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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:00 p.m. of Monday, May 11, 2026, Senior Deputy Speaker Ferdinand L. Hernandez called the session to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM AND INVOCATION

The Members sang the National Anthem and thereafter, Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago delivered the invocation.

REMARKS OF SENIOR DEPUTY MAJORITY LEADER DEFENSOR

At this point, Senior Deputy Majority Leader Lorenz R. Defensor requested the Members to take their seats and to observe proper decorum in the Session Hall.

ROLL CALL

On motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abalos	Aquino-Magsaysay	Benitez (J.M.)	Diokno
Abante	Arbison (M.)	Bernos (C.)	Dionisio
Acidre	Arbison (M.N.)	Bernos (J.)	Domingo
Acop	Arenas	Biron	Domogan
Acosta	Arrogancia	Bocobo	Duterte (H.J.)
Adiong	Asistio	Bolilia	Duterte (O.V.)
Advincula	Atayde	Briones	Duterte (P.)
Agarao	Balindong	Bulut-Begtang	Dy (F.)
Agyao	Baños-Nogralas	Cagas	Dy (F.M.C.)
Albano	Bancoro	Calderon	Dy (I.P.)
Almario (D.)	Barba	Calixto	Elago
Almonte	Barbers	Caoagdan	Emano
Alvarez (J.)	Baronda	Castro	Enverga
Alvarez (M.)	Barzaga	Cayton	Erice
Angara	Bautista (J.M.)	Celeste	Escudero
Angeles	Beltran	Cendaña	Espares
Aquino	Benitez (A.)	Ceniza	Espina
		Chan (J.)	Estrella
		Chua	Ferrer (A.)
		Chua-Tai	Fortes
		Chungalao	Frasco
		Co	Fresnedi
		Co-Pilar	Fuentebella
		Cojuangco (J.E.M.)	Galang
		Cojuangco (M.)	Garcia (A.)
		Collantes	Garcia (D.)
		Corvera	Garcia (K.H.)
		Cruz (A.)	Garcia (M.A.)
		Cruz (R.)	Gardiola
		Cua	Garin
		Dagooc	Gatchalian
		Dalog	Gato
		Daza	Glepa
		De Jesus	Gomez
		De Lima	Gonzales (A.)
		de Venecia	Gonzales (A.M.)
		Defensor	Gonzales (R.)
		Degamo	Gorriceta
		Del Mar	Guico
		Dimacuha	Guintu
		Dimaguila	Gullas
		Dimaporo (I.)	Gutierrez
		Dimaporo (S.A.)	Hernandez (C.A.)

Hernandez (F.)	Panotes	Tupas	Villafuerte (M.L.)
Hernandez (R.)	Pascual	Tutor	Villafuerte (V.R.L.)
Hofer-Hasim	Pimentel	Ty	Villanueva
Ismula	Plaza	Umali	Villarica
Iway	Pleyto	Ungab	Yap (G.)
Javier	Poe	Uy (D.C.)	Yatco
Kho (A.)	Primicias-Agabas	Valeriano	Yu (J.K.)
Kho (E.)	Pumaren	Vargas	Yulo
Kho (W.)	Puno	Vargas-Alfonso	Zamora (M.C.)
Khonghun	Quimbo	Veloso	Zamora (Y.M.)
Labadlabad	Rama	Vergara	Zubiri
Lagdameo (J.M.)	Recto		
Lagdameo (M.Y.M)	Remulla	With 250 Members present during the Roll Call, the	
Lagon (D.)	Revilla (B.)	Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix)	
Lagon (S.)	Revilla (R.J.)	DEFERMENT OF APPROVAL OF JOURNAL	
Lara	Rivera	On further motion of Representative Defensor,	
Lazatin	Robes	there being no objection, the Body deferred the	
Legacion	Rodriguez (E.)	approval of the Journal of the previous session.	
Legazpi	Rodriguez (M.)	REFERENCE OF BUSINESS	
Leviste	Rodriguez (R.)	Whereupon, on motion of Representative Defensor,	
Libanan	Roman	there being no objection, the Body proceeded with the	
Lopez	Romualdez (A.J.)	Reference of Business.	
Loria	Romualdez (F.M.)	Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General	
Loyola	Romualdez (Y.M.)	read the titles of the following Bills and Resolutions on	
Luistro	Romualdo	First Reading as filed, Communication, and Committee	
Lumayag	Romulo	Reports, which were referred to the appropriate	
Macasaet	Roque	committees indicated hereunder:	
Maceda	Sagarbarria	BILLS ON FIRST READING	
Madrone	Sakaluran	House Bill No. 9079, titled:	
Malapitan	Salceda	AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT	
Mangudadatu	Salvacion	NO. 8293, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE	
Maniquiz	Salvador	INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CODE OF	
Marañon	Salvame	THE PHILIPPINES, TO ALLOW THE	
Marcoleta	San Fernando	REGISTRATION OF NON-VISIBLE MARKS,	
Marcos	Santos (M.A.)	AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES	
Marquez	Shimura	By Representative Dalog	
Mastura	Singson (R.)	TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY	
Matibag	Singson-Meehan	House Bill No. 9080, titled:	
Mendoza	Suan	AN ACT TO CREATE A HEALTHY FOOD	
Mercado	Suansing (M.A.)	ENVIRONMENT BY REQUIRING FRONT-	
Mercado-Revilla	Suntay	OF-PACKAGE WARNING LABELS FOR	
Miraflores	Tallado	FOOD HIGH IN FAT, SODIUM, OR SUGAR	
Montes	Tan (A.)	AND REGULATING THE MARKETING OF	
Nazal	Tan (J.)	SUCH FOOD TO CHILDREN	
Nolasco	Tan (K.M.)	By Representative Aquino-Magsaysay	
Oaminal (H.)	Tarriela	TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE	
Oaminal (S.F.)	Tereng	COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN	
Olivarez	Teves		
Ongchuan	Tiangco		
Oreta	Tieng		
Ortega	Tinio		
Ouano-Dizon	Tuan		
Panaligan	Tulfo (J.)		
Pancho	Tulfo (R.W.)		

