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JOURNAL NO. 30

CALL TO ORDER

At 3:00 p.m. of Monday, February 23, 2026, Deputy Speaker Ferjenel G. Biron, MD called the session to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PRAYER

The Members rose for the singing of the National Anthem and for the doxology, as performed by the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra, which was invited by Rep. Javier Miguel Lopez Benitez, Chairperson of the Special Committee on Creative Industries, in celebration of the National Arts Month.

At this juncture, the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra performed Filipino folk songs.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Benitez (J.M.), the Chair suspended the session at 3:08 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session was resumed at 3:11 p.m.

MOTION TO APPROVE JOURNAL NO. 27

Upon resumption of session, Representative Benitez (J.M.) moved to approve *Journal No. 27* dated February 10, 2026, copies of which had already been distributed to the Members.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, upon the request of Rep. Ryan S. Recto, the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Bai Dimple I. Mastura from the Embassy of Malaysia, led by H.E. Dato' Abdul Malik Melvin Castelino, Ambassador of Malaysia to the Philippines.

WITHDRAWAL OF MOTION OF REPRESENTATIVE BENITEZ (J.M.)

Representative Benitez withdrew his earlier motion to approve *Journal No. 27*.

ROLL CALL

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Benitez (J.M.), there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abalos	Benitez (J.M.)
Abante	Bernos (C.)
Acidre	Bernos (J.)
Acosta	Biron
Agarao	Bocobo
Agyao	Bolilia
Alano	Bondoc
Alba	Cagas
Albano	Calderon
Almario (C.M.)	Calixto
Almario (D.)	Caoagdan
Almonte	Cari
Alvarez (J.)	Cayton
Amante	Celeste
Amatong	Cendaña
Ang	Ceniza
Angeles	Chan (J.F.N.J)
Aquino-Magsaysay	Chan (J.)
Arbison (M.N.)	Chua
Arrogancia	Chungalao
Asistio	Co
Aumentado	Co-Pilar
Ayon	Corvera
Balindong	Cruz (A.)
Barba	Cruzado
Baronda	Cua
Bascug	Dagooc
Bautista (J.M.)	Dalog
Bautista-Lim	Dayanghirang
Beltran	De Jesus

De Lima	Khonghun	Quimbo	Tan (J.)
Defensor	Ko	Rama	Tan (K.M.)
Degamo	Labadlabad	Recto	Tan (R.M.)
Del Mar	Lacson	Regencia	Tan (S.J.)
Dimacuha	Lagbas	Remulla	Tanjuatco
Dimaguila	Lagdameo (J.M.)	Revilla (B.)	Teodoro
Dimaporo (S.A.)	Lagdameo (M.Y.M)	Revilla (R.J.)	Tereng
Diokno	Lagman	Ridon	Teves
Dionisio	Lagon (D.)	Rivera	Tiangco
Domingo	Lagon (S.)	Robes	Tinio
Domogan	Lara	Rodriguez (E.)	Tuan
Duterte (H.J.)	Ledesma	Rodriguez (M.)	Tulfo (J.)
Duterte (O.V.)	Legacion	Rodriguez (R.)	Tulfo (R.W.)
Duterte (P.)	Legarda	Roman	Tupas
Dy (F.)	Legazpi	Romualdez (A.J.)	Umali
Dy (F.M.C.)	Loria	Romualdez (Y.M.)	Ungab
Elago	Luistro	Romualdo	Uy (R.)
Emano	Lumayag	Romulo	Valeriano
Enverga	Macapagal-Arroyo	Roque	Vargas
Erice	Macasaet	Sagarbarria	Vargas-Alfonso
Escudero	Madrona	Salceda	Veloso
Espina	Malapitan	Salvacion	Veloso-Tuazon
Ferrer (A.)	Mangudadatu	Salvador	Vergara
Flores	Maniquiz	Salvame	Villa
Fortes	Marcoleta	San Fernando	Villafuerte (V.R.L.)
Fresnedi	Marcos	Santos (M.A.)	Villanueva
Galang	Marquez	Shimura	Villarica
Galeos	Mastura	Singson (R.)	Yamsuan
Garbin	Mercado	Singson-Meehan	Yap (A.)
Garcia (A.)	Mercado-Revilla	Solon	Yap (E.)
Garcia (D.)	Miraflores	Suan	Yap (J.G.)
Garcia (J.A.)	Momo	Suansing (B.V.)	Yatco
Garcia (K.H.)	Montes	Suansing (M.A.)	Yu (J.K.)
Garcia (M.A.)	Nava	Suntay	Yulo
Gardiola	Nazal	Tallado	Zamora (Y.M.)
Garin	Nisay		
Gatchalian	Nolasco		
Gato	Oaminal (H.)		
Glepa	Oaminal (S.F.)		
Gomez	Oducado		
Gonzales (A.)	Olivarez		
Gonzales (R.)	Ordanes		
Gorriceta	Oreta		
Guintu	Ortega		
Gutierrez	Padiernos		
Hernandez (C.A.)	Panaligan		
Hernandez (F.)	Pancho		
Hernandez (R.)	Perez		
Hofer-Hasim	Pimentel		
Ismula	Plaza		
Javier	Pleyto		
Kho (A.)	Poe		
Kho (E.)	Primicias-Agabas		
Kho (W.)	Pumaren		

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

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL NO. 27

Considering that copies of *Journal No. 27* dated February 10, 2026 were already distributed to the Members, on motion of Rep. Vincenzo Renato Luigi R. Villafuerte, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading thereof and subsequently approved the same.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Villafuerte (V.R.L.), 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, Message from the Senate, Communication, and Committee Report, which were referred to the appropriate committees indicated hereunder:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 7807, titled:

AN ACT DECLARING THE FIRST THURSDAY OF FEBRUARY OF EVERY YEAR, UNLESS IT FALLS ON FEBRUARY 2, A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA MARIA, PROVINCE OF BULACAN, IN COMMEMORATION OF THE RETURN OF THE IMAGE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

By Representative Pleyto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 7809, titled:

AN ACT FURTHER PROMOTING ENTREPRENEURSHIP BY STRENGTHENING, EMPOWERING, AND ENHANCING THE FINANCING AND OTHER SUPPORT PROGRAMS FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6977, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “MAGNA CARTA FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (MSMEs)”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 7810, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE CENTER FOR DIABETES AND ENDOCRINOLOGY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7811, titled:

AN ACT CONSOLIDATING ALL PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT TOOLS AND REWARDS SYSTEMS FOR ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS BY INSTITUTIONALIZING MERITOCRACY IN THE PHILIPPINES, AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11292, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE SEAL OF GOOD LOCAL GOVERNANCE ACT OF 2019”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 7812, titled:

AN ACT INSTITUTING A NATIONAL LAND USE POLICY, PROVIDING THE IMPLEMENTING MECHANISMS, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE NATIONAL LAND USE COMMISSION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

House Bill No. 7813, titled:

AN ACT ABOLISHING THE TRAVEL TAX
By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 7814, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING CLEAR EXCEPTIONS TO CRIMINAL LIABILITY IN ROAD ACCIDENTS ARISING FROM FORCE MAJEURE OR INTENTIONAL ACTS OF THE VICTIM, AMENDING ARTICLE 365 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

House Bill No. 7815, titled:

AN ACT STRENGTHENING FURTHER THE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE PHILIPPINE ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7916, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE ACT OF 1995”, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8748

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 7816, titled:

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE MANDATE AND CAPABILITIES OF THE MOVIE AND TELEVISION REVIEW AND CLASSIFICATION BOARD (MTRCB) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Aquino-Magsaysay
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 7817, titled:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE TALAVERA - STO. DOMINGO – QUEZON - LICAB ROAD STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY SAN PASCUAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TALAVERA TO BARANGAY VILLAROSA IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LICAB, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Suansing (Mikaela Angela)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 7818, titled:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE ALIAGA – QUEZON – GUIMBA ROAD STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY BUCOT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALIAGA TO BARANGAY SARANAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUIMBA, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Suansing (Mikaela Angela)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 7819, titled:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE GUIMBA – PURA PROVINCIAL ROAD STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY CASONGSONG TO BARANGAY SAN MIGUEL, MUNICIPALITY OF GUIMBA INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Suansing (Mikaela Angela)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 7820, titled:

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND RANK CLASSIFICATION OF THE BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 58 AND 59 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990”, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Primicias-Agabas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 7821, titled:

AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 4 AND 12 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9514, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “REVISED FIRE CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES OF 2008”, TO EXPAND ITS APPLICABILITY AND UPDATE THE SOURCES OF INCOME FOR THE BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION

By Representative Primicias-Agabas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 7822, titled:

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION BY TRANSFERRING THE NATIONAL FIRE TRAINING INSTITUTE FROM THE PHILIPPINE PUBLIC SAFETY COLLEGE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 66, 67, AND 68 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Primicias-Agabas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 7823, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HEALTH PASSPORT SYSTEM INTEGRATED WITH THE PHILIPPINE IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM (PHILSYS), STRENGTHENING PRIMARY HEALTHCARE BY MANDATING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION TO ENSURE THAT EVERY INDIGENT OR DISADVANTAGED FILIPINO CITIZEN RECEIVES, FREE OF CHARGE, A COMPREHENSIVE EXECUTIVE CHECK-UP AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Rama
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7824, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE AUTOMATIC RELEASE OF MONTHLY CASH ASSISTANCE TO PROVINCES, UPON OCCURRENCE OF DISASTERS OR EMERGENCIES

By Representative Delos Santos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DISASTER RESILIENCE

House Bill No. 7825, titled:

AN ACT TO MANDATE FINANCIAL LITERACY EDUCATION IN THE K-12 SYSTEM, ESTABLISHING IT AS A CORE SUBJECT FOR ENHANCING ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

By Representative Delos Santos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7826, titled:

AN ACT INSTITUTING A FERTILIZER SUBSIDY PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Delos Santos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 7827, titled:

AN ACT DIGITIZING ALL BOOKS NECESSARY FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION AND ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE ONLINE LIBRARY, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Delos Santos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7828, titled:

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING SUSTAINABLE COASTAL TOURISM, PROVIDING MECHANISMS FOR ITS INSTITUTIONALIZATION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Delos Santos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 7829, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE GERIATRIC CENTER AND REGIONAL GERIATRIC CENTERS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Chua
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7831, titled:

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE AND MARKETING OF UNHEALTHY FOODS SUCH AS SUGAR-SWEETENED BEVERAGES AND JUNK FOODS WITHIN ONE HUNDRED (100) METERS OF PUBLIC

AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR

By Representative Matibag
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7832, titled:

AN ACT TO PROTECT FILIPINOS FROM THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF TRANS FATTY ACIDS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Matibag
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7833, titled:

AN ACT PROMOTING THE ADOPTION OF ELECTRONIC MONEY AS A MEDIUM OF EXCHANGE FOR FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND ALL MERCHANTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Matibag
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 7834, titled:

AN ACT TO ENSURE GENDER RESPONSIVE AND INCLUSIVE PROTOCOLS AND PROGRAMMING TO ADDRESS THE GENDER-DIFFERENTIATED NEEDS OF WOMEN DURING PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES, PUBLIC HEALTH THREATS, DISASTERS, AND OTHER HEALTH EVENTS OF PUBLIC CONCERN

By Representative Matibag
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY

House Bill No. 7835, titled:

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PHILIPPINE CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION BY EXTENDING ITS CORPORATE TERM AND EXPANDING ITS SERVICES, AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1467, AS AMENDED

By Representative Matibag
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 7836, titled:

AN ACT LOWERING THE OPTIONAL RETIREMENT AGE OF GOVERNMENT WORKERS FROM SIXTY (60) YEARS TO FIFTY-SIX (56) YEARS, AMENDING

FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 13-A OF REPUBLIC ACT 8291, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “*THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM ACT OF 1997*”

By Representative Matibag
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES
AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 7837, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING AN OPTION FOR QUALIFIED MEMBERS IN THE NON-CAREER SERVICE TO PAY VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8291, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “*THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM ACT OF 1997*”

By Representative Matibag
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES
AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 7838, titled:

AN ACT PUNISHING THE CRIME OF MACHINATIONS IN GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT, AMENDING ARTICLE XX OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 12009, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “*NEW GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT ACT*”, AND PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1606, OR THE LAW CREATING THE SANDIGANBAYAN, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative De Lima
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 7839, titled:

AN ACT DIVIDING THE SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE FOR THE PROVINCE OF CEBU INTO THREE (3) SCHOOL DIVISION OFFICES NAMELY THE SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE – CENTRAL CEBU, SCHOOL DIVISION OFFICE – NORTH CEBU, AND SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE – SOUTH CEBU, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Calderon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND
CULTURE

House Bill No. 7840, titled:

AN ACT RECLASSIFYING AND CONVERTING PARCELS OF TIMBERLANDS IN THE ENTIRE PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR INTO ALIENABLE AND DISPOSABLE PUBLIC LANDS

By Representative Ridon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 7841, titled:

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10149, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “*GOCC GOVERNANCE ACT OF 2011*”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES
AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 7842, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MUNICIPALITY OF SULTAN KUDARAT WOMEN AND CHILDREN PROTECTION CENTER IN THE PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO DEL NORTE, ADOPTING AN AGE-APPROPRIATE, GENDER-SENSITIVE, AND TRAUMA-INFORMED PROGRAM, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Mastura
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER
EQUALITY

House Bill No. 7843, titled:

AN ACT REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT 10168, *AN ACT DEFINING THE CRIME OF FINANCING OF TERRORISM, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES*, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE *TERRORISM FINANCING PREVENTION AND SUPPRESSION ACT OF 2012*

By Representatives Tinio, Elago and Co
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 7844, titled:

AN ACT REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 12023, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 105, 108, 109, 110, 113, 114, 115, 128, 236, AND 288 AND ADDING NEW SECTIONS 108-A AND 108-B OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED

By Representatives Elago, Co and Tinio
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 7845, titled:

AN ACT ABOLISHING THE COLLECTION OF TRAVEL TAX

By Representatives Elago, Co and Tinio
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 7846, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING A FUEL SUBSIDY FOR MUNICIPAL FISHERIES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 7847, titled:

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

By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 7848, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING MANDATORY INSURANCE COVERAGE AND OTHER BENEFITS FOR ALL LINE WORKERS

By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 7849, titled:

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

By Representative Poe
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 7850, titled:

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING JIU-JITSU TRAINING AS A MANDATORY COMPONENT OF PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE TRAINING, STRENGTHENING NON-LETHAL ARREST AND CONTROL CAPABILITIES, AND PROMOTING HUMAN

RIGHTS-BASED AND PROFESSIONAL POLICING

By Representative Dy (Faustino Michael Carlos)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 7851, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE ELECTRONIC HEALTH (eHEALTH) SYSTEM AND SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE USING INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Delos Santos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7852, titled:

AN ACT PROMOTING THE ADOPTION OF ELECTRONIC MONEY AS A MEDIUM OF EXCHANGE FOR FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND ALL MERCHANTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Delos Santos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 7853, titled:

AN ACT GRANTING COST OF TEACHING AND LEARNING CONTINUITY ALLOWANCE TO PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS, THEREFORE

By Representative Delos Santos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7854, titled:

AN ACT MANDATING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A RAINWATER HARVESTING FACILITY IN ALL NEW INSTITUTIONAL, COMMERCIAL, AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN METRO MANILA

By Representative Delos Santos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 7855, titled:

AN ACT PROMOTING THE CAPABILITIES AND NUMBER OF SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, ESPECIALLY IN RURAL AREAS

By Representative Delos Santos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7856, titled:

AN ACT FOR THE CONDONATION OF UNPAID INTERESTS, PENALTIES, SURCHARGES, AND UNREMITTED UNIVERSAL CHARGES ON THE OVERDUE OBLIGATIONS OF THE MASBATE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. TO THE NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION (NEA) AND NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION (NAPOCOR)

By Representatives Kho (Antonio), Kho (Elisa) and Kho (Wilton)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 7857, titled:

AN ACT INCREASING THE VALIDITY OF AUTHORIZATION TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGE OF PRIESTS, MINISTERS, OR RABBIS FROM THREE (3) TO FIVE (5) YEARS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6514, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Yap (Eric)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 7858, titled:

