTIONS FROM THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES TO THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE ESTABLISHING THE PNP AUXILIARY FORCE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 3 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8551, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 7503, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA FOR JOURNALISTS

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 7504, titled:

AN ACT REQUIRING MANDATORY AUTOPSY ON BODIES OF CRIME VICTIMS, DEATHS UNDER MYSTERIOUS AND SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 7505, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL POLICE CLEARANCE SYSTEM, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 7506, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION DATABASE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 7507, titled:

AN ACT MANDATING THAT THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE ACADEMY SELECT ONE CADET EACH FROM EVERY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT EVERY YEAR TO COMPRISE ITS "CLASS"

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 7508, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING COMPULSORY WELFARE INSURANCE PROGRAM FOR ALL OVERSEAS CONTRACT WORKERS

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 7509, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF THE RECRUITMENT, SELECTION, AND APPOINTMENT PROCESS OF UNIFORMED PERSONNEL OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP): AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8551 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9708, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 7510, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REVITALIZATION AND CAPABILITY ENHANCEMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 7511, titled:

AN ACT IMPLEMENTING STRICTER MEASURES ON THE REGULATION AND CONTROL OF THE USE, MANUFACTURE,

SALE, AND DISTRIBUTION OF PNP UNIFORMS, INSIGNIAS, AND ACCOUTREMENTS AND PROVIDING FOR PUNISHMENT ON THE ILLEGAL PRODUCTION, SALE AND USE OF THE SAME

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 7512, titled:

AN ACT CONFERRING THE CADETS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE ACADEMY THE STATUS OF A GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE AND GRANTING THEM WITH CIVIL SERVICE ELIGIBILITY, AND BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 7513, titled:

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE CHARTER OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE ACADEMY AS PROVIDED UNDER PRESIDENTIAL DECREE 1780 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 7514, titled:

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE OR ANY PERSON FROM DESIGNATING GANGS BY THEIR HOMETOWN, REGION OR RELIGIOUS OR ETHNIC COMMUNITY

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 7515, titled:

AN ACT UPGRADING THE RANK STRUCTURE OF THE UNIFORMED MEMBERS OF THE BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION AND THE BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9263 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 7516, titled:

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN DISCIPLINARY MECHANISM IN THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8551 FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 7517, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS ACCESSIBILITY TO THE HEARING-IMPAIRED AND SPEECH-IMPAIRED

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

House Bill No. 7518, titled:

AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5487, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PRIVATE SECURITY AGENCY LAW, TO REGULATE THE ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION OF PRIVATE DETECTIVE, WATCHMEN OR SECURITY GUARD AGENCIES

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 7519, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS AND/OR PROCEDURES FOR MAKING ARRESTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 7520, titled:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) EXTENSION OFFICE LOCATED IN NAVOTAS CITY INTO A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Tiangco

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 7521, titled:

AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE TRANSPORT SAFETY AUTHORITY,

RATIONALIZING AND AMENDING EXISTING LAWS ON MARITIME AND RAILWAY ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION AND SAFETY OVERSIGHT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Oducado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 7522, titled:

AN ACT RECLASSIFYING CERTAIN PUBLIC LANDS WITHIN THE STRIP OF LAND FIVE (5) KILOMETERS FROM EITHER SIDE OF THE ASPIRAS HIGHWAY, FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF AGOO, PROVINCE OF LA UNION TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUBA, PROVINCE OF BENGUET COVERED BY PROCLAMATION NO. 1754 AS ALIENABLE AND DISPOSABLE LANDS

By Representatives Garcia (Dante) and Tereng

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 705, titled:

A RESOLUTION URGING THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SCSDG) TO ADOPT A CONTINUOUS PROCESS IN THE EVALUATION, APPROVAL AND ENDORSEMENT OF PCB-SDG FUNDS FOR PRE-APPROVED PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, AND PROJECTS (PAPs) SUBMITTED WITHIN THE FISCAL YEAR

By Representatives Alba, Veloso-Tuazon, Galang and Montes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

House Resolution No. 706, titled:

A RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMY, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO INTEGRATE NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS (NbS) IN THE CONCEPTUALIZATION AND PLANNING OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO FLOOD CONTROL, AS PART OF THE COUNTRY'S COMMITMENT TO THE 17 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs)

By Representatives Alba, Veloso-Tuazon, Galang and Montes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

House Resolution No. 707, titled:

A RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DILG) TO MANDATE ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) TO INTEGRATE NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS (NbS) IN THE CONCEPTUALIZATION AND PLANNING OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO FLOOD CONTROL, AS PART OF THE COUNTRY'S COMMITMENT TO THE 17 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs)

By Representatives Alba, Veloso-Tuazon, Galang and Montes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

House Resolution No. 708, titled:

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN URGENT INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE RECENT MARITIME TRAGEDIES IN THE WATERS OF BASILAN, DAVAO, AND SCARBOROUGH SHOAL, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENSURING ACCOUNTABILITY, STRENGTHENING MARITIME SAFETY REGULATIONS, AND PROTECTING FILIPINO LIVES AT SEA