House Bill No. 9081, titled:

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 3 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11210, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “EXPANDED MATERNITY LEAVE LAW”, BY PROVIDING ADDITIONAL MATERNITY LEAVE BENEFITS TO WOMEN DIAGNOSED WITH POSTPARTUM DEPRESSION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Recto

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 9082, titled:

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN ALL GOVERNMENT HEALTH FACILITIES, INTEGRATING PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT IN THE FIRST 1,000 DAYS PROGRAM, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Recto

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 9083, titled:

AN ACT ABOLISHING THE OPTICAL MEDIA BOARD, REPEALING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 9239, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “OPTICAL MEDIA ACT OF 2003,” TRANSFERRING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS, ASSETS, AND PERSONNEL TO THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Suan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION

House Bill No. 9084, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL REGISTRY SYSTEM, PROVIDING FOR ITS GOVERNANCE, INTEROPERABILITY, AND DATA SHARING MECHANISMS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Montes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 9085, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE SYSTEM, PROVIDING FOR AN EMERGENCY OIL PRICE STABILIZATION

MECHANISM, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND STRENGTHENING NATIONAL ENERGY SECURITY

By Representative Montes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 9086, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROMOTION AND ACCELERATION OF HOUSEHOLD SOLAR ADOPTION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Montes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 9087, titled:

AN ACT PROMOTING THE DEVELOPMENT AND UTILIZATION OF SOLAR ENERGY IN ALL NATIONAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS AND OFFICES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Montes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 9088, titled:

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE SUGAR INDUSTRY BY EXPANDING THE MANDATE AND COMPOSITION OF THE SUGAR REGULATORY ADMINISTRATION, RATIONALIZING THE ALLOCATION OF THE SUGAR INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT FUND, AND INSTITUTIONALIZING SYSTEMS FOR TRADE REMEDIES AND CLIMATE ADAPTATION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 18, SERIES OF 1986, AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10659, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SUGARCANE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2015, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Benitez (Javier Miguel)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 9089, titled:

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

By Representatives Tereng and Garcia (Dante)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 9090, titled:

AN ACT CRIMINALIZING ECOCIDE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE COMMISSION THEREOF

By Representatives Tereng and Garcia (Dante)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 9091, titled:

AN ACT GUARANTEEING UNIVERSAL AND FREE ACCESS TO PERIOD PRODUCTS AND OTHER REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH ITEMS, STRENGTHENING AND EXPANDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10354, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH ACT OF 2012, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Lagbas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 9092, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES FRESHWATER FISH AND MARINE HATCHERY IN BARANGAY PANGASIHAN, CITY OF GINGOOG, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Lagbas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 9093, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES FRESHWATER FISH AND MARINE HATCHERY IN BARANGAY POBLACION, MUNICIPALITY OF SALAY, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Lagbas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 9094, 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 Lagbas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

House Bill No. 9095, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES FRESHWATER FISH AND MARINE HATCHERY IN BARANGAY POBLACION, MUNICIPALITY OF TALISAYAN, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Lagbas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 9096, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES FRESHWATER FISH AND MARINE HATCHERY IN BARANGAY CABUBUHAN, MUNICIPALITY OF MAGSAYSAY, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Lagbas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 9097, titled:

AN ACT UPGRADING THE FIRST MISAMIS ORIENTAL GENERAL HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MEDINA, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, TO A LEVEL II GENERAL HOSPITAL, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS PERSONNEL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11565

By Representative Lagbas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 9098, titled:

AN ACT DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAGSAYSAY, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL AS THE HAWKSBILL TURTLE CAPITAL OF THE PHILIPPINES

By Representative Lagbas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 9099, titled:

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE ANTI-DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING ACT OF 2013, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10586, AND PROVIDING STIFFER PENALTIES THEREFOR

By Representative Gomez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 9100, 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 Soriano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 9101, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE
AND RESPONSIVE CIVIL REGISTRATION
AND VITAL STATISTICS SYSTEM,
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Soriano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY
RELATIONS

House Bill No. 9102, titled:

AN ACT GRANTING A FIFTY PERCENT (50%)
DISCOUNT FROM FUNERAL SERVICES TO
INDIGENT FAMILIES AND FREE FUNERAL
SERVICES TO EXTREMELY POOR
FAMILIES NATIONWIDE, APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

By Representative Soriano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 9103, titled:

AN ACT PENALIZING THE ACT OF WAGE
THEFT BY AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE
ARTICLES 87 AND 116 OF PRESIDENTIAL
DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR
CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

By Representative Soriano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 9104, titled:

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

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

House Bill No. 9105, titled:

AN ACT EXPANDING THE GROUNDS FOR
ANNULMENT OF MARRIAGE AND LEGAL
SEPARATION, UNDER ARTICLES 45 AND
55 AND OTHER RELATED PROVISIONS
UNDER ARTICLES 46, 48, 55, AND 57 OF
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209, OR THE
FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Abante
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 9106, titled:

AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 40, 43(f)
AND 60 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9136,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “ELECTRIC
POWER INDUSTRY REFORM ACT OF 2001
OR EPIRA”, TO PROHIBIT THE RECOVERY
OF SYSTEM LOSSES FROM CONSUMERS
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representatives Oducado and Hernandez
(Charisse Anne)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 9107, titled:

AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN
PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 10659, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
“SUGARCANE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT
ACT OF 2015,” TO MODERNIZE AND TO
FACILITATE COMPETITIVENESS OF THE
SUGAR INDUSTRY

By Representative Dimacuja
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 981, titled:

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE
ON ENERGY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY,
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 9513, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
“RENEWABLE ENERGY ACT OF 2008”,
WITH THE END VIEW OF ENHANCING
AND STRENGTHENING THE COUNTRY’S
EXPLORATION, DEVELOPMENT,
PROMOTION, AND UTILIZATION OF
RENEWABLE ENERGY

By Representative Montes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 982, titled:

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE
ON ENERGY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY,
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE
COLLECTION, UTILIZATION, STATUS,
AND IMPACT OF THE LIFELINE RATE,
FEED-IN TARIFF ALLOWANCE (FIT-ALL),
AND THE GREEN ENERGY AUCTION
RESERVE ALLOWANCE (GEA-ALL)
WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENSURING
TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY
IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THESE FUNDS;
ASSESSING THEIR EFFECTIVENESS IN
PROMOTING RENEWABLE ENERGY

DEVELOPMENT AND LOWERING
ELECTRICITY COSTS; RECOMMENDING
LEGISLATIVE MEASURES TO
STRENGTHEN OVERSIGHT, IMPROVE
FUND UTILIZATION, AND SAFEGUARD
CONSUMER WELFARE

By Representative Montes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 983, titled:

A RESOLUTION URGING THE PHILIPPINE
STATISTICS AUTHORITY (PSA) TO
EXPEDITE THE FULL ROLLOUT AND
DISTRIBUTION OF THE PHILIPPINE
IDENTIFICATION (PHILID) CARD AND
DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE
COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN
AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE DELAYS
IN ITS ISSUANCE DESPITE STATUTORY
MANDATES AND SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC
EXPENDITURES

By Representative Poe
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 985, titled:

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND
COMMENDING MS. BEA MILLAN-
WINDORSKI OF THE PROVINCE OF LA
UNION, FOR BEING CROWNED MISS
UNIVERSE PHILIPPINES 2026

By Representative Ortega
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 986, titled:

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE
COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT
AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY AND
OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES
OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN
AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PHILIPPINE
IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM (PHILSYS) BY
THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY
(PSA), TO INVESTIGATE THE DELAYS
AND CHALLENGES IN THE PRINTING,
PRODUCTION, AND DELIVERY OF THE
PHYSICAL PHILIPPINE IDENTIFICATION
(PHILID) CARDS, AND TO RECOMMEND
REMEDIAL MEASURES TO ENSURE
ITS FULL, EFFICIENT, AND TIMELY
IMPLEMENTATION

By Representative Pumaren
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 987, titled:

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE
ON WAYS AND MEANS AND THE
COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT
TO CONDUCT, JOINTLY OR SEPARATELY,
AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION,
INTO THE TAXATION PRACTICES OF
ASEANA BUSINESS PARK ESTATE
ASSOCIATION INC., A NON-STOCK, NON-
PROFIT CORPORATION, TO DETERMINE
POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS OF PHILIPPINE
TAXATION LAWS

By Representative Adiong
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 988, titled:

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE
APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO
CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF
LEGISLATION, INTO THE ALLEGED
IRREGULARITIES, GRAFT, AND
MISCONDUCT INVOLVING OFFICIALS OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
(DOTr) IN CONNECTION WITH THE
STRADCOM CORPORATION CONTRACT,
WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENSURING
TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND
THE PROTECTION OF PUBLIC INTEREST
IN GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

By Representative Oducado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMUNICATION

Letter dated April 29, 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
a duly certified copy of Circular Letter
No. CL-2026-019 dated 17 April 2026.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL
INTERMEDIARIES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Report No. 262, submitted by the
Committee on Transportation and the Committee
on Appropriations on H.B. No. 9150, titled:

AN ACT UPGRADING THE DISTRICT OFFICE
OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE
IN THE CITY OF IRIGA, PROVINCE OF
CAMARINES SUR, FROM A CLASS "D"

TO A CLASS “B” DISTRICT OFFICE, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
recommending its approval in substitution of House
Bill No. 2863

Sponsors: Representatives Pumaren, Suansing
(Mikaela Angela) and Villafuerte (Miguel Luis)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 263, submitted by the
Committee on Transportation and the Committee
on Appropriations on H.B. No. 9151, titled:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE EXTENSION
OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY
OF SABLAYAN, PROVINCE OF
OCCIDENTAL MINDORO TO A REGULAR
DISTRICT OFFICE, AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR

recommending its approval in substitution of House
Bill No. 3602

Sponsors: Representatives Pumaren, Suansing
(Mikaela Angela) and Tarriela
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 264, submitted by the
Committee on Transportation and the Committee
on Appropriations on H.B. No. 9152, titled:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE EXTENSION
OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
GUIUAN, PROVINCE OF EASTERN SAMAR
INTO A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

recommending its approval in substitution of House
Bill No. 4630

Sponsors: Representatives Pumaren, Suansing
(Mikaela Angela), Gonzales (Christopher Sheen)
and Libanan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 265, submitted by the
Committee on Transportation and the Committee
on Appropriations on H.B. No. 9153, titled:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE EXTENSION
OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY
OF CANDELARIA IN THE PROVINCE OF
QUEZON INTO A REGULAR DISTRICT
OFFICE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

recommending its approval in substitution of House
Bill No. 5105

Sponsors: Representatives Pumaren, Suansing
(Mikaela Angela) and Suarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 266, submitted by the
Committee on Transportation and the Committee
on Appropriations on H.B. No. 9154, titled:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAND
TRANSPORTATION OFFICE EXTENSION
OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN
AGUSTIN, PROVINCE OF ROMBLON
INTO A REGULAR DISTRICT OFFICE AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