AN ACT CRIMINALIZING THE CREATION, DISTRIBUTION, SALE, PUBLICATION, PROMOTION, AND POSSESSION OF VULGAR, PROVOCATIVE, SEXUALLY SUGGESTIVE EXPLOITATION MATERIALS WITH VISUAL DEPICTIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE GENERATED THROUGH ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, OR ANY OTHER COMPUTER-GENERATED OR TECHNOLOGICAL MEANS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11930, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “ANTI-ONLINE SEXUAL ABUSE OR EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN (OSAEC) AND ANTI-CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE OR EXPLOITATION MATERIALS (CSAEM) ACT”, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Yap (Eric)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 7859, titled:

AN ACT PROMOTING TRANSPARENT GOVERNANCE AND INSTITUTING ANTI-CORRUPTION MECHANISMS IN THE OPERATION OF BANKS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1405, ENTITLED

“AN ACT PROHIBITING DISCLOSURE OF OR INQUIRY INTO, DEPOSITS WITH ANY BANKING INSTITUTION AND PROVIDING PENALTY THEREFOR”

By Representative Yap (Eric)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 7860, titled:

AN ACT MANDATING THE FORMULATION AND INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT MASTERPLAN, ESTABLISHING THE MASTERPLAN FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Yap (Eric)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 7861, titled:

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

By Representative Yap (Eric)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 7862, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PRIORITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN FOR STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Yamsuan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 7863, titled:

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING ACTIVE TRANSPORT BY ESTABLISHING A SAFE PATHWAYS NETWORK OF BICYCLE LANES, WALKWAYS AND SLOW STREETS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Yamsuan

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

House Bill No. 7864, titled:

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE SPECIAL PROGRAM IN CREATIVE ARTS FOR JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Yamsuan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7865, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FINANCIAL GRANTS PROGRAM FOR EMERGING FILIPINO ARTISTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 19 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11904, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE CREATIVE INDUSTRIES DEVELOPMENT ACT, AND TO PROVIDE FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Yamsuan

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

House Bill No. 7866, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A UNIFIED ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORDS FOR ALL FILIPINOS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Yamsuan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7867, titled:

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DETENTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVERS WHO ARE INVOLVED IN A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT WHO PROVIDED SUFFICIENT PROOF OF THEIR DEFENSIVE DRIVING, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 124 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE

By Representative Yamsuan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 7868, titled:

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL BOOK DEVELOPMENT BOARD, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8047 OR THE BOOK PUBLISHING INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT ACT

By Representative Yamsuan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 7869, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE, INTEGRATED AND SUSTAINABLE

REINTEGRATION PROGRAM FOR OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS

By Representative Yamsuan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 7870, titled:

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

By Representative Yamsuan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 7871, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE BLOOD CENTER, DEFINING ITS OBJECTIVES, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Yamsuan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7872, titled:

AN ACT MANDATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FISHERFOLK RESETTLEMENT AREAS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SEC. 108 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8550, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "PHILIPPINE FISHERIES CODE OF 1998," AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10654

By Representative Yamsuan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 7873, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE EXEMPTION OF REFINED PETROLEUM IMPORTERS FROM THE BOND REQUIREMENT UNDER SECTION 160 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED

By Representative Poe

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 7874, titled:

AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE WITHHOLDING TAX RATE ON REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 57 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED

By Representative Poe
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 7875, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FRAMEWORK FOR THE CREATION, ADMINISTRATION, AND REGULATION OF GLOBAL EDUCATION CITIES, RECOGNIZING THEIR INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER, AND PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO ATTRACT WORLD-CLASS FOREIGN HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS, THEREBY PROMOTING EDUCATIONAL TOURISM AND NATIONAL COMPETITIVENESS

By Representatives Romualdez (Ferdinand Martin), Romualdez (Yedda Marie), Romualdez (Andrew Julian) and Acidre
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 7876, titled:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE CAPITAL TOWN OF PROVINCES WITH LESS THAN FIFTY PERCENT (50%) DEPENDENCY IN NATIONAL TAX ALLOTMENT INTO A COMPONENT CITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 450 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991," AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9009, AS FURTHER AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11683

By Representative San Fernando
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 7877, titled:

AN ACT EXPANDING THE PURPOSES AND APPLICATIONS OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND (SEF) TO SUPPORT BASIC EDUCATION DELIVERY, ADMINISTRATIVE AND NON-TEACHING PERSONNEL, FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT AND ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEMS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 100 AND 272 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Amante
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 7878, titled:

AN ACT INSTITUTING A NATIONAL PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE CARE, SUPPORT AND INCLUSION OF PERSONS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Khonghun
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7879, titled:

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 47(f) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9136, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ELECTRIC POWER INDUSTRY REFORM ACT OF 2001, TO REQUIRE AN ACT OF CONGRESS PRIOR TO ANY PRIVATIZATION OR TRANSFER OF THE AGUS AND PULANGI HYDROELECTRIC POWER COMPLEXES

By Representative Regencia
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 7880, titled:

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

By Representative Almario (Cheeno Miguel)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 7881, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL BUDGET BLOCKCHAIN SYSTEM TO ENHANCE THE TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE PHILIPPINE BUDGET PROCESS

By Representatives Duterte (Omar Vincent) and Duterte (Paolo)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 7882, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DIRECT POINT-OF-SALE VALUE ADDED TAX (VAT) REFUND SYSTEM FOR TOURISTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 12079, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT CREATING A VAT REFUND MECHANISM

FOR NON-RESIDENT TOURISTS, ADDING
A NEW SECTION 112-A TO THE NATIONAL
INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS
AMENDED

By Representatives Duterte (Omar Vincent) and
Duterte (Paolo)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 7883, titled:

AN ACT DECLARING MARCH 27
OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL
NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF
LAS PIÑAS, TO BE KNOWN AS “LAS PIÑAS
CITY CHARTER DAY”

By Representative Santos (Mark Anthony)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 7884, titled:

AN ACT INSTITUTING THE NATIONAL
AUTISM CARE PLAN FOR THE SUPPORT
OF PERSONS WITH AUTISM AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Legazpi
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7885, titled:

AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 20,
21, 83, AND 84 OF REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 9165, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS DRUGS
ACT OF 2002, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 10640

By Representative Zamora (Ysabel Maria)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

House Bill No. 7886, titled:

AN ACT TO FURTHER ENHANCE THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LIFELINE
RATE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
SECTION 73 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9136,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “ELECTRIC
POWER INDUSTRY REFORM ACT
OF 2001,” AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 11552

By Representatives Dagoooc and De Jesus
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 7887, titled:

AN ACT PROTECTING THE FILIPINO
YOUTH AND STUDENTS
FROM THE ILL-EFFECTS OF MODERN
TECHNOLOGY BY REGULATING THE

USE OF ELECTRONIC GADGETS AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Oaminal (Henry)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND
CULTURE

House Bill No. 7888, titled:

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

By Representatives Tulfo (Jocelyn) and
Tulfo (Ralph Wendel)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 7889, titled:

AN ACT STREAMLINING ALL PLANS,
PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, AND
PROJECTS TO REHABILITATE,
PROTECT, SUSTAINABLY MANAGE
AND DEVELOP THE MANILA
BAY REGION, THEREBY CREATING
THE MANILA BAY AUTHORITY, AND
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES
AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 7890, titled:

AN ACT PENALIZING ONLINE FRAUD,
DECEPTIVE DIGITAL PRACTICES, AND
MALICIOUS INTERNET ACTIVITIES, AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Gorriceta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 7891, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING PHILHEALTH COVERAGE
TO BARANGAY FRONTLINE HEALTH
AND SOCIAL SERVICE WORKERS,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Gorriceta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 7892, titled:

AN ACT ENHANCING TRANSPARENCY
IN GOVERNMENT HIRING THROUGH
THE MANDATORY ONLINE POSTING
OF VACANT POSITIONS IN ALL
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND LOCAL
GOVERNMENT UNITS, AMENDING

FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7041 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “PUBLICATION OF EXISTING VACANT POSITIONS IN GOVERNMENT OFFICES ACT”

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

EXPLOITATION IN SPORTS, CREATING A SAFE SPORTS MECHANISM, GUARANTEEING ATHLETE WELFARE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Gorriceta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY

House Bill No. 7893, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FREE PSA BIRTH CERTIFICATES FOR STUDENT ATHLETES PARTICIPATING IN GOVERNMENT-RECOGNIZED SPORTS EVENTS

By Representative Gorriceta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 7898, titled:

AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 29TH OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LEON, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10805, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “JOSE CALUGAS DAY”

By Representative Gorriceta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 7894, titled:

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE GOVERNMENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM (GIP), PROVIDING FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION, FUNDING, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 782, titled:

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE JOSE CLAVERIA DE VENECIA, JR., FORMER SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; HONORING HIS EXTRAORDINARY LEGACY OF STATESMANSHIP, PEACE-BUILDING, AND DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP; AND POSTHUMOUSLY CONFERRING UPON HIM THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF DISTINCTION IN PUBLIC SERVICE

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Bill No. 7895, titled:

AN ACT PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM HARMFUL AND INAPPROPRIATE ONLINE CONTENT AND PROMOTING SAFE DIGITAL PRACTICES, TO BE KNOWN AS THE “SCREEN ACT”

By Representative Gorriceta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN AND THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Resolution No. 783, titled:

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE DELEGATION FOR THEIR HISTORIC AND TRIUMPHANT PERFORMANCE AT THE 13TH ASEAN PARA GAMES HELD IN THAILAND

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

House Bill No. 7896, titled:

AN ACT EXCLUDING OVERTIME PAY FROM TAXABLE INCOME AND AMENDING THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED

By Representative Gorriceta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 7897, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING COMPREHENSIVE SAFEGUARDS FOR WOMEN AGAINST ABUSE, DISCRIMINATION, AND

House Resolution No. 784, titled:

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING ZACHARY KEEFE QIEL

REALUBIT FOR WINNING THE MISTER
TEEN INTERNATIONAL 2026 TITLE HELD
IN HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM
By Representative Hernandez (Charisse Anne)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 785, titled:

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND
COMMENDING FILIPINO FASHION
DESIGNER MARJORIE RESUELLO-
KOBAYASHI FOR HER OUTSTANDING
ACHIEVEMENTS IN PROMOTING
SUSTAINABLE FASHION AND CULTURAL
DIPLOMACY ON THE GLOBAL
STAGE
By Representative Hernandez (Charisse Anne)
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CREATIVE
INDUSTRIES

House Resolution No. 786, titled:

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE
COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, JOINTLY
WITH THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
RIGHTS, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY,
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 11479, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
THE “ANTI-TERRORISM ACT OF 2020,”
TO ENSURE FULL COMPLIANCE WITH
CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEES AND
INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS
OBLIGATIONS
By Representative De Lima
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 787, titled:

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE
ON JUSTICE, JOINTLY WITH THE
COMMITTEES ON HUMAN RIGHTS,
AND BANKS AND FINANCIAL
INTERMEDIARIES, TO CONDUCT AN
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 10168, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
“TERRORISM FINANCING PREVENTION
AND SUPPRESSION ACT OF 2012”, IN
LIGHT OF SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS OF
ABUSE AND MISUSE OF THE LAW THAT
ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF
FREE SPEECH AND ASSOCIATION UNDER
THE CONSTITUTION
By Representative De Lima
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 788, titled:

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE
APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO
CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF
LEGISLATION, INTO THE RECENT
DISCOVERY AND RAID OF LARGE-SCALE
ILLEGAL CIGARETTE FACTORIES IN
BARANGAYS PANIPUAN AND SAN JOSE
MALINO, IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
MEXICO, AND BARANGAY PANIPUAN, IN
THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PROVINCE
OF PAMPANGA
By Representative Gonzales (Alyssa Michaela)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 789, titled:

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND
SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES
OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
ON THE PASSING OF MARIA CRISTINA
“VANGIE” BONGHANNOY LABALAN,
AND HONORING HER LIFE, LEGACY,
AND ENDURING CONTRIBUTIONS
TO PHILIPPINE ARTS AND
CULTURE
By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 790, titled:

A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND
COMMENDING FILIPINA TENNIS
STAR ALEX EALA FOR EARNING A
MAIN DRAW SPOT IN THE WTA 1000
DUBAI DUTY FREE INTERNATIONAL
TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS AND FOR
BREAKING INTO THE TOP 40 OF THE
WOMEN’S TENNIS ASSOCIATION
RANKINGS
By Representative Del Mar
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS
DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 791, titled:

A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING YOUNG
FILIPINO STUDENTS FOR WINNING TOP
HONORS IN INTERNATIONAL MATH AND
SCIENCE OLYMPIADS IN THE UNITED
STATES
By Representative Del Mar
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND
CULTURE

House Resolution No. 792, titled:

A RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ESCALATING ATTACKS ON HUMANITARIAN AND DEVELOPMENT NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGO) AND OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS WHICH RESTRICT CIVIC SPACES AND ERODE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND CULTURAL RIGHTS OF THE COMMUNITIES THEY SERVE

By Representatives Elago, Co and Tinio
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 793, titled:

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING CENDY LOVENDINO ASUSANO FOR WINNING THE GOLD MEDAL IN THE WOMEN'S SHOT PUT F54 AT THE 2025 ASEAN PARA GAMES AND FOR BRINGING HONOR AND PRESTIGE TO THE PHILIPPINES

By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 794, titled:

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE INCREASING INTERNET USE AMONG PRE-TEENS, WITH PARTICULAR FOCUS ON ONLINE GAMING, IN-GAME PURCHASES, AND OTHER DIGITAL CONSUMPTION ACTIVITIES, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF STRENGTHENING CHILD PROTECTION POLICIES, DIGITAL LITERACY, AND ONLINE SAFETY REGULATIONS

By Representative Oducado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 795, titled:

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE SYSTEMIC ISSUES IN THE DELIVERY OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS

By Representative Ordanes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 796, titled:

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE(S) TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE EXERCISE OF DISCRETION BY THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE IN THE APPREHENSION, CUSTODIAL DETENTION, AND INSTITUTION OR FILING OF CRIMINAL CHARGES ARISING FROM VEHICULAR ACCIDENTS, WITH THE END VIEW OF ENSURING STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES, UNIFORM ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS, AND EFFECTIVE ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISMS

By Representative Amante
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 797, titled:

A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, REGARDING THE FATAL CAR ACCIDENT IN PASEO SATURNINO, BARANGAY BANILAD, CEBU CITY, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF DETERMINING THE GAPS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RA NO. 10586, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE ANTI-DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING ACT OF 2013"

By Representative Iway
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 798, titled:

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE BRAVE SOLDIER OF THE PHILIPPINE ARMY, CORPORAL RENOLD GARDOSE, WHO HEROICALLY GAVE HIS LIFE IN THE LINE OF DUTY DURING THE ENCOUNTER WITH ALLEGED ARMED REBELS IN SITIO CANGGABI, BRGY. STO NIÑO, TANJAY CITY ON FEBRUARY 15, 2026, AND EXPRESSING HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY

By Representative Iway
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Resolution No. 799, titled:

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE

WOMEN'S NATIONAL FOOTBALL TEAM
FOR WINNING THE GOLD MEDAL AT
THE 2025 SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES
IN THAILAND, THE FIRST-EVER SEA
GAMES GOLD TITLE IN THE HISTORY OF
PHILIPPINE WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

By Representative Erice
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message dated February 18, 2026, informing the House of Representatives that on even date, the Senate passed the following Senate Bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

Senate Bill No. 155, titled:
AN ACT SIMPLIFYING THE DOCUMENTARY
REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCESSING
GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES;

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

Senate Bill No. 1624, titled:
AN ACT CREATING A CONGRESSIONAL
COMMISSION ON AGRICULTURE,
FISHERIES, AND FOOD SECURITY TO
REVIEW, ASSESS, AND EVALUATE THE
STATE OF PHILIPPINE AGRICULTURE
AND RECOMMEND INNOVATIVE AND
TARGETED POLICY REFORMS IN
AGRICULTURE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR; and

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD
AND THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND
FISHERIES RESOURCES

Senate Bill No. 1629, titled:
AN ACT PROVIDING FOR MULTI-FAITH
PRAYER AND QUIET ROOMS IN
PUBLIC OFFICES AND PUBLIC-FACING
ESTABLISHMENTS.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

COMMUNICATION

Letters dated February 9 and 11, 2026 of Joseph B. Salud, Bank Officer VI, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, transmitting to the House of Representatives duly certified copies of the following BSP issuances:

1. Memorandum No. M-2026-003 dated 30 January 2026;
2. Memorandum No. M-2026-004 dated 30 January 2026; and

3. Memorandum No. M-2026-005 dated 06 February 2026.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL
INTERMEDIARIES

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Report No. 121, submitted by the Committee on Foreign Affairs on H.R. No. 800, titled:

RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH
AN APOSTILLE SERVICE AT THE DFA
- CONSULAR OFFICE TUGUEGARAO
IN CARIG SUR, TUGUEGARAO CITY,
PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN

recommending its adoption in substitution of House
Bill No. 1716

Sponsor: Representative Arenas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

VERIFIED COMPLAINTS
FOR IMPEACHMENT

Verified Complaint for Impeachment against Vice President Sara Z. Duterte filed by Francisca "France" Castro, Arlene Brosas, Liza Maza, et al., endorsed by Rep. Antonio L. Tinio of ACT Teachers Party-list, Rep. Sarah I. Elago of GABRIELA Women's Party-list, and Rep. Renee Louise M. Co of KABATAAN Party-list on 02 February 2026.