By Representative Nazal

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 709, titled:

A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING EION NIKOLAI CHUA FOR GRADUATING MAGNA CUM LAUDE WITH HIGHEST HONORS FROM HARVARD UNIVERSITY AND FOR BRINGING HONOR AND PRIDE TO THE FILIPINO PEOPLE

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Resolution No. 710, titled:

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEMISE OF FORMER REPRESENTATIVE EMILIO DE LA ROSA ESPINOSA, JR., OF MASBATE

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 711, titled:

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE DEEP SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE PASSING OF JAMES B. JIMENEZ, FORMER SPOKESPERSON AND DIRECTOR IV OF THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS, AND HONORING HIS EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO DEMOCRACY AND PUBLIC SERVICE

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 712, titled:

A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE ALLEGED MISMANAGEMENT, ADMINISTRATIVE BULLYING, ABUSE OF POWER, AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST WITHIN THE PHILIPPINE FENCING ASSOCIATION (PFA) RELATIVE TO THE SELECTION AND TREATMENT OF NATIONAL ATHLETES DURING THE 33RD SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES AND OTHER RELATED INCIDENTS

By Representative Gomez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message dated January 28, 2026, informing the House of Representatives that on January 26, 2026, the Senate designated the following members to the Philippine Congress Bangsamoro Parliamentary Forum:

Chairperson: Senator Loren Legarda.

Members: Senator Juan Miguel "Migs" F. Zubiri; Senator Francis "Kiko" Pangilinan; Senator Alan Peter S. Cayetano; and Senator Robinhood C. Padilla.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMUNICATION

Report dated January 29, 2026 of Hon. Atty. Cheloy E. Velicaria-Garafil, Secretary General, House of Representatives, on enrolled copies of Senate Bill No. 1483 and House Bill No. 6429, titled:

AN ACT EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE SECOND CONGRESSIONAL COMMISSION ON EDUCATION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11899 OR THE "SECOND CONGRESSIONAL COMMISSION ON EDUCATION (EDCOM II) ACT"

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 Provisional Rules of the House of Representatives.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Report No. 84, submitted by the Committee on Tourism on H.R. No. 394, titled:

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE CLARK DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR THE CLARK FREEPORT ZONE'S RECOGNITION AS ASIA'S LEADING MEETINGS AND CONFERENCE DESTINATION DURING THE 32ND WORLD TRAVEL AWARDS FOR ASIA AND OCEANIA HELD AT THE INTERCONTINENTAL GRAND STANDFORD IN HONGKONG

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Madrona and Lazatin

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 85, submitted by the Committee on Tourism on H.R. No. 420, titled:

RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE ENTIRE PHILIPPINE TOURISM SECTOR AND ITS STAKEHOLDERS, LED AND GUIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, FOR BRINGING HONOR TO THE NATION BY SECURING SIX MAJOR AWARDS AT THE PRESTIGIOUS 2025 WORLD TRAVEL AWARDS (WTA) ASIA AND OCEANIA GALA CEREMONY

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Madrona and Escudero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 86, submitted by the Committee on Local Government on H.R. No. 720, titled:

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SUPPORT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE REVIEW AND REVISION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, TO ENSURE ITS RESPONSIVENESS TO THE DEMANDS OF

MODERN LOCAL GOVERNANCE, DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION, AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolution No. 286
Sponsor: Representative Miraflores
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 87, submitted by the Committee on Local Government on H.B. No. 7550, titled:
AN ACT CONVERTING SITIO CAMACHILE IN BARANGAY NABUCLOD, MUNICIPALITY OF FLORIDABLANCA, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, INTO A BARANGAY
recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1056
Sponsors: Representatives Miraflores and Macapagal-Arroyo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 88, submitted by the Committee on Local Government on H.B. No. 142, titled:
AN ACT DECLARING FEBRUARY 13 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF PARAÑAQUE, METRO MANILA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11460
recommending its approval without amendment
Sponsors: Representatives Miraflores and Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 89, submitted by the Committee on Local Government on H.B. No. 7554, titled:
AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 19 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF MUNTINLUPA, TO BE KNOWN AS "MUNTINLUPA FOUNDATION DAY", AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9191, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT DECLARING THE FIRST DAY OF MARCH OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF MUNTINLUPA TO BE KNOWN AS THE MUNTINLUPA CITY CHARTER DAY"
recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 585
Sponsors: Representatives Miraflores and Fresnedi
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 90, submitted by the Committee on Local Government on H.B. No. 761, titled:
AN ACT DECLARING JANUARY 16 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DAPA, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE, IN CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF ITS PATRON SAINT, THE HOLY SANTO NIÑO
recommending its approval without amendment
Sponsors: Representatives Miraflores and Matugas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 91, submitted by the Committee on Local Government on H.B. No. 762, titled:
AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 17 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF LAPU-LAPU, PROVINCE OF CEBU, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS CHARTER ANNIVERSARY
recommending its approval without amendment
Sponsors: Representatives Miraflores and Chan (Junard)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 92, submitted by the Committee on Local Government on H.B. No. 7555, titled:
AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 6 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MENDEZ-NUÑEZ, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, TO COMMEMORATE ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY
recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1454
Sponsors: Representatives Miraflores and Tolentino
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 93, submitted by the Committee on Local Government on H.B. No. 1510, titled:
AN ACT DECLARING JULY 15 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE WHOLE CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS "CORDILLERA DAY"
recommending its approval without amendment
Sponsors: Representatives Miraflores, Yap (Eric) and Yap (Edvic)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 94, submitted by the Committee on Local Government on H.B. No. 1538, titled:
AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 9 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF

ROSARIO, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS, IN CELEBRATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Miraflores and Bolilia

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 95, submitted by the Committee on Local Government on H.B. No. 1539, titled:

AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 11 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAYSAN, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS, IN CELEBRATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Miraflores and Bolilia

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 96, submitted by the Committee on Local Government on H.B. No. 2902, titled:

AN ACT DECLARING FEBRUARY 14 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALAMBA, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL TO COMMEMORATE THE "ARAW NG CALAMBA"

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Miraflores and Almonte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 97, submitted by the Committee on Local Government on H.B. No. 1903, titled:

AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARMEN, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY HINAPOYAN

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Miraflores and Momo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 98, submitted by the Committee on Energy and the Committee on Information and Communications Technology on H.B. No. 7565, titled:

AN ACT MANDATING THE PROPER INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF OVERHEAD ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION, COMMUNICATION LINES, AND STRUCTURES BY ALL ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION, CABLE, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES FOR PURPOSES OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND GOOD HOUSEKEEPING

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 64, 584, 617 and 5238

Sponsors: Representatives Alvarez (Jose) and Villafuerte (Miguel Luis)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 99, submitted by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture on H.R. No. 721, titled:

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING LIAM CASEY OPULENTO OF PHILIPPINE SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL – CENTRAL LUZON CAMPUS IN CLARK, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, FOR WINNING THE SILVER MEDAL OF THE 6TH COPERNICUS OLYMPIAD HELD FROM JULY 26 TO 28, 2025 AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK CITY

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolution No. 151

Sponsor: Representative Romulo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 100, submitted by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture on H.R. No. 722, titled:

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING CASTY A. SANTIAGO OF DON BOSCO ACADEMY OF PAMPANGA IN MABALACAT CITY, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, FOR WINNING THE SILVER MEDAL IN THE NATIONAL ROUND, HELD ON AUGUST 9, 2025, OF THE INTERNATIONAL MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD FOR SOUTHEAST ASIA

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolution No. 203

Sponsor: Representative Romulo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 101, submitted by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture on H.R. No. 723, titled:

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING AMIEL JOHN CAMBARIJAN OF ANGELES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN ANGELES CITY, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, FOR WINNING THE GOLD MEDAL IN THE GLOBAL ROUND OF THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL MATHEMATICAL OLYMPIAD AND

THE BRONZE MEDAL IN THE NATIONAL ROUND OF THE PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL MATH OLYMPIAD

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolution No. 256

Sponsor: Representative Romulo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, upon the request of Rep. Munir N. Arbison Jr., the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Dimszar M. Sali.

Likewise, upon the request of Representative Recto, the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Steve Chiongbian Solon.

PRIVILEGE HOUR

With leave of the House, on successive motions of Representative Arbison (M.N.), there being no objection, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour and thereafter, recognized Rep. Jonathan Keith T. Flores for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE FLORES

Representative Flores spoke about the series of road accidents associated with the 2026 BOSS Ironman Motorcycle Challenge, particularly during its Mindanao leg from January 31 to February 1, 2026, which involved over 1,000 riders traversing public roads across several provinces and cities. He stated that the endurance event, promoted as a 1,200-kilometer ride to be completed within 24 hours, resulted in reckless practices such as speeding through populated areas, counterflow driving, misuse of high-beam lights, and disregard for traffic rules, which further led to numerous injuries, collisions, and fatalities, including the death of a 46-year-old rider, and the reported death of a seven-year-old child. He emphasized that these accidents occurred on public roads intended for daily civilian use, not on controlled racetracks, and that many additional incidents may have gone unreported.

He further recalled that during a 2024 hearing of the House Committee on Transportation, organizers of the event had acknowledged safety issues and considered suspending the endurance challenge after police data showed multiple crashes, injuries, and deaths involving both participants and non-participants. Representative Flores questioned how the event was allowed to proceed under the same high-risk format despite a troubling history and underscored the need for accountability and stricter safeguards to protect public safety on national and local roads.

While he acknowledged the passion and camaraderie of big bike events like the BOSS Ironman Challenge, Representative Flores, a big bike rider himself, stressed that public safety must come first, as any event should never endanger innocent road users, regardless of its prestige. Thus, he demanded accountability and transparency from organizers; called to reexamine if similar events follow certain conditions and formats without endangering the public; and stressed their duty to honor the victims by acting decisively to prevent similar tragedies from happening again in the future.