recommending its approval in substitution of House
Bill No. 4152

Sponsors: Representatives Pumaren, Suansing
(Mikaela Angela) and Madrona
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 267, submitted by the
Committee on Transportation and the Committee
on Appropriations on H.B. No. 9155, titled:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAND
TRANSPORTATION OFFICE EXTENSION
OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ROXAS,
PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO INTO
A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

recommending its approval in substitution of House
Bill No. 4873

Sponsors: Representatives Pumaren, Suansing
(Mikaela Angela) and Umali
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 268, submitted by the Committee
on Energy, the Committee on Ecology, the
Committee on Appropriations, and the Committee
on Ways and Means on H.B. No. 9157, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL
FRAMEWORK FOR THE DEVELOPMENT,
REGULATION, AND OPERATION OF
FACILITIES UTILIZING WASTE-TO-
ENERGY AND OTHER WASTE TREATMENT
TECHNOLOGIES

recommending its approval in substitution of House
Bills Numbered 1636, 2220, 4054, 4149, 5604,
5834 and 8129

Sponsors: Representatives Alvarez (Jose),
Aumentado, Suansing (Mikaela Angela) and
Quimbo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE DEFENSOR

Upon recognition by the Chair, Representative
Defensor manifested that in relation to the distribution
of copies of Committee Report No. 261 on House
Resolution No. 989, titled: Resolution Setting Forth the
Articles of Impeachment Against Vice President Sara Z.

Duterte, the Secretary General reported that electronic and printed copies of the said Committee Report have been distributed to all Members. Additionally, he said that USB storage devices containing the electronic copies thereof have been made available to the Members. Likewise, he shared that electronic copies of the said Committee Report, House Resolution, and all annexes were sent via email to the complainants, respondent and counsels.

The Chair noted the manifestation of Representative Defensor.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Defensor, the Chair recognized Rep. Isidro T. Ungab on a parliamentary inquiry.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY OF REPRESENTATIVE UNGAB

Representative Ungab inquired whether interpellations were allowed before any motions for the approval of the Committee Report, House Resolution and Articles of Impeachment can be entered. He emphasized that Members who were not members of the Committee on Justice had no opportunity to propound questions, examine witnesses, or test the evidence during the committee hearings and, therefore, must be given a meaningful opportunity to do so in plenary.

Should interpellations be allowed, Representative Ungab sought clarification on the following: 1) the Committee on Justice members designated to respond to the interpellations; 2) whether interpellations will be conducted separately or jointly for the Committee Report, House Resolution, and Articles of Impeachment; 3) the time allotted per interpellator; and 4) whether there is a right of rejoinder or a second round of interpellations. He stressed that the power to impeach is one of the most solemn constitutional powers, and that proceeding to vote without allowing interpellations would raise due process concerns within the House, in the public eye, and in the Senate sitting as an impeachment court. He requested the Chair to rule on these matters before the deliberations proceed.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE DEFENSOR

Representative Defensor affirmed that they are exercising their constitutional duty of the highest order. In response to the parliamentary inquiry of Representative Ungab, he stated that interpellations and manifestations would be allowed from the Minority, Majority, and independent Members. He cited Sections 11, 12, and 13 of the House Rules on Impeachment

Proceedings as the governing rules, and gave the assurance that Members will be afforded due process and given time to ask questions. He further explained that the deliberations would cover both the Committee Report and the Articles of Impeachment jointly, and that the Chair would later outline the specific rules for interpellation, including the manner and time allocation. He then requested that both Representative Ungab's parliamentary inquiry and the response thereto be noted in the Journal, which request was then noted by the Chair.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 261 ON HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 989

Thereupon, pursuant to Section 2, Article XI of the 1987 Constitution, on motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body proceeded with the consideration of Committee Report No. 261 as reported out by the Committee on Justice on House Resolution No. 989, titled: RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH THE ARTICLES OF IMPEACHMENT AGAINST VICE PRESIDENT SARA Z. DUTERTE.

As copies of the Committee Report 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.

REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

The Chair reminded all the Members, media, and guests that the proceedings are being conducted pursuant to the solemn constitutional mandate and duty vested upon the House of Representatives and its Members, in consonance with due process as enshrined in the Constitution and pronounced by the Supreme Court; hence, he enjoined the need to observe proper parliamentary decorum and orderly conduct throughout the session. He stated that Members seeking recognition to speak, interpellate, or make manifestations would be given a minimum of three minutes each, which was non-assignable.

He further stated that offensive, disrespectful, or unparliamentary language, as well as disorderly conduct, would not be permitted, and all manifestations, remarks, interpellations and interventions must remain strictly germane to the resolution under consideration. He further instructed that Members must address their remarks through the Chair and observe the standards of parliamentary courtesy and conduct. He stressed to all

present that demonstrations of approval or disapproval, such as clapping, cheering, booing, or displaying placards, were strictly prohibited. He then requested everyone's cooperation in maintaining silence, order, and the solemn dignity and integrity of the proceedings.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Defensor, the Chair recognized Rep. Atty. Gerville "Jinky Bitrics" R. Luistro, Chairperson of the Committee on Justice, for her sponsorship speech.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE LUISTRO

Representative Luistro initially stated that she is sponsoring Committee Report No. 261, together with House Resolution No. 989, in faithful compliance of their mandate under the Constitution. She said that the Committee on Justice was convened not to determine guilt but to decide whether there were sufficient grounds to endorse the matter to the Senate for trial. She stressed that the impeachment process is a constitutional duty grounded on accountability, the rule of law, and faithfulness to democratic institutions. She thereafter explained that the Committee had conducted an extensive process that included hearings, livestreamed proceedings, and the examination of thousands of pages of records, annexes, financial documents, certifications, and testimonies. She added that the Committee complied with constitutional requirements and the process as required by the Supreme Court, including the one-year bar rule, and considered the arguments of both supporters and opponents of the impeachment. She underscored that the main questions were whether due process was followed and whether there was sufficient evidence to support further proceedings, which she answered in the affirmative.