Verified Complaint for Impeachment against Vice President Sara Z. Duterte filed by Francis Joseph Aquino Dee, Sylvia Estrada Claudio, Teresita Quintos Deles, et al., endorsed by Rep. Percival Cendaña of Akbayan Party-list and Rep. Leila M. De Lima of Mamamayang Liberal (ML) Party-list on 02 February 2026.

Verified Complaint for Impeachment against Vice President Sara Z. Duterte filed by Reverend Father Joel Saballa, Reverend Father Joselito S. Sarabia, Reverend Father Edilberto J. Baculi et al., endorsed by Rep. Leila M. De Lima of Mamamayang Liberal (ML) Party-list on 09 February 2026.

Verified Complaint for Impeachment against Vice President Sara Z. Duterte filed by Atty. Nathaniel G. Cabrera and endorsed by Rep. Bienvenido M. Abante, Jr. and Rep. Paolo P. Ortega V on 18 February 2026, 6:34 PM.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, upon the request of Rep. Roberto “Pinpin” T. Uy Jr., the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the former’s guests.

Likewise, upon the request of Representative Recto, the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Eric L. Olivarez; Rep. Edwin L. Cruzado MD; and Representative Benitez (J.M.).

Also, upon the request of Rep. Antonino B. Roman III, the Chair subsequently acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Timothy Joseph A. Cayton; Reps. Jonathan Keith T. Flores, Arlyn P. Ayon, and Laarni Lavin Roque; and Reps. Howard A. Guintu and Jane T. Castro.

Similarly, upon the request of Rep. Daphne A. Lagon, the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Nathaniel M. Oducado; Rep. Rosalie Ang Salvame; Rep. Dibu S. Tuan; and Rep. Dadah Kiram Ismula.

Furthermore, upon the request of Representative Recto, the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Representative Lagon (D.); and Rep. Kaka J. Bag-ao.

Lastly, upon the request of Representative Villafuerte (V.R.L.), the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guest of Rep. Mark Anthony Santos.

PRIVILEGE HOUR

Thereupon, the day being a Monday, on successive motions of Representative Villafuerte (V.R.L.), there being no objection, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour and thereafter, recognized Rep. Leila M. De Lima for her privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE DE LIMA

Representative De Lima rose to speak about the International Criminal Court (ICC) confirmation of charges hearing that day against former President Rodrigo R. Duterte which, she emphasized, was a watershed moment for reckoning.

She stated that the so-called “war on drugs” of the Duterte administration, which led to the deaths of thousands of poor, urban, and marginalized Filipinos, was marked by former President Duterte’s own public statements, testimonies from witnesses, and patterns in police reports. She explained that under the Rome Statute, the foundational treaty of ICC, crimes against humanity include murder committed as part of a widespread or systematic attack directed against a civilian population, which is the basis of the ICC case against the former President.

Then referring to the arguments that the former President’s arrest had bypassed the Philippine courts, Representative De Lima clarified that the country’s withdrawal from the Rome Statute did not erase obligations incurred when the Philippines was still a member of ICC, and that the ICC warrant of arrest does not require review by Philippine courts. She contended that cooperation with ICC is consistent with both international and domestic laws, like Republic Act (R.A.) No. 9851, which allows the government to surrender individuals named in ICC warrants. She also highlighted the principle of complementarity, noting that ICC steps in when domestic institutions fail to conduct credible investigations, as in the case of the Philippines, when authorities may have failed or chosen not to pursue accountability at the highest levels, and focused only on low-level officers, with very few convictions. She stated that ICC is not an affront to sovereignty but an affirmation of it, since the Philippines voluntarily joined the Rome Statute to prevent impunity for grave crimes.

Representative De Lima underscored that while international prosecutors are moving forward, many families of victims in the Philippines are still waiting for justice. She stressed that the issue at hand is not about personalities but about principle. Sovereignty, she pointed out, includes honoring the rule of law commitments the country freely undertook, and justice for the poor requires ensuring that their deaths are not reduced to mere statistics. She added that the ICC confirmation of charges hearing is only a procedural step and the beginning of a formal process where evidence will be tested and rights protected.

Thereupon, Representative De Lima urged the Body to let the process unfold, allow evidence to be presented, and let the truth be established in the ICC. She declared her stand for accountability, the rule of law, and above all, the Filipino people, especially

the voiceless, powerless, and grieving families who deserve justice.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Villafuerte (V.R.L.), the Chair recognized Rep. Renee Louise M. Co for her interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE CO

Representative Co first referred to former President Duterte's withdrawal of the Philippines from the Rome Statute, noting that it appeared to be an attempt to remove his presidential orders "to kill" from the ICC jurisdiction. She then asked whether the Philippines should rejoin the ICC and ratify the Rome Statute again.

Representative De Lima clarified that withdrawal does not absolve the country of accountability for crimes committed while it was still a member, from 2011 until the withdrawal became effective in 2019. She cited both the Rome Statute itself and a Supreme Court ruling affirming that obligations remain despite the withdrawal, which means that the alleged crimes against humanity during the Duterte presidency can still be investigated. She thereafter expressed strong support for the Philippines to rejoin the ICC, emphasizing that it is the only dependable international mechanism for demanding accountability when domestic systems fail, or if the State refuses, is unwilling, or is unable to investigate crimes against humanity. She warned that without ICC jurisdiction, future abuses by powerful figures, including potential heads of state, could again go unpunished, as seen in past systemic killings linked to State policies. She likewise emphasized that rejoining the Rome Statute would reaffirm the country's commitment to international law and strengthen its standing in the global community.

In response to Representative Co's query on the process the country has to undertake to rejoin the Rome Statute, Representative De Lima clarified that the process begins with a formal decision from the Executive Department, particularly the Chief Executive, with the advice from the Department of Foreign Affairs, followed by Senate concurrence, mirroring the original 2011 ratification procedure.

In closing, Representative Co noted that the decision ultimately lies with President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. himself as the chief architect of foreign policy and disclosed that she, along with her colleagues in the

Makabayan bloc, had already filed House Resolution No. 809, urging the government to consider rejoining the ICC and restoring Philippine accountability under the Rome Statute.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE DE LIMA

On motion of Representative Villafuerte (V.R.L.), there being no objection, the Body approved to refer the privilege speech of Representative De Lima and the interpellation thereon to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Benitez (J.M.), the Chair recognized Representative Santos (M.A.) for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE SANTOS (M.A.)

Representative Santos raised an urgent national concern on landfill safety and waste management, citing the fatal collapses in Cebu and Rizal as evidence of systemic failures in engineering oversight, regulatory enforcement, and social protection. He stressed that landfill disasters are not accidents but consequences of overcapacity, poor slope and compaction management, inadequate leachate systems, insufficient monitoring, and regulatory issues. He warned that while waste-to-energy (WTE) initiatives may help reduce landfill volume, they are not a standalone solution and must be regulated with strict safeguards to prevent new environmental and health risks. He emphasized that waste mismanagement contributes to flooding, poverty-driven scavenging, and broader governance failures.

As he advocated for a cleaner Metro Manila and a safer Philippines, Representative Santos urged his colleagues to (1) conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation into nationwide landfill structural integrity; (2) implement a national audit of all sanitary landfills; (3) mandate public disclosure of landfill capacity and risk assessments; (4) impose criminal liability on negligent operators; (5) strengthen whistleblower protections; and (6) ensure livelihood programs for families dependent on landfill work. He concluded that preventing future tragedies requires leadership, accountability, and climate-resilient waste management

systems, urging the Chamber to act before another avoidable disaster occurs.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Benitez (J.M.), the Chair recognized Rep. Jesus “Bong” C. Suntay for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE SUNTAY

Representative Suntay initially noted that WTE technology is widely used globally and questioned why the Philippines has yet to adopt the same approach despite persistent problems from leachate contamination and the limitations of existing landfills. In response, Representative Santos (M.A.) explained that the primary barrier has long been the existing Clean Air Act, which restricts incineration and has historically prevented local governments from implementing WTE facilities. He added that while recent national directives signal renewed interest in the technology, its adoption hinges on ensuring strict emission standards and regulatory safeguards.

Representative Santos concurred with Representative Suntay that the adoption of WTE technology, through the amendment of the Clean Air Act, would be effective in addressing landfill issues in the country. Both Members agreed that the Philippines should emulate and adopt the Singapore model, in order to expand regulatory benchmark by implementing strict emission limits, mandatory public reporting, and a real-time continuous emission monitoring system to eliminate key pollutants.

Next asked about the potential challenges in policy and investments, Representative Santos relayed recommendations from the Metro Manila Development Authority to regionalize waste treatment programs, as it would make the projects more financially feasible for investors. He further identified the public-private partnership (PPP) model as the most recommendable method for achieving these technological advancements. He maintained that a thorough congressional investigation was necessary to harmonize fragmented local and national waste management laws and to create a coherent national policy. Representative Santos concluded by welcoming the support of Representative Suntay, with the latter expressing hope that their possible collaborative efforts at the committee level would lead to the passage of more effective environmental legislation.

On motion of Representative Benitez (J.M.), the Chair recognized Representative Co for her interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE CO

Representative Co initially shared her recent visit to the Binaliw landfill in Cebu. She asked whether Representative Santos was proposing WTE technology as the primary solution to address landfill issues across the country. In reply, Representative Santos (M.A.) clarified that WTE technology was not the sole solution. He emphasized the need for a congressional inquiry into landfill structural safety nationwide and stressed that ensuring the safety of existing landfills is a priority. He also underscored the importance of stricter environmental protection, proper monitoring by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), and determining whether agencies have sufficient resources to enforce solid waste management laws.

Representative Co agreed on the need for a congressional inquiry but argued that large landfills themselves reflect failures in implementing the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act. She emphasized that local government units (LGUs) are required to maintain and regularly review the 10-year solid waste management plans and urged Congress to examine how effectively these plans are being implemented. She further expressed concern that WTE is not aligned with the international shift toward a zero-waste framework, noting that some developed countries are moving away from incineration and instead gearing toward circular economy models focused on recycling and waste reduction.

In response, Representative Santos maintained that stricter environmental standards and proper oversight could make WTE facilities viable, citing examples from neighboring countries. However, Representative Co reiterated her opposition as she cautioned that incinerator companies are increasingly targeting Asian countries as developed nations scale back such facilities. She cautioned that adopting a WTE framework could risk turning the Philippines into a dumping ground for foreign waste. Despite their differing views on WTE, Representative Co agreed with Representative Santos on the urgent need for a congressional inquiry to address the country’s waste crisis and prevent further tragedies.

On motion of Representative Benitez (J.M.), the Chair recognized Rep. Percival “Perci” Cendaña for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE CENDAÑA

Representative Cendaña first underscored the tragic Cebu landfill collapse, which resulted in 36 fatalities and 18 injuries, attributing the incident to systemic failure and regulatory negligence. Consequently, he joined the call for a congressional inquiry and sought to identify the agencies that should be summoned and the government instrumentalities that should provide relief to the victims. Responding thereto, Representative Santos (M.A.) recommended the inclusion of DENR, the relevant LGUs, and the Department of Labor and Employment in the inquiry. While acknowledging the LGUs’ initial assistance, Representative Santos further stressed the urgency of more robust intervention from the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and the national government.

The two lawmakers ultimately reached a consensus on the need for mandatory nationwide landfill inspections, wherein Representative Santos noted that monitoring of the same has become significantly more affordable and easier with the advent of new technologies, like closed-circuit television cameras. For his last remark, Representative Cendaña stressed that the lack of regulatory mechanisms can lead to loss of lives.

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

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

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Subsequently, upon the request of Representative Villafuerte (V.R.L.), the Chair recognized the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Ralph Wendel P. Tulfo; and Representative Benitez (J.M.).

On motion of Representative Benitez (J.M.), the Chair recognized Rep. Bella Vanessa B. Suansing to avail herself of the Privilege Hour.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE SUANSING (B.V.)

Representative Suansing discussed the severity of the damage experienced by the people of Sultan Kudarat in January 2026 due to an earthquake swarm along the Sunda Plate and the Philippine Mobile Belt. She emphasized the unpredictability and natural occurrence of earthquake swarms, noting that the Philippines is situated within the Pacific Ring of Fire, making it highly susceptible to seismic activity.

As she shared that residents in the coastal areas of Sultan Kudarat had hoped for a return to normalcy after the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS) observed a sustained and gradual decline in the magnitude of seismic activity in February, she pointed out that PHIVOLCS continued to caution against the possible recurrence of earthquake swarms. Representative Suansing also relayed the past trauma and destruction experienced by the communities in Western Mindanao caused by the 1976 Moro Gulf tsunamis.

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Biron relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Janette L. Garin.

Thus, Representative Suansing strongly recommended evaluating the potential effects of another earthquake swarm in the Cotabato Trench on all coastal communities in Sultan Kudarat, highlighting the adverse impact such a natural calamity could bring on local services and livelihoods. She stressed that although seismic activity can be monitored and assessed, earthquakes remain inherently unpredictable; therefore, the government and communities must prioritize risk assessment and preparedness based on available information.

She then presented to the Body a PHIVOLCS simulation showing the possible devastating effects of an 8.4-magnitude earthquake along the Cotabato Trench and the resulting tsunamis across Mindanao. While recognizing ongoing national and local disaster preparedness efforts in Sultan Kudarat, she cautioned that a disaster of such scale could overwhelm existing programs, without stronger and more concrete measures to ensure public safety. She cited examples of recent destructive waves across the country, and warned that storms will intensify and storm surges will worsen, particularly in countries most affected by

climate change, such as the Philippines, due to rising sea levels and warming oceans.

Representative Suansing next underscored the need to strengthen traditional disaster preparedness measures such as evacuation protocols as well as rescue and social service operations, but argued that these are insufficient. Thus, she proposed and called for a shift in perspective on coastal defense, from relying solely on hard infrastructure to adopting an integrated and multi-layered strategy that uses multiple solutions, and a local flood mitigation map that incorporates the use of structural interventions with green infrastructure practices. She also urged district representatives to assess localities, study adaptable technologies, coordinate with experts, secure funding, and tailor coastal defense plans to their specific areas.

While she acknowledged that crafting effective coastal defense plans is complex because no single model can apply to all coastal communities, she explained that Sultan Kudarat has adopted a local plan, which integrates coastal defense with an anti-landslide mitigation plan not only to secure coastal communities but to help them thrive despite environmental risks.

In closing, Representative Suansing implored the Body to direct the Committee on Ecology to conduct an inquiry into existing national programs, laws, and pending proposals related to local coastal defense planning, in order to expand access to such programs, recommend legislative amendments if necessary, and consider new initiatives for inclusion in the Fiscal Year 2027 National Budget.