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Arbison (M.N.), the Chair recognized Rep. Ramon Rodrigo L. Gutierrez for his manifestation.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE GUTIERREZ

Representative Gutierrez expressed concern over the recent motorcycle race-related accidents in Bukidnon Province, which resulted in the death of one of the racers. He shared that the issue was also the subject of House Resolution No. 726, which he had filed that day.

Thereafter, he recalled that similar motorcycle race-related accidents had been the subject of a House inquiry in 2024, wherein the BOSS Ironman Motorcycle Challenge organizers gave assurances to undertake certain measures to prevent motorcycle-related accidents in the future and to consider the feasibility of conducting open-road motorcycle races in closed-circuit endurance events.

Despite the promises made, he pointed out, however, that motorcycle-related accidents and fatalities have occurred again and as such, human lives remain at stake. He contended that promises may no longer be sufficient; hence, he urged the

House to conduct a thorough inquiry into the matter as he expressed support for the privilege speech of Representative Flores.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE FLORES

On motion of Representative Arbison (M.N.), there being no objection, the Body approved to refer the privilege speech of Representative Flores and the manifestation thereon to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

On another motion of Representative Arbison, the Chair recognized Rep. Nelson S. Legacion for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE LEGACION

Upon highlighting the country's persistent high cost of domestic air travel and tourism-related expenses, Representative Legacion stated that the same undermine the Philippines' tourism competitiveness, considering that the 6.48 million international visitor arrivals in 2025 show modest recovery only and remain below pre-pandemic levels. He said that the Philippines' tourist arrivals still lagged behind its Southeast Asian neighbors. Moreover, he stated that declining arrivals from key markets and sluggish recovery from China are already sufficient indications for the Philippines to strengthen its domestic travel and not merely rely on international tourism to boost the tourism industry.

Stressing that domestic travelers are the most affected by expensive airfares and high on-site costs, he noted that while the Department of Tourism's (DOT) 2026 promotions budget has a 1,200 percent increase, it does not automatically translate to an increased influx of tourists, either domestic or international. Representative Legacion presented a rundown of airfare costs from several domestic tourist destinations compared to international destinations. He also pointed out that the DOT's recent announcement about the government's plans to lower prices of plane tickets was vague and unsure if it could fix the problem that has lasted for years. In this regard, he pointed out that a coordinated and comprehensive approach is necessary to address the high local airfare, accommodation, and travel costs.

To address the same, Representative Legacion proposed to (1) create a Domestic Travel Affordability Task Force composed of DOT and transport agencies to lower costs on priority routes; (2) publish a Tourism Route Cost Map to track affordability; (3) review airport fee structures with tourism in mind; and (4) align aviation and tourism policies with seasonal demand so families are not burdened with prohibitive fares during peak periods. He stressed that lowering tourism targets should not mean giving up; that tourism is about access, and in an archipelago like the Philippines, access begins with affordable ticket prices.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE LEGACION

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Arbison (M.N.), there being no objection, the Body approved to refer the privilege speech of Representative Legacion to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Arbison, the Chair recognized Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago for her privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ELAGO

Representative Elago condemned the United States' military intervention in Venezuela, describing it as an unprovoked act of aggression that violates sovereignty, international law, and democratic principles. She highlighted reports of aerial strikes, military build-up, and the illegal capture of Venezuela's incumbent President Nicolás Maduro and First Lady Cilia Flores, who is also a sitting legislator. She emphasized that the kidnapping of a parliamentarian undermines parliamentary immunity and sets a dangerous precedent for legislative independence worldwide.

Representative Elago underscored the human cost of the intervention, noting that women and children bear the brunt of displacement, trauma, and economic hardship, while the targeting of the Venezuelan First Lady sends a misogynistic message against women in politics. She then linked the U.S. aggression to resource plunder, particularly Venezuela's oil reserves, exposing the hypocrisy of powerful nations that speak of sustainability and climate action while waging wars for fossil fuels.

Representative Elago warned that such actions threaten smaller nations, weaken international rules, and fuel militarism. She then called for an immediate

end to U.S. intervention, respect for Venezuela's sovereignty, and solidarity with its people. She stressed that they, as legislators, must act in defense of justice and peace, as the future of multilateralism and national independence depends on the stand they take.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ELAGO

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Arbison (M.N.), there being no objection, the Body approved to refer the privilege speech of Representative Elago to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Arbison (M.N.), the Chair suspended the session at 3:50 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session was resumed at 4:17 p.m.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Arbison (M.N.), the Chair recognized Rep. Antonio L. Tinio to avail himself of the privilege hour.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE TINIO

Representative Tinio spoke about two major events as evidence of U.S.' century-long imperialism, which are the illegal U.S. invasion of Venezuela and the commemoration of the 127th anniversary of the Philippine-American War on February 4. After paying tribute to the hundreds of thousands of Filipinos who resisted U.S. colonial conquest across the archipelago, he expressed solidarity with the Venezuelan people in condemning the invasion of Venezuela and the abduction of their Venezuelan leaders.