She enumerated the evidence and allegations that formed the basis of the Articles of Impeachment, including issues involving confidential funds, questionable financial transactions, alleged discrepancies between declared assets and income, allegations of bribery, and statements perceived as threats against high-ranking government officials. She noted that documents from agencies such as the Philippine Statistics Authority, the Commission on Audit (COA), and the Anti-Money Laundering Council (AMLC) had been presented to the Committee, along with records showing financial inflows and outflows over several years. Representative Luistro said that although the Vice President did not personally appear before the hearings, the Committee still examined the

defenses issued by her camp and ultimately reached a unanimous finding of probable cause. She outlined the Articles of Impeachment and pointed out that the allegations involved not only legal and financial questions but also broader constitutional and moral issues concerning leadership, accountability, and public trust. She argued that remarks threatening violence against the country's highest officials could not be dismissed as mere emotional outbursts or ordinary political rhetoric because the words of national leaders carried significant weight and consequences for public stability. She maintained that the case ultimately raised fundamental questions about the kind of conduct, judgment, and leadership expected from those entrusted with the nation's highest offices.

Representative Luistro stressed that the House should not remain silent when questions of accountability, wealth, and the proper conduct of a public official are raised. She emphasized that this is one of the most crucial votes they will cast as a Member of the House, as it would be a vote for the country. She also underscored the importance of explaining the questionable ₱6.7 billion to the public and noted that Vice President Duterte would have the opportunity to explain and present evidence regarding the allegations against her. She further emphasized that the House is seeking continuity in the process, for the Senate to conduct the hearing and let the evidence and due process prevail. Representative Luistro then urged the Body to vote in favor of Committee Report No. 261 and House Resolution No. 989.

On motion of Representative Defensor, the Chair recognized Rep. Paolo Henry M. Marcoleta for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE MARCOLETA

Representative Marcoleta first inquired about the rule, resolution, order or authority that allowed the Committee on Justice to conduct impeachment hearings during the adjournment of session. In response, Representative Luistro explained the differences between the impeachment and the legislative processes in terms of their constitutional basis and governing rules. Thus, she noted that the impeachment process is not affected by the House recess. However, she added that prior to the recess, the Committee on Justice had been authorized by a House Resolution to proceed with its hearings, exercise compulsory process, and even use electronic means in sending notices and documents.

She then reiterated that no rule prohibits the Committee on Justice from conducting hearings during recess.

Representative Marcoleta then sought confirmation on whether there was any document authorizing the Committee on Justice to conduct hearings during the adjournment. Representative Luistro reiterated that she had already mentioned the House Resolution that granted such authority.

REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

At this point, the Chair ordered silence in the Session Hall.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE MARCOLETA (Continuation)

Representative Marcoleta thereafter asked for a copy of the House Resolution.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Luistro, the Chair suspended the session at 4:06 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session was resumed at 4:07 p.m.

REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

Thereupon, the Chair reminded the guests in the gallery to strictly observe silence during the plenary proceedings.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE DEFENSOR

At this point, Representative Defensor requested that the Secretary General be directed to provide Representative Marcoleta a copy of the relevant resolution authorizing the conduct of hearings.

The Chair so directed the Secretary General.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE MARCOLETA (Continuation)

In continuing with his interpellation, Representative Marcoleta cited paragraph 2, Section 3, Article XI of the Constitution to point out that the guidelines stipulated therein referred to the conduct of procedures

during session days, and that there was no mention of the Committee being authorized to conduct hearings during adjournment.

In reply, Representative Luistro read for the record House Resolution No. 892, which allows the Committee on Justice to implement Section 8 of the Rules of Procedure in Impeachment Proceedings and authorizes it to continue the conduct of impeachment proceedings and exercise ancillary powers during recess. Thus, she stressed that the proceedings conducted by the Committee on Justice were within the ambit expressly provided in House Resolution No. 892.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE DEFENSOR

In further assuring Representative Marcoleta that everything was done in accordance with the House rules, Representative Defensor clarified that the previous adjournment was not a *sine die* adjournment; hence, the House could authorize the Committee to conduct hearings during recess when necessary.

REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

At this point, the Chair informed Representative Marcoleta that the time allotted for his interpellation had expired.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE MARCOLETA (Continuation)

Representative Marcoleta next asked Representative Luistro whether the Senate was expected to try the verified complaints or the broader record that developed during its hearings. Representative Luistro explained that the Articles of Impeachment which were approved by the Committee on Justice, and not the impeachment complaint will be transmitted to the Senate and consequently, would be the basis of the impeachment trial.

Representative Marcoleta asked whether all factual allegations contained in the Articles of Impeachment were already included in the verified complaints or their attachments, and whether they were not based solely on testimony or documents later presented during the committee hearings. In response, Representative Luistro confirmed that the Articles of Impeachment were consistent with the contents of the impeachment complaints deliberated upon by the Committee

on Justice. She further explained that under the impeachment rules, evidence may still be considered even if not attached to the complaint, provided that it is relevant to the impeachment complaint.

REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

The Chair again reminded Representative Marcoleta that his time for interpellation had ended.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE MARCOLETA (Continuation)

Continuing with his interpellation, Representative Marcoleta asked whether the Committee had formally amended, required amendments to, or authorized supplementation of the verified complaints to include factual matters that emerged only during the hearings. In response, Representative Luistro maintained that the Committee remained consistent with the contents of the impeachment complaints. She further explained that the Rules of Impeachment allow the consideration of other relevant evidence, even if such evidence was not expressly stated in the impeachment complaint, as long as they are relevant.

MOTION OF REPRESENTATIVE DEFENSOR

Representative Defensor moved to recognize Rep. Robert Nazal for his interpellation.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE MARCOLETA

Representative Marcoleta asked to be allowed to deliver his closing statement.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE DEFENSOR

Representative Defensor said that Representative Marcoleta would have enough time to deliver his manifestation together with the explanation of his vote.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE NAZAL

Recognized by the Chair upon a previous motion of Representative Defensor, Representative Nazal first asked Representative Luistro to confirm whether the supplemental affidavit of Mr. Ramil Madriaga was not attached to the original complaints. While confirming

the same, Representative Luistro explained that the contents of the supplemental affidavit were germane to the allegations in the impeachment complaints. Thus, she said that the Rules of Impeachment allow the Committee to include the same for consideration.

Subsequently, Representative Nazal asked whether the Vice President's Statements of Assets, Liabilities, and Net Worth (SALNs) were attached to the original impeachment complaints. Representative Luistro confirmed that they were not attached, but explained that the Rules of Impeachment allow the Committee to issue compulsory processes for the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents and other related evidence. She further stated that the SALNs were relevant to the allegations involving unexplained wealth and nondisclosure, even if they were not originally attached to the complaints.

In response to Representative Nazal's next query on whether the AMLC report was attached to the original complaints, Representative Luistro confirmed that the report was not attached. However, she explained that the AMLC report was germane to the allegations of unexplained wealth and SALN nondisclosure. She further added that the disparity between the contents of the SALN and the AMLC report had been well established.

Representative Nazal asked whether the respondent, Vice President Duterte, was furnished with a copy of the Report discussing the alleged ₱2 billion Bank of the Philippine Islands glitch. Representative Luistro responded that all documents submitted to and presented before the Committee on Justice were furnished to the concerned parties, including the respondent, as well as to the Committee members and Members of the House. She thus maintained that the Report formed part of the documents transmitted to the respondent.

Representative Nazal clarified that his questions were intended not to prejudice the impeachment case or obstruct the constitutional authority of the House, but to place on record concerns regarding due process. He emphasized that impeachment complaints should be sufficient based on their allegations and supporting documents at the time of filing. He pointed out the need to determine whether the complaints were already sufficiently substantiated upon filing or whether material evidence, such as the AMLC reports, corrected bank data, witness affidavits, COA records, and authenticated videos, had been obtained only during the committee proceedings. Accordingly, he requested that the record

clearly indicate which evidence was attached at the time of filing and which was later acquired, stressing that this was important to the respondent, the integrity of the House, and the impeachment process.

On motion of Representative Defensor, the Chair recognized Representative Ungab for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE UNGAB

Representative Ungab initially asked Representative Luistro to confirm whether no leave was sought and no order had been issued authorizing the complainants to amend or supplement the consolidated complaint after March 16, 2026. Responding thereto, Representative Luistro explained that the Committee on Justice did not amend either the third (Saballa Complaint) or fourth (Cabrera Complaint) impeachment complaints, and that the Committee merely conducted clarificatory hearings and exercised its compulsory powers to aid in determining the existence of probable cause.

Representative Ungab next questioned whether specific pieces of evidence cited in the Articles of Impeachment, such as alleged personal covered transaction reports, were contained in the original verified complaints. He also raised concerns that a Supplemental Affidavit was executed after the respondent had already filed an Answer. Representative Luistro maintained that both complaints alleged unexplained wealth and SALN nondisclosure, and stressed that under the Rules of Procedure in Impeachment Proceedings, relevant and germane evidence may be considered even if it was not available at the time of filing, provided it was relevant to determine probable cause.

Thereafter, Representative Ungab argued that the consolidated Articles of Impeachment were effectively expanded through the inclusion of new evidence and asserted that due process required the respondent to be given the opportunity to reply before plenary consideration. Representative Luistro reiterated the Committee's position that the Rules expressly allow the consideration of subsequently obtained relevant evidence and further stated that the records show that the respondent was consistently furnished notices and afforded ample opportunity to participate throughout the committee proceedings.

REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

At this point, the Chair requested Representative Ungab to wrap up his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE UNGAB (Continuation)

Concluding his interpellation, Representative Ungab said that Representative Luistro's statement conflated two distinct constitutional requirements of due process: the right to participate in proceedings and file pleadings, and the right to be informed in advance and with specificity of the factual allegations to be answered. Citing jurisprudence, he contended that while the Committee afforded procedural participation, it failed to provide substantive notice by introducing post-filing evidence that was not contained in the verified complaints.

In response, Representative Luistro stated that the respondent was duly notified and directed to file an Answer upon the determination of sufficiency in substance, which Answer the Committee was able to receive. She asserted, however, that the Answer raised constitutional issues rather than directly addressing the allegations. She further emphasized that throughout the committee proceedings, the respondent was consistently notified and repeatedly invited to participate after each clarificatory hearing. Thus, she stated that the Committee fully complied with both procedural and substantive requirements of due process.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Defensor, the Chair next recognized Rep. Leandro Legarda Leviste for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE LEVISTE

Representative Leviste first raised the issue of selective justice and stressed that accountability should be applied uniformly. He then asked whether Representative Luistro would support the resumption of the flood control investigations. In response, Representative Luistro maintained that actions concerning impeachable officials were governed by the Rules on Impeachment Proceedings while matters involving non-impeachable officials depended on the nature of the case and the appropriate investigative forum.