EXTENSION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR

On motion of Rep. Brian Poe, there being no objection, the Chair approved to extend the Privilege Hour for another hour.

Subsequently, on another motion of Representative Poe, the Chair recognized Rep. Irene G. Labadlabad for her interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE LABADLABAD

Initially, Representative Labadlabad expressed concern that the country remains ill-equipped to respond to large-scale coastal calamities, particularly in

communities along shorelines. Thereafter, she inquired whether the country has existing programs for coastal defense protection.

In response, Representative Suansing (B.V.) cited some of the existing programs that are lodged in various agencies, such as the gray infrastructure for DENR and the green infrastructure for the Department of Public Works and Highways. She explained that ideally, traditional seawalls should not be the first line of defense, but multiple layers of either natural or artificial coral reefs should be considered. Representative Labadlabad subsequently commended her colleague for including nature-based solutions as a way to mitigate coastal-related calamities.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE SUANSING (B.V.)

There being no other interpellators, on motion of Representative Poe, there being no objection, the Body approved to refer the privilege speech of Representative Suansing and the interpellation thereon to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this juncture, upon the request of Representative Poe, the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guest of Rep. Eric L. Olivarez, incumbent Parañaque City Mayor and former Member of the House of Representatives, Rep. Edwin L. Olivarez.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Poe, the Chair recognized Rep. Esmael G. Mangudadatu for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE MANGUDADATU

Initially, Representative Mangudadatu expressed concern about the series of recent violent incidents in Mindanao, including grenade attacks, ambushes, and shootings causing civilian casualties, which he attributed largely to the continued proliferation of undocumented firearms and explosives in the region. Despite ongoing peace and normalization efforts, disarmament programs, and anti-terrorism initiatives, he maintained that loose weapons remain widely used by private armed groups and violent extremists, undermining public safety, peace gains, economic stability, and investor confidence. He pointed out

that these have contributed to rising incidents of violent extremism and displacement among affected communities.

He appealed for the Body's intervention through the passage of a resolution urging stronger and more aggressive actions by national government agencies, the armed forces, the National Task Force for the Disbandment of Private Armed Groups, and the Bangsamoro Transition Authority to intensify disbandment efforts and prosecute noncompliant groups. He likewise called for strengthened implementation of the *Balik-Baril* Program across local governments to encourage the surrender of firearms and prevent youth radicalization. He underscored the urgency of protecting civilians, safeguarding peace gains, and ensuring long-term security and human development in Mindanao.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE MANGUDADATU

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

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF SENIOR DEPUTY MINORITY LEADER ERICE

Recognized by the Chair upon Representative Poe's motion, Senior Deputy Minority Leader Edgar R. Erice called the Body's attention to the long-standing environmental and public safety concerns surrounding the landfill facility in Rodriguez, Rizal, particularly on the continued operation and expansion of the decades-old dumpsite.

He cited findings that natural waterways near the site had been altered, contributing to pollution affecting Laguna de Bay and posing risks to nearby critical water sources serving Metro Manila. He lamented the absence of a concrete long-term waste management strategy, including the establishment of modern sanitary landfills and WTE facilities, despite the region generating approximately 10,000 tons of garbage daily. He likewise raised alarm over a recent landslide at the Rodriguez dumpsite that reportedly buried dozens of individuals, with some still missing, and cited allegations that certain residents were being intimidated or induced into silence regarding the incident. He opined that the Metro Manila waste management system is plagued by corruption and

conflict of interest, wherein the same owner controls both the dumpsite and hauling companies and has been receiving billions of public funds.

Consequently, he urged the House to conduct an immediate congressional investigation on the matter; provide immediate support to affected families by concerned government agencies; allow the conduct of a thorough investigation by the National Bureau of Investigation into the alleged intimidation of victims' families from speaking about their missing relatives; and provide temporary suspension of the dumpsite's operations pending an exhaustive and transparent investigation of the issue at hand.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ELAGO

Upon recognition by the Chair, Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago manifested her support for Representative Erice's privilege speech and urged the House to conduct an immediate investigation and demand accountability over the landfill collapse in Rodriguez, Rizal, and further advocated for comprehensive assistance for the victims and affected families through concerned government agencies. She then stressed that victims of the landfill tragedy, primarily due to a flawed privatized waste management system, needed the assurance of immediate justice and demanded accountability, and should not be considered mere statistics.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ERICE

On motion of Representative Lagon (D.), there being no objection, the Body approved to refer the privilege speech of Representative Erice, together with the manifestation thereon, to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

Thereafter, on further motion of Representative Lagon (D.), the Chair recognized Representative Olivarez for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE OLIVAREZ

Representative Olivarez advocated the passage of the proposed *Tara, Basa* Act of 2026, which seeks to institutionalize the *Tara, Basa!* Tutoring Program (TBTP) as a permanent national law rather than an executive initiative, which is designed as a three-

pronged, community-based social protection measure that supports youth tutors, parents or guardians, and struggling young readers. Considering that the Philippines ranks among the lowest in the Programme for International Student Assessment and Southeast Asian Primary Learning Metrics, he said that the proposed measure is a response to the country's severe learning crisis. Citing data from the World Bank, Philippine Statistics Authority, and other institutions he reported that a large percentage of Filipino children and high school graduates lack functional literacy. He highlighted that students are being promoted without meeting the minimum education standards and as such, learning outcomes remain poor which, he opined, poses a serious human capital crisis and threatens the nation's future competitiveness and equity.

Originally launched under Executive Order No. 76 issued this year by President Marcos, TBTP, a flagship program of the government as pointed out by Representative Olivarez, has since proven its relevance as an integrated intervention that not only supports learning recovery but, more importantly, advances youth empowerment and strengthens family resilience. He mentioned that the program has demonstrated that meaningful and lasting outcomes can be achieved through a community-based approach where youth, parents, and local institutions become partners in social protection and development. Further, he said that numerous success stories demonstrate that *Tara, Basa!* is impactful, inclusive, and scalable. Thus, he maintained that the proposed measure seeks to ensure that the program becomes permanent, and is supported by stable funding, has nationwide reach, and strengthened accountability.

With a video presentation, Representative Olivarez shared inspiring stories through TBTP, and stressed that literacy is more than reading words; it is empowerment, dignity, and democracy. He further pointed out that the said program is nation-building, youth development, and family resilience. He thereafter urged his colleagues to act decisively rather than merely manage a crisis. He then called for the passage of the proposed *Tara, Basa!* Act of 2026 to strengthen youth, uplift families, and ensure every Filipino child can learn, grow, and succeed.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE OLIVAREZ

Thereupon, there being no Member who wish to interpellate, on successive motions of Representative Lagon (D.), there being no objection, the Body

approved to refer the privilege speech of Representative Olivarez to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At this point, the Chair declared a recess at 6:25 p.m. upon motion of Representative Recto.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session was resumed at 6:39 p.m.

TERMINATION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR

There being no other Members who wished to avail themselves of the Privilege Hour, on motion of Rep. Ma. Alana Samantha Taliño Santos, there being no objection, the Chair terminated the same.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 110 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 7647

Whereupon, on motion of Representative Santos (M.A.S.), there being no objection, the Body proceeded with the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 7647 contained in Committee Report No. 110 as reported out by the Committee on Legislative Franchises.

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Representative Santos, 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 FURTHER AMENDING SECTIONS 1, 16,
AND 21 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11212, AS
AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11918,
ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING MORE
ELECTRIC AND POWER CORPORATION
A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE,
AND MAINTAIN, FOR COMMERCIAL
PURPOSES AND IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST,
A DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FOR THE
CONVEYANCE OF ELECTRIC POWER TO
THE END USERS IN THE CITY OF ILOILO,

PROVINCE OF ILOILO, AND ENSURING THE CONTINUOUS AND UNINTERRUPTED SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY IN THE FRANCHISE AREA.”

Subsequently, the Chair recognized Rep. Jeffrey P. Ferrer, Chairperson of the Committee on Legislative Franchises, to sponsor the measure.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE FERRER (J.)

Representative Ferrer presented House Bill No. 7647, which seeks to amend certain provisions of R.A. No. 11212, to authorize MORE Electric and Power Corporation to establish, operate, and maintain an electric distribution system in its existing franchise area and to expand its operation to the First District of Iloilo. He pointed out that MORE Power served approximately 105,000 residential and commercial consumers, and the expansion would be an additional 60,000 consumers. He related that the sponsoring committee conducted thorough deliberations thereon and that the company has complied with all the documentary requirements, including certifications from concerned agencies, leading to the committee’s approval of the proposed measure.

He then urged his colleagues to support the passage of the measure in response to the pressing need for reliable and uninterrupted electricity in the said district.

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Garin relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Biron.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 7647

Thereafter, on successive motions of Representative Santos (M.A.S.), 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. 7647 through *viva voce* voting.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Santos (M.A.S.), there being no objection, the Chair suspended the session until three o’clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, February 24, 2026.

It was 6:46 p.m. of Monday, February 23, 2026.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:00 p.m. of Tuesday, February 24, 2026, the session was resumed with Deputy Speaker Ferjenel G. Biron, MD presiding.

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL NOS. 28 AND 29

Considering that copies of *Journal No. 28* dated February 11, 2026 and *Journal No. 29* dated February 18, 2026 were already distributed to the Members, on motion of Rep. Crispin Diego D. Remulla, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading thereof and subsequently approved the said Journals.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this juncture, upon the request of Rep. Ryan S. Recto, the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Deputy Speaker Yevgeny Vincente B. Emano.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Whereupon, on motion of Representative Remulla, 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, and Committee Reports, which were referred to the appropriate committees indicated hereunder:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 7899, titled:

AN ACT ABOLISHING THE ESTATE TAX, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Suan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 7900, titled:

AN ACT ABOLISHING THE TRAVEL TAX, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE THE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1183, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Suan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 7901, titled:

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE POLICIES ON ONLINE SEXUAL ABUSE OR EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN (OSAEC) AND CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE OR EXPLOITATION MATERIALS (CSAEM), PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR ITS VIOLATIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND REVISING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11930 ENTITLED “AN ACT PUNISHING ONLINE SEXUAL ABUSE OR EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN, PENALIZING THE PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION, POSSESSION AND ACCESS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE OR EXPLOITATION MATERIALS”

By Representatives Ismula, Diokno, Cendaña and Bag-ao

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 7902, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL COASTAL GREENBELT PROGRAM, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representatives Ismula, Diokno, Cendaña, Bag-ao and Veloso-Tuazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

House Bill No. 7903, titled:

AN ACT TO COMBAT THE MALICIOUS USE OF DEEPFAKE TECHNOLOGY, PROMOTE TRANSPARENCY, AND IMPOSE PENALTIES FOR HARMFUL DEEPFAKES

By Representative Gonzales (Alyssa Michaela)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 7904, titled:

AN ACT ABOLISHING THE IMPOSITION OF TRAVEL TAX, HEREBY AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1183 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9593, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE TOURISM ACT OF 2009

By Representative Gonzales (Alyssa Michaela)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 7905, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF FORESTS AND FOREST LANDS

By Representative Rivera
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 7906, titled:
AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP
TO DAVID LORAN SISSON
By Representative Nazal
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 7907, titled:
AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DELINEATION
OF THE SPECIFIC FOREST LIMITS OF
THE PUBLIC DOMAIN AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES
By Representative Rivera
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 801, titled:
A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SINCERE
SYMPATHY AND DEEPEST CONDOLENCES
OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON
THE PASSING ON OF FORMER SPEAKER
JOSE C. DE VENECIA, JR.
By Representative Suan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 802, titled:
A RESOLUTION URGING COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC ACCOUNTS TO CONDUCT AN
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON
THE FEATURES, MARKET VALUATION
AND SUITABILITY OF LAND FOR THE
CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY HALL COMPLEX,
THROUGH A MULTI-BILLION PESO
LOAN UNDER THE LAND BANK OF THE
PHILIPPINES' LGU LENDING PROGRAM
GUARANTEED BY FIFTEEN YEARS OF
THE CITY'S NATIONAL TAX ALLOTMENT
By Representative Suan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 803, titled:
A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING,
CONGRATULATING, AND COMMENDING
DANKFREID TRISTAN DUMALE
BONARES FOR PLACING NINTH IN THE
OCTOBER 2025 FORESTERS LICENSURE
EXAMINATION
By Representative Cayton
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND
PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Resolution No. 804, titled:
A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING,
CONGRATULATING, AND COMMENDING
JEMAIMAH RUVIE DOMINCEL COSTALES

FOR PLACING NINTH IN THE OCTOBER
2025 MINING ENGINEERS COMPUTER-
BASED LICENSURE EXAMINATION
By Representative Cayton
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND
PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Resolution No. 805, titled:
A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING,
CONGRATULATING, AND COMMENDING
CAROLINE BUYUCCAN BAZA FOR
PLACING EIGHTH IN THE SEPTEMBER
2025 PSYCHOMETRICIANS LICENSURE
EXAMINATION
By Representative Cayton
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND
PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Resolution No. 806, titled:
A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE
PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO
THE FAMILY OF FORMER SPEAKER OF
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
HONORABLE JOSE C. DE VENECIA,
JR., REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FOURTH
DISTRICT OF PANGASINAN DURING
THE SEVENTH, EIGHTH, NINTH, TENTH,
TWELFTH, THIRTEENTH, FOURTEENTH,
AND SEVENTEENTH CONGRESSES, AND
WIFE OF MA. GEORGINA P. DE VENECIA,
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FOURTH
LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF PANGASINAN
By Representatives Barba, Singson-Meehan,
Ortega, Dalog, Garcia (Dante), Gato,
Bernos (Ching), Lara, Nolasco, Singson (Ronald),
Celeste, Cojuangco (Mark), Arenas, Guico,
Vargas-Alfonso, Albano, Go (Ed Christopher),
Dy (Ian Paul), Dy (Faustino Michael Carlos),
Tan (Joseph), Cua, Cayton, Bernos (JB),
Bulut-Begtang, Yap (Eric), Domogan, Chungalao,
Agyao, Aquino-Magsaysay, Singson (Richelle),
Tereng, Ty, Estrella, Poe, Primicias-Agabas
and De Jesus
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Resolution of Both Houses No. 4, titled:
RESOLUTION OF BOTH HOUSES PROPOSING
AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 4, ARTICLE
VI OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION OF
THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
TO REDUCE THE TERM OF OFFICE OF
SENATORS FROM SIX (6) YEARS TO
THREE (3) YEARS, SYNCING WITH OTHER
ELECTIVE OFFICIALS
By Representative Gomez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENTS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Report No. 122, submitted by the Committee on Natural Resources on H.B. No. 7915, titled:

AN ACT DECLARING A PARCEL OF LAND OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN LOCATED IN BARANGAYS BUNOG, IRAAN, PUNTA BAJA, CAMPONG ULAY, AND RANSANG IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JOSE P. RIZAL, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, AS AGRICULTURAL LAND AND OPEN TO DISPOSITION FOR AGRICULTURAL, COMMERCIAL, RESIDENTIAL, INDUSTRIAL, OR OTHER PRODUCTIVE PURPOSES

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3407

Sponsors: Representatives Marañon, Alvarez (Jose) and Acosta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 123, submitted by the Committee on Natural Resources on H.B. No. 7920, titled:

AN ACT DECLARING CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN, LOCATED IN BARANGAYS BERONG, ARAMAYWAN, ISUGOD, TABON, MALATGAO, QUINLOGAN, AND CALUMPANG IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF QUEZON, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, AS AGRICULTURAL LAND AND OPEN TO DISPOSITION FOR AGRICULTURAL, COMMERCIAL, RESIDENTIAL, INDUSTRIAL, OR OTHER PRODUCTIVE PURPOSES

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3441

Sponsors: Representatives Marañon, Alvarez (Jose) and Acosta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 124, submitted by the Committee on Health and the Committee on Appropriations on H.B. No. 7979, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SUBIC, PROVINCE OF ZAMBALES, A LEVEL III GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE SUBIC GENERAL HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1227

Sponsors: Representatives Gato, Suansing (Mikaela Angela) and Khonghun

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 125, submitted by the Committee on Health and the Committee on Appropriations on H.B. No. 7980, titled:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE MABINI COMMUNITY HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MABINI, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS, INTO A SPECIALTY HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE BATANGAS TOURISM SPECIALTY HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4359

Sponsors: Representatives Gato, Suansing (Mikaela Angela) and Luistro

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, upon the request of Representative Recto, the Chair recognized the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Patricia C. Calderon; Reps. Jose Manuel F. Alba and Arlyn P. Ayon; Rep. Jose “Bong” J. Teves Jr.; and Rep. Gerald Cloyd Alexis V. Galang.