He argued that the U.S. aggression and the military capture of President Maduro and First Lady Flores during a U.S. operation in Venezuela violated the United Nations Charter, international laws, and Venezuela's sovereignty, and were justified by fabricated narcotics and terrorism allegations. As such, he expressed support for the call of the Venezuelan people for the immediate return of Maduro and Flores, lifting of sanctions and blockades, respect for national sovereignty as enshrined in international laws, and an end to what he described as unilateral U.S. aggression against countries like Venezuela, Cuba, Iran, Palestine, Latin America, and the rest of the world.

Representative Tinio framed this event as part of a long historical pattern of U.S. foreign interventions as it desperately seeks to maintain its superpower status amidst the emerging multipolar world order. Citing past actions in the Philippines, Representative Tinio criticized the U.S. for using its military force to protect its national interests. He condemned the Philippine government for its failure to criticize and take a strong stand against the illegal actions of the U.S. in Venezuela, warning that close military ties with the U.S. undermine the Philippines' credibility in asserting its own territorial rights.

As he contrasted this with Vietnam's independent foreign policy, Representative Tinio called for the Philippines to pursue a genuine independent foreign policy by removing U.S. troops and bases from Philippine territory, strengthening multilateral engagements, prioritizing national interests, and advocating ASEAN-centered regional security framework for a truly independent country.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE TINIO

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

TERMINATION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR

There being no other Members who wished to avail themselves of the Privilege Hour, on motion of Representative Arbison (M.N.), there being no objection, the Chair terminated the Privilege Hour.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 59 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 6904

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Recto, there being no objection, the Body proceeded with the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6904

contained in Committee Report No. 59 as submitted by the Committee on Legislative Franchises.

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 GRANTING THE EXODUS BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES.

On another motion of Representative Recto, the Chair recognized Rep. Jeffrey P. Ferrer, Chairperson of the sponsoring Committee, to sponsor the measure.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE FERRER (J.)

Representative Ferrer stated that House Bill No. 6904 seeks to grant Exodus Broadcasting Company Inc. a 25-year franchise to construct, install, operate, and maintain radio and television broadcasting stations in the Philippines. He related that the measure had undergone committee deliberation, that the Company complied with all documentary requirements, and that the committee approved the measure on December 3, 2025. He noted that all Members present during the committee meeting expressed support for the measure and intended to be made coauthors. He earnestly appealed for its approval.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6904

Thereafter, on successive motions of Representative Recto, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the measure in the absence of interpellations; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of committee and individual amendments; and approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 6904 through *viva voce* voting.

BUSINESS FOR THURSDAY AND FRIDAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 60 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 6914

Whereupon, on motion of Representative Recto, there being no objection, the Body proceeded with the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6914 contained in Committee Report No. 60 as submitted by the Committee on Legislative Franchises.

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 RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO CENTRAL MINDANAO UNIVERSITY UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9044, ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE CENTRAL MINDANAO UNIVERSITY A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FOR EDUCATIONAL AND NONCOMMERCIAL PURPOSES RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN CENTRAL MINDANAO UNIVERSITY, MUNICIPALITY OF MARAMAG, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON."

On further motion of Representative Recto, the Chair recognized Representative Ferrer (J.) to sponsor the measure.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE FERRER (J.)

Representative Ferrer presented House Bill No. 6914, as contained in Committee Report No. 60, which sought to renew for 25 years the franchise granted to Central Mindanao University (CMU) to operate educational and noncommercial radio and television broadcasting stations in Maramag, Bukidnon. He informed the House that the measure had undergone committee deliberation and was approved on December 3, 2025, with all Members present expressed support and intention to be its coauthors.

At this point, Representative Ferrer appealed for the Bill's approval and thereafter yielded the floor to its original author, Rep. Audrey Kay T. Zubiri, to deliver her sponsorship speech and respond to any interpellations.

On motion of Representative Recto, the Chair next recognized Representative Zubiri to sponsor the same.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ZUBIRI

Representative Zubiri emphasized that House Bill No. 6914 seeks not merely to renew the franchise of CMU but to ensure the continued delivery of reliable information, quality education, and essential public services to communities, particularly amid persistent challenges in Mindanao's communication infrastructure. Citing statistics on the region's limited internet access, she noted that radio and free-to-air broadcasting remain indispensable in many areas.

She explained that the grant of a congressional franchise under Republic Act No. 9044, along with the authority to operate AM and FM stations, has enabled CMU to deliver timely news, vital public information, and high-quality educational and cultural programming. She underscored CMU's role as a key partner of the government and local communities in public service, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, and highlighted its diverse programming, including university updates, agricultural education, news, and public affairs. She said that these initiatives significantly support farmers, students, and rural communities.

In closing, Representative Zubiri stressed that renewing CMU's franchise will sustain the sharing of knowledge essential to empowering citizens and communities and advancing inclusive growth. She therefore called on her colleagues to support the passage of House Bill No. 6914.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6914

Thereafter, on successive motions of Representative Recto, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the measure in the absence of interpellations; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of committee and individual amendments; and approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 6914 through *viva voce* voting.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE ZUBIRI

Thereupon, Representative Zubiri expressed her gratitude, on behalf of CMU, to the House leadership, the Chairperson of the Committee on Legislative Franchises, Rep. Jeffrey P. Ferrer, and her fellow Members for their support of the measure and of CMU.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Upon the request of Representative Recto, the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Christopherson "Coco" M. Yap; and of Rep. De Carlo L. Uy.