Subsequently, Representative Leviste reiterated his question on whether Representative Luistro would support the resumption of the flood control investigations.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE DEFENSOR

At this point, Representative Defensor, upon recognition by the Chair, remarked that while he understood Representative Leviste's concern about pursuing accountability in all matters involving Congress and the government, the former requested the latter not to stray from the Body's deliberations on the Resolution at hand.

Moreover, in response to Representative Leviste's remark that the House did not want to make a statement on whether to resume the flood control investigations, Representative Defensor maintained that the Body would not make any statement outside the deliberations regarding the impeachment complaints.

REMINDER FROM THE CHAIR

The Chair reminded Representative Leviste to confine his questions to the Resolution under consideration.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE LEVISTE (Continuation)

Continuing with his interpellation, Representative Leviste alleged that certain Members received additional maintenance and other operating expenses (MOOE) amounting to ₱2 million or more on March 18, purportedly favoring those who supported the impeachment, and asked whether Representative Luistro had knowledge of this and how much MOOE she received for the year.

Representative Luistro denied the allegation and noted that the matter raised was no longer relevant to the subject impeachment. Representative Leviste stated that he sought to clarify the issue before the Members vote, noting that confirmation had been received that some Members had indeed received the aforementioned ₱2 million.

POINT OF ORDER OF REPRESENTATIVE DEFENSOR

Representative Defensor raised a point of order and stated that Representative Leviste was free to speak his mind after the voting, provided that the latter's remarks remained confined to the subject matter of the Resolution.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE LEVISTE (Continuation)

Thereupon, Representative Leviste relayed Sen. Imee R. Marcos' claim that House Members who would vote in favor of the impeachment would allegedly receive ₱20 million. He stated that the matter should be clarified, as he stressed that public funds should not be allocated based on how Members vote. He further maintained that any such allocation, if it exists, should be applied fairly and uniformly.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE DEFENSOR

On behalf of the Body, Representative Defensor categorically denied the statement made by Senator Marcos and requested Representative Leviste to continue with his interpellation regarding the Resolution.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE LEVISTE (Continuation)

For his final query, Representative Leviste asked whether Members who would vote against the impeachment would lose benefits as a consequence of their vote and stated that the matter should be clarified before the Members cast their votes.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE DEFENSOR

Recognized by the Chair, Representative Defensor, on behalf of the House, categorically denied the allegation but expressed appreciation for Representative Leviste for his pursuit of accountability and transparency.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE LEVISTE (Continuation)

In closing, Representative Leviste expressed his gratitude for putting on record that no Member should lose benefits as a result of how they vote. He then requested the Committee on Accounts and the Department of Budget and Management to release all data on budgetary releases to verify the accuracy of the claims made by Senator Marcos.

**NOMINAL VOTING ON
HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 989 TOGETHER
WITH THE FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS,
AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED
IN COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 261**

Subsequently, there being no other Members who wished to interpellate the Sponsor nor make any manifestation, there being no objection, on motion of Representative Defensor, the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll for nominal voting on House Resolution No. 989. Thereafter, a roll call vote was made.

REMINDER FROM THE CHAIR

The Chair reminded all Members that pursuant to the Rules, the voting process shall not be interrupted by any other business or question. He said that Members who wish to explain their vote shall be recognized after the announcement of the voting results and shall be allotted three minutes each to do so.

**MANIFESTATIONS OF
CERTAIN MEMBERS**

During the voting, Reps. Kaka J. Bag-ao, Percival “Perci” Cendaña, Renee Louise M. Co, Leila M. De Lima, Jose Manuel Tadeo “Chel” I. Diokno, Elago, Dadah Kiram Ismula, Cielo Krisel Lagman, Antonino B. Roman III, Tobias “Toby” M. Tiangco, and Antonio L. Tinio manifested their intent to explain their affirmative vote at the proper time.

Reps. Mark O. Cojuangco, Ramon N. Guico Jr., and Mark Anthony Santos manifested their affirmative votes, while Rep. Elijah Rumbaoa San Fernando expressed his “Yes” vote with strong reservations and his intent to explain the same after the nominal voting. Whereas, Rep. Mauricio G. Domogan stated that he would submit the explanation of his “Yes” vote in writing.

Meanwhile, Reps. Shirlyn L. Bañas-Nogralles, Francisco “Kiko” A. Barzaga, Dale B. Corvera, Rachel Marguerite B. Del Mar, Marcoleta, Nazal, Jesus “Bong” C. Suntay, Kristine Alexie B. Tutor, Ungab, and Julius Cesar “Jay” V. Vergara reserved their rights to explain their negative vote at the proper time while Reps. Karen Hope F. Garcia and Girlie E. Veloso manifested that they will submit a written explanation of their negative vote.

Reps. Roger Gaviola Mercado and Sun Judal Shimura manifested their negative vote.

Rep. Edgar R. Erice abstained from voting and manifested that his privilege speech delivered last Tuesday be registered as his explanation of vote.

Lastly, Rep. Jose C. Alvarez manifested his abstention, while Rep. Audrey Kay T. Zubiri manifested her intent to explain her vote of abstention at the proper time.

REMINDER FROM THE CHAIR

At this point, the Chair again reminded the Body and all persons present in the Session Hall to maintain order, observe proper decorum, and provide respect for parliamentary procedures as the Body continues with the plenary proceedings, especially during the announcement of voting results. The Chair reiterated the prohibition against demonstrations of approval or disapproval inside the Session Hall and galleries, including clapping, shouting, booing, displaying placards, or similar acts, and called for the cooperation of all concerned in preserving the dignity of the House at all times.