Likewise, upon the request of Rep. Ysabel Maria J. Zamora, the Chair recognized the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Eddiebong G. Plaza; and Rep. Ma. Isabel L. Sagarbarria.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 104 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 5019

On motion of Representative Remulla, there being no objection, the Body proceeded with the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 5019 contained in Committee Report No. 104 as submitted by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education.

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Representative Remulla, there being no objection, 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 ALLOWING THE APPOINTMENT OF FACULTY, RESEARCHERS, AND ADMINISTRATORS WITH DUAL CITIZENSHIP IN PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 5 (3) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9225, OTHERWISE

KNOWN AS THE “CITIZENSHIP
RETENTION AND RE-ACQUISITION ACT
OF 2003.”

On another motion of Representative Remulla, the Chair recognized Rep. Jude A. Acidre, Chairperson of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education, to sponsor the measure.

**SPONSORSHIP SPEECH
OF REPRESENTATIVE ACIDRE**

Representative Acidre explained that House Bill No. 5019 seeks to introduce a necessary correction to address the persisting concerns of public higher education institutions (HEIs). He noted that the current law requires a Filipino who has obtained foreign citizenship to renounce it upon reacquiring Philippine citizenship, a requirement which, according to him, also applies to faculty members, researchers, or public administrators in public HEIs.

While acknowledging that circumstances may have been different when the existing law was enacted, he pointed out that many Filipinos living abroad now wish to return to the country to teach and contribute to the education and research sectors. Representative Acidre emphasized that the Bill simply aims to enable public universities to hire qualified Filipinos who have retained or reacquired Philippine citizenship and are willing to serve and contribute to Philippine education.

Representative Acidre next remarked that the country’s existing laws have not fully adapted to the reality that HEIs now operate within an international community of learning. He argued that preventing qualified Filipino researchers abroad from teaching in Philippine public universities unless they renounce foreign citizenship does not protect institutions but actually hinders state universities and colleges (SUCs) from achieving greater competitiveness. Hence, he stated that the proposed measure seeks to grant public HEIs flexibility in recruitment.

After noting that many Filipinos abroad wish to contribute to the country without severing their international engagements, he maintained that dual citizenship should not be equated with divided loyalty, but rather be viewed as a practical legal status that enables global collaboration while maintaining commitment to the Philippines.

He subsequently stressed that the measure, which was already passed on Third Reading in the previous Congress, continues the policy direction that granting universities access to global Filipino talent strengthens Philippine education.

Lastly, Representative Acidre highlighted that the Bill requires minimal public funding yet offers significant long-term gains in research quality, faculty development, and student outcomes, and thus moved for its approval.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Remulla, the Chair recognized Senior Deputy Majority Leader Lorenz R. Defensor for his interpellation.

**INTERPELLATION OF SENIOR DEPUTY
MAJORITY LEADER DEFENSOR**

Initially remarking that there are enough qualified natural-born Filipinos available for the position of administrators in SUCs, Representative Defensor sought clarification on the rationale for allowing dual citizens to serve as administrators and proposed their possible exclusion during the period of amendments.

Representative Acidre clarified that the Bill will not exclude natural-born Filipinos from assuming an administrator position but instead aims to broaden career progression and leadership opportunities for dual citizens whose international experience could benefit institutions.

Consequently, Representative Defensor requested supporting studies as he expressed doubt that allowing dual-citizen administrators would directly improve the quality of tertiary education. Lastly, he requested that his firm objection to the inclusion of the term “administrators” be reflected in the Journal and that the matter be included, if possible, during the Bill’s bicameral conference discussions.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Antonino B. Roman III, the Chair next recognized Rep. Antonio L. Tinio for his interpellation.

**INTERPELLATION OF
REPRESENTATIVE TINIO**

Representative Tinio first raised concerns over the proposal to allow dual citizens to serve not only as faculty but also as administrators of HEIs, and then questioned whether such a provision might violate the Constitution, given the country’s colonial history and the intent to ensure that educational institutions remain fully under Filipino control.

Responding thereto, Representative Acidre maintained that dual citizens are Filipino citizens under the law, with rights such as suffrage, and stressed that the Bill does not transfer control to foreign entities nor

alter existing higher education laws. He further clarified that the measure aims to enable qualified Filipinos who have trained or worked abroad to contribute to the growth of the public higher education system.

However, Representative Tinio reiterated that the Constitution explicitly covers both control and day-to-day administration, and argued that the proposal could be seen as exploiting a loophole in the Constitution. He agreed with the earlier point raised by Representative Defensor to delete the word “administrators” in Section 1, page 2 of House Bill No. 5019, arguing that such inclusion may run counter to the constitutional mandate that control and administration of educational institutions be vested in Filipino citizens.

In response, Representative Acidre clarified that the intent of the proposal was limited to Filipino citizens who have retained or reacquired Philippine citizenship and that the measure seeks to harness opportunities arising from global mobility and internationalization in higher education to enhance leadership and academic quality in public institutions.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Roman, the Chair suspended the session at 3:42 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session was resumed at 3:43 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, upon the request of Majority Leader Ferdinand Alexander A. Marcos, the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the former’s guests.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Majority Leader Marcos, the Chair suspended the session at 3:44 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session was resumed at 3:44 p.m.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5019

Upon resumption of session, there being no other Members who wished to interpellate, on successive motions of Representative Roman, there being no objection, the Body terminated the

period of sponsorship and debate on the measure; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of committee and individual amendments; and approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 5019 through *viva voce* voting.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Upon the request of Representative Recto, the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Jose Manuel Tadeo “Chel” I. Diokno; Reps. Maria Carmen S. Zamora and Leonel “Jhong” D. Ceniza; and Rep. Timothy Joseph E. Cayton.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 105 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 7628

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Vincenzo Renato Luigi R. Villafuerte, there being no objection, the Body proceeded with the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 7628 contained in Committee Report No. 105 as submitted by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education.

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 MANDATING THE INCLUSION OF
A PERSONAL FINANCIAL LITERACY
COURSE IN THE TERTIARY EDUCATION
CURRICULUM OF HIGHER EDUCATION
INSTITUTIONS, TECHNICAL-
VOCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TRAINING
CENTERS.

On another motion of Representative Villafuerte, the Chair recognized Representative Acidre to sponsor the measure.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ACIDRE

Representative Acidre proposed the mandatory inclusion of a personal financial literacy course in the curricula of higher education institutions, technical-vocational schools, and Technical Education and Skills Development Authority-accredited training centers, emphasizing financial literacy as an essential life skill to enable students to make informed financial decisions upon entering the workforce.

He underscored that the measure seeks to address widespread financial vulnerability stemming from lack of knowledge in budgeting, savings, debt management, insurance, credit, and digital finance, as many Filipinos acquire such lessons only after experiencing financial distress. As the Bill at hand mandates interagency collaboration to develop standards and materials on current economic realities and risks, Representative Acidre stressed that strengthening household financial capability would enhance social protection, reduce dependence on government assistance, and contribute to long-term economic stability, thereby urging the approval of the measure.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 7628

Thereafter, on successive motions of Representative Villafuerte (V.R.L.), 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. 7628 through *viva voce* voting.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 119 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 7808

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Villafuerte (V.R.L.), there being no objection, the Body proceeded with the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 7808 contained in Committee Report No. 119 as submitted by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education.

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 INTEGRATING A COMPREHENSIVE
STUDY OF PHILIPPINE HISTORY DURING
WORLD WAR II INTO THE HIGHER
EDUCATION CURRICULUM.

On another motion of Representative Villafuerte, the Chair recognized Representative Acidre to sponsor the measure.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ACIDRE

Representative Acidre initially explained that House Bill No. 7808 seeks to deepen the students' understanding beyond basic facts and foster appreciation

of the experiences, sacrifices, and heroism of Filipinos during the Japanese occupation. He next emphasized that the proposed measure aims to strengthen patriotism and nationalism among the youth, promote respect for human rights, and preserve historical memory by presenting the war as a lived human experience rather than mere academic information. He stressed that the measure aims to remind students that many wartime heroes were ordinary Filipinos—teachers, farmers, students, and parents—who acted with courage when circumstances demanded it. Learning these stories, he said, deepens civic responsibility, makes public service more meaningful, and transforms patriotism from abstract knowledge to personal commitment.

Under the Bill, Representative Acidre shared that the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office will jointly design and implement the program, recognizing war narratives are not merely academic, but civic and moral in nature. He added that HEIs will be encouraged to maintain robust learning resources to ensure that archives, testimonies, and research remain accessible.

Representative Acidre concluded his speech by stressing that House Bill No. 7808 ensures that the story of Filipino resilience during World War II becomes part of the formation of every college student, not as nostalgia but as preparation for responsible citizenship. In closing, he urged his colleagues for the passage of the measure.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 7808

Thereafter, on successive motions of Representative Villafuerte (V.R.L.), there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate in the absence of interpellations; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of committee and individual amendments; and approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 7808 through *viva voce* voting.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 106 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 7629

On motion of Representative Roman, there being no objection, the Body proceeded with the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 7629 contained in Committee Report No. 106 as reported out by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education.

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Representative Roman, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the

reading of the text of the measure without prejudice to its insertion into the Record of the House; and upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the title of the Bill, to wit:

AN ACT ALIGNING THE CHARTER OF THE PALOMPON POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY WITH REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8292, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “HIGHER EDUCATION MODERNIZATION ACT OF 1997”, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 6 AND 9 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10599, ENTITLED “AN ACT CONVERTING THE PALOMPON INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PALOMPON, PROVINCE OF LEYTE INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE PALOMPON POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY, INTEGRATING THEREWITH THE MARCELINO R. VELOSO NATIONAL POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TABANGO, PROVINCE OF LEYTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11309.

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Roman, the Chair recognized Representative Acidre to sponsor House Bill No. 7629.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ACIDRE

Representative Acidre sponsored House Bill No. 7629 to align the Charter of Palompon Polytechnic State University (PPSU) with the Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997, thereby strengthening its governance framework. He emphasized that the institution, located in a coastal community in Leyte, serves not only as an academic center but also as an economic hub and a critical pathway out of poverty for many students.

The measure, he pointed out, harmonizes the university’s structure with national policies to ensure accountability, representation, and professional management. It also establishes a clear, standards-based process for selecting the university president, underscoring that stable leadership is essential for long-term academic planning, research continuity, and faculty development.

Representative Acidre stated that the measure will align the universities’ compensation systems,

administrative structures, and key offices with CHED and national government guidelines. He concluded that the Bill would ultimately support students whose future depends on well-governed institutions. He thereafter urged his colleagues to support the approval of House Bill No. 7629.

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

There being no other Members who wished to interpellate the Sponsor, on motion of Representative Roman, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate; and thereafter, proceeded to the period of amendments.

PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no committee amendments, on motion of Representative Roman, there being no objection, the Chair recognized Rep. Bernadette G. Escudero to introduce her individual amendments.

INDIVIDUAL AMENDMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVE ESCUDERO

As proposed by Representative Escudero and accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body approved to amend pages 2, 3, and 4 of House Bill No. 7629.

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no other individual amendments, on motion of Representative Roman, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of amendments on House Bill No. 7629.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 7629, AS AMENDED

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Roman, there being no objection, the Body approved House Bill No. 7629 on Second Reading, as amended, through *viva voce* voting.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Recto, the Chair suspended the session at 4:14 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session was resumed at 4:14 p.m.

**BUSINESS FOR THE DAY:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 109
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 7646**

On motion of Representative Recto, there being no objection, the Body proceeded with the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 7646 contained in Committee Report No. 109 as reported out 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 of the measure without prejudice to its insertion into the Record of the House; and upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the title of the Bill, to wit:

AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO BENGUET BROADCASTING CORPORATION, CURRENTLY KNOWN AS SPHERE ENTERTAINMENT INC., UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9119, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED “AN ACT GRANTING THE BENGUET BROADCASTING CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES.”

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Recto, the Chair recognized Rep. Jeffrey P. Ferrer, Chairperson of the Committee on Legislative Franchises, to sponsor the measure.

**SPONSORSHIP SPEECH
OF REPRESENTATIVE FERRER (J.)**

Representative Ferrer presented House Bill No. 7646 under Committee Report No. 109, which renews for another 25 years the franchise of Benguet Broadcasting Corporation, now operating as Sphere Entertainment Inc., to construct, install, operate, and maintain radio and television broadcasting stations nationwide. He relayed that the measure had been approved on Third Reading in the 19th Congress but was not enacted due to lack of material time; however, the Committee on Legislative Franchises again deliberated on the Bill in the current Congress and approved it on January 27, 2026. He then respectfully sought the Body’s approval of the measure.

**APPROVAL ON SECOND READING
OF HOUSE BILL NO. 7646**

Thereafter, on successive motions of Representative Recto, there being no objection, the Body terminated

the period of sponsorship and debate in the absence of interpellations; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of committee and individual amendments; and approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 7646 through *viva voce* voting.

**BUSINESS FOR THE DAY:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 108
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 7640**

On motion of Representative Recto, there being no objection, the Body proceeded with the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 7640 contained in Committee Report No. 108 as submitted by the Committee on Legislative Franchises.

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

AN ACT GRANTING A LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISE TO SOUTHERN LEYTE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE, OWN, MANAGE AND MAINTAIN A DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF ELECTRIC POWER TO THE END-USERS IN THE CITY OF MAASIN AND THE MUNICIPALITIES OF ANAHAWAN, BONTOC, HINUNANGAN, HINUNDAYAN, LIBAGON, LILOAN, MACROHON, MALITBOG, PADRE BURGOS, PINTUYAN, SAINT BERNARD, SAN FRANCISCO, SAN JUAN, SAN RICARDO, SILAGO, SOGOD, TOMAS OPPUS, AND LIMASAWA, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE.

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

**SPONSORSHIP SPEECH
OF REPRESENTATIVE FERRER (J.)**

Representative Ferrer related that House Bill No. 7640 aims to grant a 25-year franchise to Southern Leyte Electric Cooperative Inc. to construct, operate, and maintain an electric power distribution system in Maasin City and several municipalities in the Province

of Southern Leyte. He stated that the Committee on Legislative Franchises deliberated on the measure in December 2025 and approved it on January 26, 2026, during which all the Members present signified their intent to coauthor the Bill. Thereafter, he urged his colleagues to approve the same.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 7640

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. 7640 through *viva voce* voting.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Thereupon, on further motion of Representative Recto, the Chair suspended the session at 4:22 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session was resumed at 4:23 p.m.

PRIVILEGE HOUR

With leave of the House, on successive motions of Rep. Anna Victoria Veloso-Tuazon, there being no objection, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour and thereafter, recognized Rep. Rodolfo “Ompong” M. Ordanes for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ORDANES

Representative Ordanes highlighted the ongoing struggles of senior citizens in the country’s health care system, emphasizing that the said sector of society is often neglected, as many elderly seniors who have been medically cleared for discharge are allegedly being detained in hospitals due to unpaid bills, in violation of Republic Act No. 9439 or the “Anti-Hospital Detention Act.”

Despite the existence of a zero-balance billing policy in public hospitals, he pointed out that senior citizens still face unclear hospital charges, lack of medicines, out-of-pocket expenses for certain procedures not fully covered by PhilHealth, and the requirement to request unnecessary guarantee letters or political endorsements.

Citing the death of a senior citizen due to delayed admission by certain hospitals and the alleged misuse

of guarantee letters under the Department of Health (DOH)-Medical Assistance to Indigent and Financially Incapacitated Patients program, he called on DOH and PhilHealth to strictly enforce discharge protocols and the proper implementation of the zero-balance billing policy, investigate abuses, and ensure accountability. He then concluded that health care for senior citizens is not charity but justice; hence, Members of Congress must ensure that justice is fully realized in every hospital.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ORDANES

On motion of Representative Veloso-Tuazon, 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 Veloso-Tuazon, the Chair recognized Rep. Maximo B. Rodriguez Jr. for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE RODRIGUEZ (M.)