REFERRAL OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS ON INQUIRIES IN AID OF LEGISLATION

In accordance with the Provisional Rules Governing Inquiries in Aid of Legislation of the House of Representatives, on motion of Rep. Antonino B. Roman III, there being no objection, the Body approved to refer the following House Resolutions to the appropriate committees indicated hereunder:

1. House Resolution No. 602 – to the Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs;

2. House Resolution No. 603 – to the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability;

3. House Resolution Nos. 604 and 638 – to the Committee on Public Accounts;

4. House Resolution No. 636 – to the Committee on Ways and Means;

5. House Resolution No. 640 – to the Committee on Health;

6. House Resolution No. 641 – to the Committee on Women and Gender Equality;

7. House Resolution No. 642 – to the Committee on Legislative Franchises;

8. House Resolution No. 643 – to the Committee on Energy;

9. House Resolution Nos. 645 and 674 – to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;

10. House Resolution No. 651 – to the Committee on Labor and Employment;

11. House Resolution No. 655 – to the Committee on Indigenous Cultural Communities and Indigenous Peoples; and

12. House Resolution No. 666 – to the Committee on Senior Citizens.

REFERRAL OF SPEECHES ON INQUIRIES IN AID OF LEGISLATION

Further, in accordance with the Provisional Rules Governing Inquiries in Aid of Legislation, on motion of Representative Roman, there being no objection, the Body approved to refer the speeches delivered by the respective Members on the dates specified herein to the appropriate committees indicated hereunder:

Delivered on January 26, 2026:

1. Privilege speech of Rep. Antonio T. Kho – to the Committee on Energy;

2. Privilege speeches of Reps. Roman T. Romulo and Jude A. Acidre – to the Committees on Basic Education and Culture, and Higher and Technical Education;

3. Privilege speech of Deputy Speaker Raymond Democrito C. Mendoza – to the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Welfare;

4. Privilege speeches of Reps. Bienvenido M. Abante Jr. and Eduardo "Bro. Eddie" C. Villanueva – to the Committee on Basic Education and Culture;

5. Privilege speech of Rep. Jeffrey P. Ferrer – to the Committee on Ethics and Privileges;

6. Privilege speech of Rep. Niko Raul S.J. Daza – to the Committee on Appropriations;

7. Privilege speech of Rep. Elijah Rumbaoa San Fernando – to the Committee on Labor and Employment;

8. Privilege speeches of Reps. Renee Louise M. Co and Sarah Jane I. Elago – to the Committee on Natural Resources;

Delivered on January 27, 2026:

9. Privileges speeches of Reps. Aiman T. Tan, Ustadz Yusop T. Alano, and Samier A. Tan – to the Committee on Transportation;

10. Privilege speech of Rep. Franz Vincent F. Legazpi – to the Special Committee on West Philippine Sea;

11. Privilege speech of Rep. Richard I. Gomez, DPA – to the Committee on Youth and Sports Development; and

12. Privilege speech of Rep. Antonio L. Tinio – to the Committee on Public Works and Highways.

CHANGE OF REFERRAL OF HOUSE MEASURES

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

1. House Bill Nos. 1260 and 3741 – from the Committee on Civil Service and Professional Regulation to the Committees on Civil Service and Professional Regulation, and Health;

2. House Resolution No. 310 – from the Committee on Agriculture and Food to the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability; and

3. House Bill No. 7432 – from the Committee on Appropriations to the Committee on Civil Service and Professional Regulation.

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

On further motion of Representative Roman, there being no objection, the Body approved to include as additional coauthors of House Bill Nos. 7301, 7303, 7304, 7368, and 7379, the names of the Members contained in the list to be submitted by the Committee on Rules.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Roman, the Chair suspended the session at 4:52 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session was resumed at 4:54 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Upon the request of Representative Recto, the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Representative Uy (D.C.).

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS

On successive motions of Representative Arbison (M.N.), there being no objection, the Body proceeded with the approval on Third Reading of the following House Bills, printed copies of which were electronically distributed to the Members on January 29, 2026, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the Provisional Rules of the House:

1. House Bill No. 6676, titled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, UTILIZATION, AND COMMERCIALIZATION OF ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS

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

RESULT OF VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Acidre
Acosta
Adiong
Advincula
Agarao
Agyao
Alano
Alba
Albano
Almario (C.M.)
Almonte
Alvarez (J.)
Amante
Amatong
Angeles
Aquino
Aquino-Magsaysay
Arbison (M.N.)
Arrogancia
Atayde
Ayon
Bancoro
Barba
Barbers
Baronda
Bautista (C.)
Bautista (J.M.)
Bautista-Lim
Beltran
Benitez (J.M.)
Bernos (C.)
Bernos (J.)
Briones
Bulut-Begtang
Cagas
Calderon
Caoagdan
Castro
Cayton
Celeste
Ceniza
Chan (J.F.N.J)
Chan (J.)
Chua-Tai
Chungalao
Co-Pilar
Cojuangco (J.E.M.)
Cojuangco (M.)
Collantes
Cruz (A.P.)
Cruzado
Cua
Dagooc
Dalog
Dayanghirang
De Jesus
De Lima
Del Mar
Dimaguila
Dimaporo (I.)
Dimaporo (S.A.)
Diokno
Domogan

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Balindong relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Yevgeny Vincente B. Emano.