Representative Rodriguez took the floor to address the everyday struggles of Filipinos dealing with government offices, who are repeatedly required to secure certificates and authentications, and pay various fees, despite the fact that the government agencies already have the necessary documents. Citing the lack of coordination among concerned government agencies, he criticized the so-called “institutionalized inconvenience,” noting that in the digital age, all government agencies are required to maintain updated accessible websites that clearly publish their mandates, required documents, authorized fees, processing periods, and accountable offices. He opined that transparency in government transactions prevents abuse and corruption in public service.

He stated that interagency transmissions must be recognized as authentic without requiring additional certification or payment and that public service should not be treated as a revenue-generating scheme but as a system that values the time and rights of citizens. He stressed the importance of enforcing the Ease of Doing Business Act, which mandates automatic approval of applications if agencies fail to act within prescribed deadlines.

To address these systemic failures, Representative Rodriguez stated that he would file a measure that will (1) institutionalize the “once-only submission principle”; (2) mandate agency-to-agency coordination

for official records; (3) require all agencies to maintain updated and transparent websites; (4) abolish unnecessary certification and authentication fees for digital or interagency records; and (5) reinforce strict adherence to automatic approval provisions under the law.

He also called on the Committee on Good Government to oversee compliance with related laws, including the Ease of Doing Business Act, the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees, and provisions on frontline services. He maintained that his proposal is not a radical reform but a common-sense measure aimed at restoring balance between citizens and the State. He emphasized that Filipinos are not asking for special treatment, only for a government that works efficiently, communicates internally, respects deadlines, and does not charge them twice for the same service. He warned against preaching “efficiency” while practicing delay and redundancy, urging his colleagues to begin genuine reform by fixing these systemic flaws.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE RODRIGUEZ (M.)

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Veloso-Tuazon, there being no objection, the Body approved to refer the privilege speech of Representative Rodriguez (M.) to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Recto, the Chair next recognized Rep. Dadah Kiram Ismula for her privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ISMULA

Representative Ismula rose to speak about the rights of Filipino Muslim workers for inclusivity, respect, and humane working conditions, especially during the holy month of Ramadan. She shared the story of Aisha who, despite her devotion, struggled to find a proper place to pray at her workplace, often resorting to hidden corners. She emphasized that Aisha’s experience reflects the reality of over seven million working Muslims in the Philippines who contribute productively to society and pay taxes, yet often lack workplace accommodations for their faith.

She argued that inclusive workplace policies are not about special treatment but about fairness and respect. She stated that flexible working hours would allow Muslim employees to observe *Suhoor* and *Iftar* without being penalized for being late or exhausted,

while dedicated prayer spaces would provide dignity and peace in the practice of their faith. She noted that the Civil Service Commission (CSC) already permits flexible hours during Ramadan for government employees, but compliance remains uneven, and private sector workers often must negotiate individually with supervisors to secure accommodations.

Drawing parallels to maternity leave and reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, Representative Ismula contended that respecting religious practices is an equally important constitutional right under humane conditions of work. She argued that a worker whose faith and identity are respected becomes more productive, loyal, and fulfilled.

She then called on the Department of Labor and Employment, the CSC, and CHED to issue comprehensive guidelines mandating flexible work conditions and prayer spaces for all Filipino workers, regardless of religion. She appealed to the Body to institutionalize compassion and equality and make inclusivity a matter of law and policy.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ISMULA

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair then suspended the session at 4:52 p.m. upon motion of Representative Recto.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session was resumed at 4:58 p.m.

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Recto, the Chair recognized Rep. Terry L. Ridon for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE RIDON

Representative Ridon talked about the issue of stalled infrastructure projects in the Bicol region which, he alleged, have undermined public safety, wasted government funds, and eroded trust in public institutions. He highlighted how recent severe flooding once again submerged communities and exposed recurring weaknesses in flood mitigation efforts. In

Albay, he stated that Department of Public Works and Highways Secretary Vivencio Dizon expressed alarm at the delays and non-performance, particularly in the Malabog Flyover in Daraga, which remains only 12 to 13 percent complete despite years of supposed implementation.

Representative Ridon stressed that these were not isolated incidents but part of a troubling pattern of publicly funded projects that were announced and certified yet left unfinished, defective, or incapable of protecting communities. He said that this included a seawall completed in 2023 that had completely disintegrated, showing cracked concrete, exposed reinforcements, and the use of substandard materials contrary to approved specifications. He also cited multimillion-peso flood control structures that exhibited collapsed sections, insufficient concrete thickness, exposed steel reinforcement, scouring, and evidence of material substitution, even though they were still within their warranty periods. In another case, he flagged questionable accomplishment reporting, wherein the reported progress did not match the minimal visible construction on-site. He argued that these findings suggest possible material substitution, deviation from approved plans, falsified accomplishment reports, and potential violations of anti-graft and procurement laws.

At this point, Representative Ridon called for a region-wide, time-bound audit of flood control and critical infrastructure projects across the Bicol Region. He urged document-to-ground validation, independent technical testing, strict warranty enforcement, and automatic referral to the Ombudsman or the Department of Justice where evidence of fraud or irregularities is found. Emphasizing that flood control structures are life-saving infrastructure projects, not ornamental ones, he asserted that the Filipino people deserve functional protection against disasters and a government that enforces transparency, accountability, and contractor responsibility.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE RIDON

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

Subsequently, the Chair recognized Rep. Elijah Rumbaoa San Fernando to deliver his privilege speech, on further motion of Representative Recto.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE SAN FERNANDO

Representative San Fernando emphasized that lawmakers are constitutionally mandated to craft laws that respond to the needs of the people. He noted that despite a reported increase in the House of Representatives' trust rating in a survey, a significant portion of Filipinos remain undecided. For him, it indicates the need for Congress to refocus on addressing the urgent concerns of ordinary citizens, particularly the high cost of living and low wages.

He highlighted that while the country's economy and labor productivity have significantly increased over the past two decades, workers' pay has barely increased. Citing data from the Philippine Statistics Authority, Representative San Fernando stressed that economic growth has been built on the backs of labor, yet workers have not benefited proportionately from this expansion.

As Representative San Fernando also underscored the importance of accountability and anti-corruption efforts, he pointed out that hundreds of lives are lost due to billion-peso substandard flood control projects, thereby contributing to the Filipino people's mistrust of the government. While he supported calls for transparency and reform, he maintained that the pursuit of justice extends beyond impeachments, but should include meaningful reforms, particularly those that raise wages and address the cost of living. He added that they are essential to restoring public trust and empowering citizens in order that they can actively participate in the fight against corruption and injustice. Further noting the public's growing disillusionment over corruption, he urged his colleagues to work diligently to restore trust in the government.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE SAN FERNANDO

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

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Upon the request of Representative Recto, the Chair acknowledged the presence of the guests of Representative San Fernando in the Session Hall.

On further motion of Representative Recto, the Chair recognized Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago for her privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ELAGO

Representative Elago reminisced the historic EDSA People Power Revolution that took place on February 22 to 25, 1986 which drew millions of Filipinos from various sectors, including the Church. She underscored that the movement demonstrated the strength of collective action in defending human rights, seeking justice for the victims of Martial Law, and resisting dictatorship. However, she lamented that four decades after the historic uprising, many Filipinos continue to face poverty, low wages, rising commodity prices, heavy taxes, and persistent corruption.

Stressing that the right to free expression must not be curtailed, Representative Elago announced a rally on February 25, 2026, calling for the protection of human rights and meaningful reforms in the government. She emphasized that the 40th anniversary is not merely a commemoration, but a renewed call to uphold democracy and justice. Urging the public to honor the sacrifices made during EDSA, she described the February 25 observance as a demand for accountability from public officials.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ELAGO

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

TERMINATION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR

On further motion of Representative Villafuerte (V.R.L.), there being no objection, the Chair terminated the Privilege Hour.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Villafuerte (V.R.L.), there being no objection, the Chair suspended the session until three o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, February 25, 2026.

It was 5:30 p.m. of Tuesday, February 24, 2026.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:00 p.m. of Wednesday, February 25, 2026, the session was resumed with Deputy Speaker Ferjenel G. Biron, MD presiding.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Anna Victoria Veloso-Tuazon, 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, Communication, and Committee Reports, which were referred to the appropriate committees indicated hereunder:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 7908, titled:

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

By Representatives Acosta and Alvarez (Jose)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 7909, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE EXEMPTION OF DRIVERS FROM CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LIABILITY IN ACCIDENTS RESULTING FROM THE GROSS NEGLIGENCE OF PEDESTRIANS OR OTHER PARTIES, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE ARTICLE 365 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE

By Representative Pleyto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 7910, titled:

AN ACT MANDATING THE INTEGRATION OF GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS) IN ALL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS UNDER THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL SPATIAL INFRASTRUCTURE REGISTRY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Pleyto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 7911, titled:

AN ACT DECLARING FEBRUARY 25 OF EVERY YEAR AS A REGULAR HOLIDAY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representatives Diokno, Cendaña, Ismula and Bag-ao
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 7912, titled:

AN ACT GRANTING TEMPORARY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS WHO ARE AWAITING RE-DEPLOYMENT

By Representative Tiangco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 7913, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN OPEN DATA AND RESPONSIBLE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FOUNDATION FOR GOVERNMENT, PROMOTING INVESTMENT IN OPEN DATA PLATFORMS, ADOPTING ETHICAL AND RESPONSIBLE AI GUIDELINES, DELIVERING CITIZEN-CENTRIC AI SERVICES, AND MANDATING PERIODIC PUBLIC REPORTING

By Representative Nazal
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 7914, titled:

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE POLITICAL PARTY SYSTEM OF THE PHILIPPINES, CREATING THE STATE SUBSIDY FUND FOR POLITICAL PARTIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representatives De Lima, Amatong, Bag-ao, Fresnedi, Lagman and Umali
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 7916, titled:

AN ACT GRANTING FULL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP TO CHILDREN OF PROFESSIONAL FILIPINO ATHLETES WHO COMPETED IN INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL SPORTS COMPETITIONS, OR IN OTHER EQUALLY PRESTIGIOUS INTERNATIONAL GAMES, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Yap (Eric)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 7917, titled:

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 12009, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “NEW GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT ACT”

By Representatives Puno, Abante, Advincula, Atayde, Bascug, Bondoc, Co-Pilar, Daza, Del Mar, Domingo, Ferrer (Antonio), Ferrer (Jeffrey), Garcia (Albert), Garcia (Karen Hope), Garcia (Maria Angela), Gonzales (Alexandria), Gonzales (Christopher Sheen), Horibata, Lagbas, Loria, Marañon, Nava, Oreta, Pancho, Perez, Plaza, Pumaren, Sali, Salvame, Shimura, Teodoro, Tolentino, Valeriano, Veloso-Tuazon. Villafuerte (Miguel Luis), Villafuerte (Vincenzo Renato Luigi), Yamsuan and Yap (John Geesnell)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 7918, titled:

AN ACT GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO THE IFUGAO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE (IFELCO), INC. TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE, OWN, MANAGE AND MAINTAIN DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF ELECTRIC POWER TO THE END-USERS IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF ALFONSO LISTA, AGUINALDO, MAYOYAO, BANAUE, HUNGDUAN, HINGYON, TINOC, ASIPULO, KIANGAN, LAGawe, AND LAMUT, IN THE PROVINCE OF IFUGAO

By Representatives De Jesus and Dagooc
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 7919, titled:

AN ACT STRENGTHENING BENEFICIARY IDENTIFICATION AND TARGETING MECHANISMS, INCLUSION OF A FOOD AND NUTRITION GRANT AND AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11310, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4PS) ACT”

By Representatives Tulfo (Ralph Wendel) and Tulfo (Jocelyn)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION

House Bill No. 7921, titled:

AN ACT PRESCRIBING A JUST AND HUMANE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE RESETTLEMENT OF UNDERPRIVILEGED AND HOMELESS CITIZENS, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representatives Cendaña, Diokno, Ismula and Bag-ao
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 7922, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING MINIMUM QUALITY OF SERVICE STANDARDS, MEASUREMENT, TRANSPARENCY, AND END-USER PROTECTIONS FOR INTERNET ACCESS SERVICES

By Representative Yap (Christopherson)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 7923, titled:

AN ACT PREVENTING AND CONTROLLING UNDERAGE ACCESS TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, PROHIBITING THE SALE, SERVICE, AND FURNISHING THEREOF TO PERSONS BELOW EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE, PROVIDING INTERVENTION MEASURES FOR MINORS, AND PENALIZING VIOLATIONS

BY INDIVIDUALS AND ESTABLISHMENTS
By Representative Yap (Christopherson)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 7924, titled:

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING BARANGAY DRUGSTORES, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “BOTIKA SA BARANGAY,” PROVIDING FOR THEIR LICENSING, OPERATION, AND PHARMACIST SUPERVISION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Yap (Christopherson)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7925, titled:

AN ACT MANDATING THE INCLUSION OF AMBULANCE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORT SERVICES IN THE BENEFIT PACKAGES OF THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM, AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7875, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Yap (Christopherson)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7926, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ATTENDANCE-BASED WITHHOLDING OF CERTAIN ALLOWANCES AND PER DIEMS OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, DEFINING DEEMED ATTENDANCE INCLUDING OFFICIAL DISTRICT DUTIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Yap (Christopherson)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 7927, titled:

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING AND STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY FRAMEWORK, AND ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINES CYBERSECURITY COUNCIL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF

By Representative Yap (Christopherson)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 7928, titled:

AN ACT REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OR DESIGNATION OF DIALYSIS CLINICS IN ALL NATIONAL, REGIONAL, AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS, ENSURING FINANCIAL RISK PROTECTION FOR DIALYSIS SERVICES FOR INDIGENT AND FINANCIALLY INCAPACITATED PATIENTS THROUGH PHILHEALTH AND MALASAKIT CENTERS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Yap (Christopherson)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7929, titled:

AN ACT REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIALYSIS CLINICS IN ALL NATIONAL, REGIONAL, AND PROVINCIAL HOSPITALS AND PROVIDING FOR FREE DIALYSIS TREATMENTS TO INDIGENT PATIENTS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Yap (Christopherson)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7930, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE EDUCATION OMBUDS OFFICE AS AN INDEPENDENT SECTORAL GRIEVANCE MECHANISM FOR BASIC, HIGHER, AND TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL EDUCATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Yap (Christopherson)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 7931, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA OF BARANGAYS AND BARANGAY OFFICIALS
By Representative Yap (Christopherson)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 7932, titled:

AN ACT INSTITUTING THE MAGNA CARTA FOR NON-UNIFORMED PERSONNEL IN UNIFORMED AGENCIES

By Representative Yap (Christopherson)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY AND THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 7933, titled:

AN ACT MANDATING ALL BARANGAYS TO ESTABLISH A VOLUNTARY REGISTRY OF SKILLED WORKERS, PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC DIRECTORY SUBJECT TO DATA PRIVACY SAFEGUARDS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

House Bill No. 7934, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUMMARY TITLING OF REAL PROPERTIES USED AS SITES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

By Representative Yap (Christopherson)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 7935, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN EARLY OPTIONAL RETIREMENT MODE FOR QUALIFIED PERSONS WITH DISABILITY IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8291, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Yap (Christopherson)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 7936, titled:

AN ACT ABOLISHING THE TRAVEL TAX, PROVIDING FOR THE REFUND OF TRAVEL TAXES COLLECTED FOR TRAVEL ON OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT, AND PROVIDING TRANSITIONAL FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS PREVIOUSLY FUNDED FROM TRAVEL TAX PROCEEDS

By Representative Yap (Christopherson)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 7937, titled:

AN ACT PROMOTING UNIVERSAL, AFFORDABLE, AND RELIABLE INTERNET CONNECTIVITY THROUGH EXPANDED DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE, FAIR MARKET COMPETITION, AND PUBLIC