Dy (F.)
Emano
Enverga
Erice
Escudero
Espares
Espina
Estrella
Ferrer (A.)
Ferrer (J.)
Flores
Fortes
Galang
Galeos
Garbin
Garcia (D.)
Gardiola
Gato
Glepa
Gonzales (A.)
Gonzales (A.M.)
Gonzales (R.)
Gorriceta
Guico
Guintu
Gutierrez
Hernandez (C.A.)
Hernandez (F.)
Hernandez (R.)
Ismula
Iway
Javier
Kho (A.)
Kho (E.)
Kho (W.)
Khonghun
Labadlabad
Lacson
Lagbas
Lagdameo (J.M.)
Lagman
Lagon (D.)
Lagon (S.)
Lara
Legacion
Legazpi
Libanan
Lopez
Loyola
Luistro
Lumayag
Madrona
Mangudadatu
Maniquiz
Marcos
Matibag
Matugas
Mendoza

Mercado	Singson (R.V.)
Momo	Singson-Meehan
Nava	Solon
Nazal	Suan
Nisay	Suansing (B.V.)
Nolasco	Suarez
Olivarez	Tallado
Ordanes	Tan (J.)
Ortega	Tanchay
Padiernos	Tanjuatco
Panaligan	Tarriela
Pancho	Teodoro
Pascual	Tereng
Pimentel	Teves
Pleyto	Tiangco
Poe	Tuan
Primicias-Agabas	Tupas
Pumaren	Umali
Recto	Uy (D.C.)
Ridon	Uy (R.)
Rivera	Valeriano
Robes	Vargas
Rodriguez (E.)	Vargas-Alfonso
Rodriguez (M.)	Veloso
Rodriguez (R.)	Veloso-Tuazon
Roman	Villa
Romualdo	Villafuerte (M.L.)
Romulo	Villarica
Roque	Yamsuan
Sagarbarria	Yap (A.)
Sakaluran	Yap (Eric)
Sali	Yu (J.K.)
Salvame	Yulo
San Fernando	Zamora (Y.M.)
Santos (M.A.S.)	Zubiri
Shimura	

Negative:

Co	Tinio
Elago	

Abstention:

None

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Emano relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Balindong.

With 192 affirmative votes, three negative votes, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 6676.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, upon the request of Representative Recto, the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Representative Arbison (M.N.); and of Rep. Cielo Krisel Lagman.

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS
(Continuation)

2. House Bill No. 7239, titled: AN ACT PROVIDING FOR MANDATORY INSURANCE COVERAGE AND BENEFITS FOR ALL LINE WORKERS

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

RESULT OF VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Acidre	Bautista-Lim
Acosta	Beltran
Adiong	Benitez (J.M.)
Advincula	Bernos (C.)
Agarao	Bernos (J.)
Agyao	Briones
Alano	Bulut-Begtang
Alba	Cagas
Albano	Calderon
Almario (C.M.)	Caoagdan
Almonte	Castro
Alvarez (J.)	Cayton
Amante	Celeste
Amatong	Ceniza
Angeles	Chan (J.F.N.J)
Aquino	Chan (J.)
Aquino-Magsaysay	Chua-Tai
Arbison (M.N.)	Chungalao
Arrogancia	Co
Atayde	Co-Pilar
Ayon	Cojuangco (J.E.M.)
Bancoro	Cojuangco (M.)
Barba	Collantes
Barbers	Cruz (A.P.)
Baronda	Cruzado
Bautista (C.)	Cua
Bautista (J.M.)	Dagooc

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Domogan
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Emano
Enverga
Erice
Escudero
Espares
Espina
Estrella
Ferrer (A.)
Ferrer (J.)
Flores
Fortes
Galang
Galeos
Garbin
Garcia (A.)
Garcia (D.)
Gardiola
Garin
Gato
Glepa
Gonzales (A.)
Gonzales (A.M.)
Gonzales (R.)
Gorriceta
Guico
Guintu
Gutierrez
Hernandez (C.A.)
Hernandez (F.)
Hernandez (R.)
Ismula
Iway
Javier
Kho (A.)
Kho (E.)
Kho (W.)
Khonghun
Labadlabad
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Lagbas
Lagdameo (J.M.)
Lagman
Lagon (D.)
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Lara
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Libanan
Lopez
Loyola
Luistro
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Madrona
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Marcos
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Mendoza
Mercado
Momo
Nava
Nazal
Nisay
Nolasco
Olivarez
Ordanes
Ortega
Padiernos
Panaligan
Pancho
Pascual
Pimentel
Pleyto
Poe
Primicias-Agabas
Pumaren
Recto
Ridon
Rivera
Robes
Rodriguez (E.)
Rodriguez (M.)
Rodriguez (R.)
Roman
Romualdo
Romulo
Roque
Sagarbarria
Sakaluran
Sali
Salvame
San Fernando
Santos (M.A.S.)
Shimura
Singson (R.V.)
Singson-Meehan
Solon
Suan
Suansing (B.V.)
Suarez
Tallado
Tan (J.)
Tanchay
Tanjuatco
Tarriela
Teodoro
Tereng
Teves
Tiangco
Tinio
Tuan
Tupas
Umali
Uy (D.C.)
Uy (R.)
Valeriano
Vargas
Vargas-Alfonso
Veloso
Veloso-Tuazon
Villa
Villafuerte (M.L.)
Villarica
Yamsuan
Yap (A.)
Yap (Eric)
Yu (J.K.)
Yulo
Zamora (Y.M.)
Zubiri

Negative:

None

Abstention:

None

With 197 affirmative votes, zero negative votes, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 7239.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

There being no other businesses for the day, on motion of Representative Roman, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, February 4, 2026.

It was 5:14 p.m. of Tuesday, February 3, 2026.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

ATTY. CHELOY E. VELICARIA-GARAFIL, MNSA
Secretary General

Approved on February 10, 2026.

Congress of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Philippines

MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE
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Monday and Tuesday, February 2 and 3, 2026

ABALOS
ABANTE
** ACIDRE
ACOSTA
ADIONG
* ADVINCULA
AGARAO
AGYAO
* ALANO
ALBA
ALBANO
** ALMARIO (C.M.)
ALMARIO (D.)
* ALMONTE
ALVAREZ (J.)
**** ALVAREZ (M.)
AMANTE
* AMATONG
**** ANG
**** ANGARA
ANGELES
AQUINO
AQUINO-MAGSAYSAY
** ARBISON (M.)
ARBISON (M.N.)
**** ARENAS
ARROGANCIA
ASISTIO
ATAYDE
** AUMENTADO
AYON
BAG-AO
BALINDONG
*** BAÑAS-NOGRALES
BANCORO
BARBA
BARBERS
BARONDA
**** BARZAGA
** BASCUG
* BAUTISTA (C.)
BAUTISTA (J.M.)
BAUTISTA-LIM
* BELTRAN
*** BENITEZ (A.)
BENITEZ (J.M.)
BERNOS (C.)
BERNOS (J.)
BIRON
BOCOBO
BOLILIA
** BONDOC
* BRIONES
BULUT-BEGTANG
CAGAS
CALDERON
CALIXTO
CAOAGDAN
* CARI
CASTRO
CAYTON
CELESTE
CENDAÑA
CENIZA
CHAN (J.F.N.J.)
CHAN (J.)
CHUA
CHUA-TAI
CHUNGALAO
CO
CO-PILAR
* COJUANGCO (J.E.M.)
COJUANGCO (M.)
COLLANTES
** CORVERA
CRUZ (A.)
CRUZ (R.)
CRUZADO
CUA
DAGOOC
DALOG
DAYANGHIRANG
* DAZA
DE JESUS
DE LIMA
* DE VENECIA
** DEFENSOR
DEGAMO
DEL MAR
*** DELOS SANTOS
DIMACUHA
* DIMAGUILA
DIMAPORO (I.)
* DIMAPORO (S.A.)
DIOKNO
DIONISIO
DOMINGO
DOMOGAN
DUTERTE (H.J.)
DUTERTE (O.V.)
DUTERTE (P.)
DY (F.)
DY (F.M.C.)
**** DY (I.P.)
ELAGO
* EMANO
ENVERGA
ERICE
ESCUDERO
** ESPARES
ESPINA
ESTRELLA
FERRER (A.)
* FERRER (J.)
FLORES
FORTES
* FRASCO
FRESNEDI
**** FUENTEBELLA
GALANG
** GALEOS
GARBIN
GARCIA (A.)
GARCIA (D.)
** GARCIA (J.A.)
GARCIA (K.H.)
* GARCIA (M.A.)
GARDIOLA
** GARIN
GATCHALIAN
GATO
GLEPA
**** GO
GOMEZ
GONZALES (A.)
GONZALES (A.M.)
* GONZALES (C.S.)
GONZALES (R.)
GORRICETA
GUICO
* GUINTU
*** GULLAS
GUTIERREZ
HERNANDEZ (C.A.)
*** HERNANDEZ (D.)
HERNANDEZ (F.)
HERNANDEZ (R.)
HOFER-HASIM
* HORIBATA
ISMULA
* IWAY
JAVIER
* KHO (A.)
* KHO (E.)
KHO (W.)
** KHONGHUN
** KO
* LABADLABAD
LACSON
LAGBAS
LAGDAMEO (J.M.)
*** LAGDAMEO (M.Y.M)

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

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* Appeared after the Roll Call
** Section 71, Rule XI of the Provisional 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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