ACCESS PROGRAMS, AND PROVIDING
FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Yap (Christopherson)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 7938, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL
PROGRAM AND SPECIAL TRUST FUND
FOR THE BENEFIT OF ABANDONED,
NEGLECTED, AND VOLUNTARILY
COMMITTED CHILDREN UNDER STATE
CARE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Yap (Christopherson)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 7939, titled:

AN ACT EXTENDING THE VALIDITY OF
THE AUTHORIZATION TO SOLEMNIZE
MARRIAGE ISSUED TO PRIESTS,
MINISTERS, IMAMS, OR RABBIS, FROM
A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS TO FIVE
(5) YEARS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6514, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

By Representatives Romualdez (Ferdinand Martin),
Romualdez (Yedda Marie), Romualdez (Andrew
Julian) and Acidre
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 7940, titled:

AN ACT EXPANDING THE NATIONAL
FEEDING PROGRAM IN SECONDARY
SCHOOLS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11037 OR THE
“MASUSTANSYANG PAGKAIN PARA SA
BATANG PILIPINO ACT”

By Representatives Romualdez (Ferdinand Martin),
Romualdez (Yedda Marie), Romualdez (Andrew
Julian) and Acidre
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND
CULTURE

House Bill No. 7941, titled:

AN ACT MANDATING THE ALLOCATION OF
AT LEAST TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE
ANNUAL NATIONAL TAX ALLOTMENT
(NTA) OF EVERY BARANGAY FOR
HEALTH PROGRAMS, PROJECTS, AND
SERVICES, PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES

FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

By Representatives Romualdez (Ferdinand Martin),
Romualdez (Yedda Marie), Romualdez (Andrew
Julian) and Acidre
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 7942, titled:

AN ACT STRENGTHENING CANCER RISK
SCREENING, PROFILING, AND AWARENESS
PROGRAMS THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, BARANGAY
HEALTH WORKERS, AND OTHER
STAKEHOLDERS, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

By Representatives Romualdez (Ferdinand Martin),
Romualdez (Yedda Marie), Romualdez (Andrew
Julian) and Acidre
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7943, titled:

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ROLE
AND FUNCTION OF COMMUNITY-
BASED HEALTH NAVIGATORS IN THE
PROVISION OF INTEGRATED HEALTH
CARE, THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A DEDICATED DEPARTMENT,
DEPLOYMENT, AND APPROPRIATION OF
FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representatives Romualdez (Ferdinand Martin),
Romualdez (Yedda Marie), Romualdez (Andrew
Julian) and Acidre
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7944, titled:

AN ACT PROMOTING CORPORATIVE
FARMING AND PROVIDING INCENTIVES
FOR ITS EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION

By Representatives Romualdez (Ferdinand Martin),
Romualdez (Yedda Marie), Romualdez (Andrew
Julian) and Acidre
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 7945, titled:

AN ACT PROMOTING DIGITAL
RESPONSIBILITY, PROHIBITING
MALICIOUS ONLINE ACTIONS THAT
CAUSE HARM TO PUBLIC FIGURES,
REGULATING FALSE INFORMATION, AND

FOSTERING A TRUTHFUL AND ETHICAL
DIGITAL ENVIRONMENT

By Representatives Romualdez (Ferdinand Martin),
Romualdez (Yedda Marie) and Romualdez
(Andrew Julian)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 7946, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MAGNA CARTA
FOR PUBLIC DISASTER RISK REDUCTION
AND MANAGEMENT (DRRM) WORKERS

By Representatives Romualdez (Ferdinand Martin),
Romualdez (Yedda Marie), Romualdez (Andrew
Julian) and Acidre

TO THE COMMITTEE ON DISASTER RESILIENCE

House Bill No. 7947, titled:

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE CANCER
REGISTRY SYSTEM IN THE PHILIPPINES,
MANDATING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND
SUSTAINED FUNDING OF POPULATION-
BASED AND HOSPITAL-BASED CANCER
REGISTRIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES
WITH FUNDS APPROPRIATED THEREOF

By Representatives Romualdez (Ferdinand Martin),
Romualdez (Yedda Marie), Romualdez (Andrew
Julian) and Acidre

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7948, titled:

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE
NATIONAL INTEGRATED CLEARANCE
SYSTEM, AS A CENTRALIZED DIGITAL
FACILITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO REQUEST
AND SECURE CLEARANCES FROM
NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES
AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representatives Romualdez (Ferdinand Martin),
Romualdez (Yedda Marie), Romualdez (Andrew
Julian) and Acidre

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY
RELATIONS

House Bill No. 7949, titled:

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A PALAY
PRICE FLOOR SYSTEM TO ENSURE
FAIR AND REMUNERATIVE INCOME
FOR RICE FARMERS, MANDATING THE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND
THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY TO
IMPLEMENT A GUARANTEED MINIMUM

BUYING PRICE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representatives Romualdez (Ferdinand Martin),
Romualdez (Yedda Marie), Romualdez (Andrew
Julian) and Acidre

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 7950, titled:

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE POLITICAL
PARTY SYSTEM AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representatives Romualdez (Ferdinand Martin),
Romualdez (Yedda Marie), Romualdez (Andrew
Julian) and Acidre

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL
REFORMS

House Bill No. 7951, titled:

AN ACT TO RECOGNIZE AND PROTECT THE
RIGHTS OF NATURE IN THE PHILIPPINES

By Representative Salceda

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 7952, titled:

AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 24 & 32 OF
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL INTERNAL
REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED
BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10963, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE TAX REFORM FOR
ACCELERATION AND INCLUSION ACT

By Representative Revilla (Ramon Jolo)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 7953, titled:

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A NATIONAL
FRAMEWORK FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION
AND CRISIS RESPONSE, CREATING THE
SUICIDE PREVENTION AND CRISIS
RESPONSE CENTER, APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

By Representative Corvera
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7954, titled:

AN ACT STRENGTHENING MENTAL HEALTH
SERVICES AND SUPPORT SYSTEMS IN
STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES,
ESTABLISHING CAMPUS MENTAL
HEALTH OFFICES THEREIN, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Corvera
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL
EDUCATION

House Bill No. 7955, titled:

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ABOT-
ALAM PROJECT OF THE DEPARTMENT
OF EDUCATION AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREOF

By Representative Delos Santos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND
CULTURE

House Bill No. 7956, titled:

AN ACT STRENGTHENING MENTAL HEALTH
SERVICES AT THE LEVEL OF THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT

By Representative Delos Santos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7957, titled:

AN ACT PROMOTING AGRICULTURE AMONG
FILIPINO YOUTH

By Representative Delos Santos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 7958, titled:

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE
REGIONAL ONE-STOP SHOP CENTERS
FOR OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS
NATIONWIDE

By Representative Delos Santos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS
AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 7959, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING SCIENCE FOR
FILIPINO SOCIETY PROGRAM

By Representative Delos Santos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 7960, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL
MINIMUM WAGE SYSTEM, AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL
DECREE NO. 442, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
THE "LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES",
AS AMENDED

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

House Bill No. 7961, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL
DISASTER RISK FINANCE AND
INSURANCE FRAMEWORK AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Lara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DISASTER RESILIENCE

House Bill No. 7962, titled:

AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 9 OF
EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING
HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
ENRILE, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN, IN
COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING
ANNIVERSARY

By Representative Lara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 7963, titled:

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE
ASSISTANCE FOR SECURITY, PEACE,
INTEGRATION, AND RECOVERY FOR
ADVANCING HUMAN SECURITY (ASPIRE)
PROGRAM AS A NATIONAL PEACE AND
DEVELOPMENT MECHANISM, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Alano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 7964, titled:

AN ACT UPGRADING THE MINIMUM SALARY
GRADE OF GOVERNMENT RADIOLOGIC
TECHNOLOGISTS FROM SALARY GRADE
11 TO 15

By Representative Galang
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 7965, titled:

AN ACT UPGRADING THE MINIMUM SALARY
GRADE OF GOVERNMENT RESPIRATORY
THERAPISTS FROM SALARY GRADE 10
TO 15

By Representative Galang
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 7966, titled:

AN ACT UPGRADING THE MINIMUM
SALARY GRADE OF GOVERNMENT
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS FROM
SALARY GRADE 11 TO 15

By Representative Galang
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 7967, titled:

AN ACT UPGRADING THE MINIMUM SALARY
GRADE OF GOVERNMENT MEDICAL
TECHNOLOGISTS FROM SALARY GRADE
11 TO 15

By Representative Galang
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 7968, titled:

AN ACT UPGRADING THE MINIMUM SALARY
GRADE OF GOVERNMENT MIDWIVES
FROM SALARY GRADE 9 TO 11

By Representative Galang
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

AN NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representatives Bag-ao, Diokno, Cendaña,
Ismula, Dagooc and Momo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND
HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 7969, titled:

AN ACT UPGRADING THE MINIMUM SALARY
GRADE OF GOVERNMENT PHARMACISTS
FROM SALARY GRADE 11 TO 15

By Representative Galang
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 7975, titled:

AN ACT ABOLISHING THE TRAVEL TAX

By Representative Zubiri
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 7970, titled:

AN ACT UPGRADING THE MINIMUM SALARY
GRADE OF GOVERNMENT PHYSICAL
THERAPISTS FROM SALARY GRADE 11
TO 15

By Representative Galang
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 7976, titled:

AN ACT RECLASSIFYING SPECIFIC PORTIONS
OF THE BUSOL WATERSHED LOCATED
IN BARANGAYS AMBIONG, LUBAS, AND
BECKEL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LA
TRINIDAD, PROVINCE OF BENGUET,
TO REFLECT ACTUAL LAND USE
AND RECOGNIZING THE RIGHTS OF
INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES/
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (ICCs/IPs)
THEREIN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Yap (Eric)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 7971, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AT LEAST ONE
NURSING HOME PER CITY OR PROVINCE
FOR SENIOR CITIZENS, APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

By Representative Galang
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 7977, titled:

AN ACT TO EXEMPT NATIONAL ATHLETES
AND COACHES FROM TAXES RECEIVED
FROM INCENTIVES, REWARDS, BONUSES,
AND OTHER EMOLUMENTS, AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO.
10699, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
“NATIONAL ATHLETES AND COACHES
BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ACT”, AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Yap (Eric)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 7972, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE
GERIATRIC CENTER, DEFINING ITS
PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Galang
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7973, titled:

AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY
OF THE JOSE R. REYES MEMORIAL
MEDICAL CENTER (JRRMMC) IN
BARANGAY SANTA CRUZ, MANILA
CITY FROM FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY (450)
TO ONE THOUSAND (1,000) BEDS, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Tan (Keith Micah)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7978, titled:

AN ACT RENAMING THE ASUNCION
TO BONTOC ROAD INTO RUPERTO
KANGLEON AVENUE

By Representative Mercado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND
HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 7974, titled:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCH
COMMENCING FROM BOJO AREA,
BARANGAY CARMEN, TO SITIO
CAMPINTAC, BARANGAY PANAMAON
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LORETO,
PROVINCE OF DINAGAT ISLANDS, INTO

House Bill No. 7981, titled:

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL
PROGRAM FOR THE ELIMINATION
OF TUBERCULOSIS, AMENDING FOR
THE PURPOSES OF REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 10767 OR THE COMPREHENSIVE
TUBERCULOSIS ELIMINATION PLAN ACT

By Representatives Cendaña, Diokno, Ismula and Bag-ao
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 7982, titled:

AN ACT APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF TWO BILLION PESOS (PHP 2,000,000,000.00) FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE CAGAYAN DE ORO COASTAL BY-PASS ROAD FROM BARANGAY GUSA UP TO BARANGAY BUGO IN THE CITY OF CAGAYAN DE ORO, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 7983, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CAGAYAN DE ORO (J.R. BORJA-CARMEN-PATAG) SKYWAY

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 7984, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE J.R. BORJA EXTENSION ROAD

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 7985, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE CAGAYAN DE ORO DIVERSION ROAD TO LAGUINDINGAN AIRPORT

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 7986, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC RESTROOMS ALONG NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL HIGHWAYS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 7987, titled:

AN ACT TO PROMOTE RURAL HEALTH BY PROVIDING FOR AN ACCELERATED PROGRAM FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A POTABLE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM IN

EVERY BARANGAY IN THE COUNTRY WITHIN THREE YEARS

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 7988, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE LOCAL ECONOMIC ROAD DEVELOPMENT (LERD) PROGRAM UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 7989, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE EXPANSION OF YSALINA BRIDGE IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY FROM A TWO-LANE BRIDGE TO A FOUR-LANE BRIDGE

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 7990, titled:

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A NATIONAL PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING SYSTEM, ALLOWING THE MEANINGFUL PARTICIPATION OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN ALL STAGES OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS

By Representative Teodoro
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION

House Bill No. 7991, titled:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE OSMENA EXTENSION STREET TO THE CDO PORT ROAD IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 7992, titled:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE JCT. ABELLANOSA – CAPISTRANO STREET – CARMEN – PATAG ROAD IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 7993, titled:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE JCT. BUKIDNON
CAGAYAN DE ORO ILIGAN ROAD (BCIR)
– CUGMAN – F.S. CATANICO ROAD
IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY INTO A
NATIONAL ROAD

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND
HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 7994, titled:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE JCT. BUKIDNON
CAGAYAN DE ORO ILIGAN ROAD (BCIR)
– CORRALES STREET – NORTH DIVISORIA
ROAD IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY INTO A
NATIONAL ROAD

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND
HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 7995, titled:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE JCT. BUKIDNON
CAGAYAN DE ORO ILIGAN ROAD (BCIR)-
AGUSAN-BALUBAL-SAYRE HIGHWAY
IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY INTO A
NATIONAL ROAD

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND
HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 7996, titled:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE GUSA ROAD IN
CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY TO J.R. BORJA –
CAMAMAN-AN – INDAHAG - BUKIDNON
ROAD AS A NATIONAL ROAD

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND
HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 7997, titled:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE AGORA ROAD,
LAPASAN TO THE CDO PORT ROAD
IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY INTO A
NATIONAL ROAD

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND
HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 7998, titled:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE A. VELEZ ST. – J.R.
BORJA – BCIR ROAD IN CAGAYAN DE
ORO CITY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND
HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 7999, titled:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE A. VELEZ ST. TO
MACASANDIG – INDAHAG – TAGUANA
ROAD, CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY INTO A
NATIONAL ROAD

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND
HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 8000, titled:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE A. VELEZ
ST. IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY TO
MACASANDIG-INDAHAG-BUKIDNON
ROAD INTO A NATIONAL ROAD

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND
HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 8001, titled:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE A. VELEZ ST.
TO CARMEN ROAD (PELAEZ BRIDGE),
CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY INTO A
NATIONAL ROAD

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND
HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 8002, titled:

AN ACT FURTHER STRENGTHENING THE
ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING COUNCIL,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 9160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
“THE ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING ACT OF
2001”, AS AMENDED

By Representative Cruz (Agatha)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL
INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 8003, titled:

AN ACT RECOGNIZING, PROTECTING, AND
FULFILLING THE RIGHT TO ADEQUATE
FOOD, ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL
FRAMEWORK FOR FOOD SECURITY AND
NUTRITION, PROVIDING MECHANISMS
FOR ACCOUNTABILITY AND REMEDIES,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Cruz (Agatha)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

House Bill No. 8004, titled:

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING “TARA, BASA!
TUTORING PROGRAM” AS A NATIONAL
THREE-PRONGED SOCIAL PROTECTION

PROGRAM CATERING TO THREE BENEFICIARIES: YOUTH BENEFICIARIES, PARENTS OR GUARDIANS, AND CHILDREN BENEFICIARIES, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 8005, titled:

AN ACT PROMOTING REFORESTATION AND INCREASING WOOD PRODUCTION THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TREE GROWING AGREEMENTS

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REFORESTATION

House Bill No. 8006, titled:

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE POLITICAL PARTY SYSTEM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 8007, titled:

AN ACT ADOPTING A SYSTEM OF ONLINE FILING OF CERTIFICATES OF CANDIDACY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 7 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7166

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 8008, titled:

AN ACT GRANTING OLD AGE PENSION FOR LIFE TO SENIOR CITIZENS WHO RETIRED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT 1616 AS WELL AS SURVIVORSHIP BENEFITS TO THEIR SURVIVORS

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 8009, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE URBAN AND COUNTRYSIDE GREENING IN THE PHILIPPINES

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REFORESTATION

House Bill No. 8010, titled:

AN ACT IDENTIFYING OTHER PERSONS CRIMINALLY LIABLE FOR ELECTION

OFFENSES AND INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR ELECTION-RELATED OFFENSES, AMENDING SECTIONS 263 AND 264 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 881, AS AMENDED OR THE “OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”, AND SECTION 46 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8189 OR “THE VOTER’S REGISTRATION ACT OF 1996”

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 8011, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE EXPEDITIOUS RESOLUTION OF ELECTORAL PROTESTS

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 8012, titled:

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL MEASUREMENT INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEM (NMIS) AMENDING RA 9236 ALSO KNOWN AS “THE NATIONAL METROLOGY ACT OF 2003,” AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 8013, titled:

AN ACT TO CONSERVE AND PROTECT PHILIPPINE PUBLIC FORESTS, MANGROVES AND WILDLIFE THROUGH A COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM OF RENEWAL, REPLANTING AND REFORESTATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REFORESTATION

House Bill No. 8014, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MINIMUM CONTENTS OF A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT OF ELECTIONS TO THE PRESIDENT AND TO CONGRESS BY THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 8015, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BENHAM RISE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

INSTITUTE, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES
By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 8016, titled:

AN ACT PROTECTING SENIOR CITIZEN FROM VIOLENCE, DEFINING ELDER ABUSE, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THEREFOR

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 8017, titled:

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “AN ACT TO MAXIMIZE THE CONTRIBUTION OF SENIOR CITIZENS TO NATION BUILDING, GRANT BENEFITS AND SPECIAL PRIVILEGES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 8018, titled:

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS BY INCREASING THE MANPOWER COMPLEMENT IN ITS FIELD OFFICES, PROVIDING OFFICE SPACES SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 881, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 807, titled:

A RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMY, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AND ALL RELEVANT NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO FORMULATE A UNIFIED NATIONAL POLICY FRAMEWORK ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) IN GOVERNMENT ALIGNED WITH PHILIPPINES’ SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS AGENDA, PARTICULARLY ON INNOVATION, INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH, AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS, AND TO CREATE

AN INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE TO ENSURE THE RESPONSIBLE, SECURE AND ETHICAL USE OF AI

By Representatives Tanjuatco and Alba
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Resolution No. 808, titled:

A RESOLUTION URGING THE LEADERSHIP OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONVENE THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE STATUS OF THE ARREST WARRANT AGAINST ZALDY CO, AND TO RECOMMEND LEGISLATIVE MEASURES, IF NECESSARY

By Representative Tiangco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 809, titled:

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES URGING THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES TO REJOIN THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

By Representatives Co, Tinio and Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Resolution No. 810, titled:

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND SECTION 141 OF RULE XX OF THE HOUSE RULES TO DEFINE FINANCIAL INTERESTS IN GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS AS DISORDERLY BEHAVIOR AND PROVIDE FOR EXPULSION

By Representatives Puno, Abante, Advincula, Atayde, Bascug, Bondoc, Co-Pilar, Daza, Del Mar, Domingo, Ferrer (Antonio), Ferrer (Jeffrey), Garcia (Albert), Garcia (Karen Hope), Garcia (Maria Angela), Gonzales (Alexandria), Gonzales (Christopher Sheen), Horibata, Lagbas, Loria, Maraño, Nava, Oreta, Pancho, Perez, Plaza, Pumaren, Sali, Salvame, Shimura, Teodoro, Tolentino, Valeriano, Veloso-Tuazon, Villafuerte (Miguel Luis), Villafuerte (Vincenzo Renato Luigi), Yamsuan and Yap (John Geesnell)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 811, titled:

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS TO SUPPORT THE RE-ACCESSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES TO THE ROME STATUTE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT
By Representatives Cendaña, Diokno, Ismula and Bag-ao
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Resolution No. 812, titled:

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHIES AND SINCEREST CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEATH OF FORMER HOUSE SPEAKER JOSE CLAVERIA DE VENECIA JR.

By Representative Remulla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 813, titled:

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING GLAIZEL MAE S. MORADOS, A GRADE 12 STUDENT OF DON RUBEN E. ECLEO SR. MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, SAN JOSE, DINAGAT ISLANDS, FOR SECURING THE GOLD MEDAL AT THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD COMPETITION OF SOUTHEAST ASIA (ISOCSEA) IN OSAKA, JAPAN, AND CELEBRATING HER TRIUMPH AS A TESTAMENT TO THE ACADEMIC VIBRANCY AND POTENTIAL OF THE DINAGATNON YOUTH

By Representatives Bag-ao and Dagooc
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Resolution No. 814, titled:

A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING ROCKY LOGROÑO FOR WINNING SILVER IN THE 13TH ASEAN PARA GAMES MEN'S SHOTPUT F40 IN THAILAND

By Representative Zubiri
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 815, titled:

A RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE COLLAPSE OF THE RIZAL PROVINCIAL SANITARY LANDFILL AND TO DETERMINE THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE OPERATOR OF THE LANDFILL

By Representatives Elago, Co and Tinio
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 816, titled:

A RESOLUTION EXTENDING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE PASSING OF THE LATE HONORABLE JUAN PONCE

ENRILE, IN RECOGNITION OF HIS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, AND FOR HIS LONG-TENURED PUBLIC SERVICE

By Representative Barba
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 817, titled:

A RESOLUTION EXTENDING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE PASSING OF THE LATE VALDEMAR DEHERRERA, THE LAST SURVIVOR OF THE BATAAN DEATH MARCH

By Representative Barba
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 818, titled:

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE PEOPLE'S CENTER BUILDING OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AS THE "JOSE C. DE VENECIA JR. PEOPLE'S CENTER" IN HONOR OF THE LATE SPEAKER JOSE C. DE VENECIA JR.

By Representatives Dy (Faustino), Marcos, Libanan and Zamora (Maria Carmen)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMUNICATION

Letters dated December 19, 2025 and February 18, 2026 of Joseph B. Salud, Bank Officer VI, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, transmitting to the House of Representatives duly certified copies of the following BSP issuances:

1. Circular Letter No. CL-2025-049 dated 12 December 2025;
 2. Memorandum No. M-2025-040 dated 12 December 2025;
 3. Circular No. 1226 dated 15 December 2025; and
 4. Circular No. 1229 dated 11 February 2026.
- TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Report No. 126, submitted by the Committee on Tourism on H.B. No. 8037, titled: AN ACT DECLARING HUNDRED ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK, LOCATED IN THE

**CITY OF ALAMINOS, PROVINCE OF
PANGASINAN, AS A TOURISM ZONE**

recommending its approval in substitution of House
Bill No. 3177

Sponsors: Representatives Madrona and Celeste
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 127, submitted by the
Committee on Tourism on H.B. No. 8038, titled:
**AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF
AGUSAN DEL SUR AS THE HOME OF THE
GOLDEN TARA**

recommending its approval in substitution of House
Bill No. 1381

Sponsors: Representatives Madrona, Plaza and
Bascug
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 128, submitted by the Special
Committee on Food Security on H.B. No. 8042,
titled:

**AN ACT DECLARING OCTOBER 16 OF EVERY
YEAR AS NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY
DAY, IN CONSONANCE WITH THE
CELEBRATION OF WORLD FOOD DAY**

recommending its approval in substitution of House
Bill No. 4224

Sponsor: Representative Salceda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 129, submitted by the Special
Committee on Food Security on H.B. No. 8043,
titled:

**AN ACT REDUCING FOOD SURPLUS
THROUGH FOOD DONATIONS AND FOOD
WASTE RECYCLING**

recommending its approval in substitution of House
Bills Numbered 849, 1313, 2196, 2556, 4405,
4725, 4937, 5118 and 5893

Sponsor: Representative Salceda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 130, submitted by the Committee
on Mindanao Affairs on H.R. No. 15, titled:

**A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE “BUILDING
A BETTER MINDANAO” CAMPAIGN TO
ADVANCE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT,
FOSTER REGIONAL UNITY, AND
PROMOTE PROGRESS IN MINDANAO**

recommending its adoption without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Almonte, Emano and
Bañas-Nogralas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, upon the request of Rep. Ryan S. Recto,
the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall
of the guests of Rep. Dale B. Corvera; Rep. Francisco
“Lalo” T. Matugas, that included former Rep. Francisco
Jose “Bingo” F. Matugas II, CPA, CESO, LIB; Rep.
Ruth M. Sakaluran; and Rep. Audrey Kay T. Zubiri.

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

On an omnibus motion of Rep. Brian Poe, there
being no objection, the Body proceeded with the
consideration on Second Reading of the following
House Bills calendared under the Business for Thursday
and Friday contained in various committee reports
as submitted by the committees indicated hereunder;
dispensed with the reading of the texts of the measures
without prejudice to their insertion into the Record
of the House as copies thereof had been previously
distributed to the Members; adopted the Explanatory
Notes of the Bills as the sponsorship remarks on the
measures; terminated the period of sponsorship and
debate in the absence of interpellations; approved the
amendments as contained in the committee reports,
if any; terminated the period of amendments; and
approved the measures on Second Reading through
viva voce voting:

Submitted by the Committee on
Public Works and Highways:

1. House Bill No. 406 contained in
Committee Report No. 116, renaming the
Kalibo–Banga–Balete–Batan–Altavas
National Road in Aklan as “Congressman
Allen Salas Quimpo National Highway”; and

Submitted by the Committee on
Higher and Technical Education:

2. House Bill No. 7830 contained in Committee
Report No. 120, on the “Tarlac Science,
Technology, and Agricultural University
Charter.”

**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. Ysabel
Maria J. Zamora, there being no objection, the Body

approved to refer the following House Resolutions to the appropriate committees indicated hereunder:

1. House Resolution No. 724 – to the Committee on Information and Communications Technology;
2. House Resolution No. 725 – to the Committee on Energy;
3. House Resolution Nos. 726 and 773 – to the Committee on Transportation;
4. House Resolution Nos. 729, 730, and 739 – to the Committee on Tourism;
5. House Resolution No. 736 – to the Committee on Basic Education and Culture;
6. House Resolution No. 737 – to the Committee on Public Order and Safety;
7. House Resolution No. 740 – to the Committee on Public Accounts;
8. House Resolution No. 743 – to the Committee on Ways and Means;
9. House Resolution No. 748 – to the Committee on Ecology;
10. House Resolution Nos. 750 and 755 – to the Committee on Health;
11. House Resolution No. 751 – to the Committee on Agriculture and Food; and
12. House Resolution No. 753 – to the Committee on Labor and Employment.

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 Zamora (Y.M.), 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 February 9, 2026:

1. Privilege speech of Rep. Javier Miguel Lopez Benitez – to the Special Committee on Creative Industries;

2. Privilege speech of Rep. Sergio C. Dagooc – to the Committee on Housing and Urban Development;
3. Privilege speech of Rep. Arnie B. Fuentebella – to the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability;
4. Privilege speech of Rep. Rolando M. Valeriano – to the Committee on Transportation;
5. Privilege speech of Rep. Dibu S. Tuan – to the Committee on Basic Education and Culture;

Delivered on February 18, 2026:

6. Privilege speech of Rep. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas – to the Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms;
7. Privilege speech of Rep. Alfredo A. Garbin Jr. – to the Committee on Games and Amusements;
8. Privilege speech of Rep. Renee Louise M. Co – to the Committee on Health;
9. Privilege speech of Rep. Maximo B. Rodriguez Jr. – to the Committee on Banks and Financial Intermediaries;
10. Privilege speech of Rep. Percival “Perci” Cendaña – to the Special Committee on Persons with Disabilities;
11. Privilege speech of Rep. Jesus “Bong” C. Suntay – to the Committee on Public Order and Safety; and
12. Privilege speech of Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago – to the Committee on Women and Gender Equality.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session was resumed at 3:53 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Thereafter, upon the request of Representative Recto, the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of his guests.

CHANGE OF REFERRAL OF HOUSE MEASURES

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Antonino B. Roman III, there being no objection, the Body changed the referral of the following House Bills to the committees specified hereunder:

1. House Bill No. 3584- from the Committee on Metro Manila Development to the Committee on Local Government;
2. House Bill No. 6625 – from the Committee on Welfare of Children to the Committees on Health and Welfare of Children; and
3. House Bill Nos. 3661, 4701, 4770, 5789, 5940, 5981, and 6766 – from the Committee on Appropriations to the Committee on Revision of Laws.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On further motion of Representative Roman, the Chair suspended the session at 3:55 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session was resumed at 4:04 p.m.

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

Upon resumption of session, on motion of Representative Recto, there being no objection, the Body approved to include as coauthors of House Bill Nos. 5019, 7613, 7628, 7646, 7704, 7718, and 7808; and House Resolution Nos. 765, 766, and 767 the names of the Members contained in the list to be submitted by the Committee on Rules.

ADOPTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 818

On successive motions of Representative Recto, there being no objection, the Body proceeded with the consideration of House Resolution No. 818, titled: **RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE PEOPLE'S CENTER BUILDING OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AS THE "JOSE C. DE VENECIA JR. PEOPLE'S CENTER" IN HONOR OF THE LATE SPEAKER JOSE C. DE VENECIA JR.**; dispensed with the reading of the Resolution without prejudice to its insertion into the Record of the House as copies thereof had been distributed to the Members; and unanimously adopted the same through *viva voce* voting.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Thereupon, the Chair suspended the session at 4:06 p.m., upon motion of Representative Recto.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session was resumed at 4:14 p.m.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Upon resumption of session, on motion of Representative Roman, there being no objection, the Body then proceeded with the Additional Reference of Business.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Report No. 131, submitted by the Committee on Public Works and Highways on H.B. No. 689, titled:

AN ACT RENUMBERING THE DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO DE ORO

recommending its approval without amendment
Sponsors: Representatives Momo and Zamora (Maria Carmen)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 132, submitted by the Committee on Labor and Employment on H.B. No. 8081, titled:

AN ACT INSTITUTING A NATIONAL MINIMUM WAGE SYSTEM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES," AS AMENDED

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 55, 94, 3266, 4102 and 5924
Sponsors: Representatives Revilla (Ramon Jolo) and San Fernando
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 133, submitted by the Committee on Energy on H.B. No. 8087, titled:
AN ACT GRANTING THE CONDONATION OF THE UNPAID INTERESTS, PENALTIES,

AND SURCHARGES ON THE OVERDUE
OBLIGATIONS OF THE BASILAN
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. TO THE
NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION

recommending its approval in substitution of House
Bill No. 4822

Sponsors: Representatives Alvarez (Jose) and Dagooc
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

RECOMMITMENT OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6801

Pursuant to the Provisional Rules of the House, and
upon the request of the Chairperson of the Committee
on Housing and Urban Development, on motion
of Representative Zamora (Y.M.), there being no
objection, the Body approved to recommit House Bill
No. 6801 under Committee Report No. 51 to the said
committee.

CONSOLIDATION OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

On motion of Representative Zamora (Y.M.),
there being no objection, House Resolutions No. 782,
801, 806, and 812 were deemed consolidated with
House Resolution No. 758, expressing the profound
condolences of the House of Representatives to the

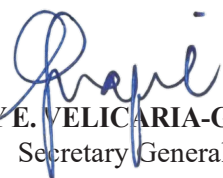
family of the late Hon. Jose C. de Venecia Jr., former
Speaker of the House of Representatives, which the
Body adopted on February 11, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Subsequently, on motion of Representative
Zamora (Y.M.), there being no objection, the Chair
declared the session adjourned until three o'clock in
the afternoon of Monday, March 2, 2026.

It was 4:18 p.m. of Wednesday, February 25, 2026.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.


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

Approved on March 3, 2026.

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

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

* 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

***** Suspended on February 4, 2026 per Committee Report No. 102 (Committee Case No. PS-2026-12)

(Subject to correction/s that may appear in the Annual Journal)

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