RESULT OF VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abalos	Arbison (M.N.)
Abante	Arenas
Acidre	Arrogancia
Acop	Asistio
Acosta	Atayde
Adiong	Bag-ao
Advincula	Balindong
Agarao	Bancoro
Agyao	Barba
Albano	Barbers
Almario (D.)	Baronda
Almonte	Bautista (J.M.)
Alvarez (M.)	Beltran
Amante	Benitez (A.)
Amatong	Benitez (J.M.)
Ang	Bernos (C.)
Angara	Bernos (J.)
Angeles	Biron
Aquino	Bolilia
Aquino-Magsaysay	Bondoc
Arbison (M.)	Briones

Bulut-Begtang	Garcia (A.)	Marcos	Salvacion
Cagas	Garcia (D.)	Marquez	Salvador
Calderon	Garcia (M.A.)	Matibag	Salvame
Calixto	Gardiola	Matugas	San Fernando
Caoagdan	Garin	Mendoza	Santos (M.A.S.)
Cari	Gatchalian	Mercado-Revilla	Santos (M.A.)
Castro	Gato	Miraflores	Soriano
Cayton	Glepa	Momo	Suan
Celeste	Go	Montes	Suansing (B.V.)
Cendaña	Gomez	Nava	Suansing (M.A.)
Ceniza	Gonzales (A.)	Nolasco	Suarez
Chan (J.)	Gonzales (A.M.)	Oaminal (H.)	Tallado
Chua	Gonzales (C.S.)	Oaminal (S.F.)	Tan (A.)
Chua-Tai	Gonzales (R.)	Oducado	Tan (J.)
Chungalao	Gorriceta	Olivarez	Tan (K.M.)
Co	Guico	Ongchuan	Tan (R.M.)
Co-Pilar	Guintu	Ordanes	Tan (S.)
Cojuangco (J.E.M.)	Gullas	Oreta	Tan (S.J.)
Cojuangco (M.)	Gutierrez	Ortega	Tanchay
Collantes	Hernandez (C.A.)	Ouano-Dizon	Tarriela
Cruz (A.)	Hofer-Hasim	Padiernos	Teodoro
Cruzado	Horibata	Panaligan	Tereng
Dalog	Ismula	Pancho	Teves
Daza	Iway	Panotes	Tiangco
De Jesus	Javier	Pascual	Tieng
De Lima	Kho (A.)	Pimentel	Tinio
de Venecia	Kho (E.)	Pleyto	Tolentino
Defensor	Kho (W.)	Poe	Tuan
Degamo	Khonghun	Primicias-Agabas	Tulfo (J.)
Dimacuha	Ko	Pumaren	Tulfo (R.W.)
Dimaguila	Labadlabad	Puno	Tupas
Dimaporo (I.)	Lacson	Quimbo	Ty
Dimaporo (S.A.)	Lagbas	Rama	Umali
Diokno	Lagdameo (J.M.)	Recto	Uy (D.C.)
Dionisio	Lagdameo (M.Y.M)	Regencia	Uy (R.)
Domingo	Lagman	Remulla	Valeriano
Domogan	Lagon (D.)	Revilla (B.)	Vargas
Dy (F.)	Lagon (S.)	Revilla (R.J.)	Vargas-Alfonso
Dy (F.M.C.)	Lara	Ridon	Veloso-Tuazon
Dy (I.P.)	Lazatin	Rivera	Villa
Elago	Ledesma	Robes	Villafuerte (M.L.)
Emano	Legacion	Rodriguez (E.)	Villafuerte (V.R.L.)
Enverga	Legazpi	Rodriguez (M.)	Villarica
Espares	Libanan	Rodriguez (R.)	Violago
Espina	Lopez	Roman	Yamsuan
Estrella	Loria	Romualdez (A.J.)	Yap (E.)
Ferrer (A.)	Loyola	Romualdez (F.M.)	Yap (G.)
Ferrer (J.)	Luistro	Romualdez (Y.M.)	Yatco
Fortes	Maceda	Romualdo	Yu (J.V.)
Frasco	Madrona	Romulo	Yu (J.K.)
Fresnedi	Malapitan	Sagarbarria	Yulo
Fuentebella	Mangudadatu	Sakaluran	Zamora (M.C.)
Galang	Maniquiz	Salceda	Zamora (Y.M.)
Galeos	Marañon	Sali	

Negative:

Aumentado	Macasaet
Bañas-Nogralles	Marcoleta
Barzaga	Mercado
Corvera	Nazal
Dayanghirang	Roque
Del Mar	Shimura
Duterte (H.J.)	Singson (R.)
Duterte (O.V.)	Suntay
Duterte (P.)	Tutor
Garcia (K.H.)	Ungab
Hernandez (R.)	Veloso
Leviste	Vergara
Lumayag	

Abstention:

Alvarez (J.)	Flores
Bocobo	Mastura
Cruz (R.)	Solon
Dagooc	Zubiri
Erice	

With [255] 257 affirmative votes, [26] 25 negative votes, and nine abstentions, on motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Body adopted House Resolution No. 989, together with the findings, conclusions, and recommendations contained in Committee Report No. 261.*

EXPLANATION OF VOTES

The following Members explain their votes:

1. In explaining his affirmative vote, Rep. Bienvenido M. Abante Jr. first commended the Chairperson of the Committee on Justice for her fairness during the impeachment committee hearings. Thereafter, he cited certain verses from the Bible to emphasize the Members' moral responsibility as Congress moves toward the impeachment trial. He stressed that the impeachment process is not about politics, elections, or alliances, but about conscience, duty, and upholding the principle that "no one is above the law." He then explained that the current voting process is not a declaration of guilt, but a commitment to investigate serious allegations through the constitutional process. While he expected the Senate to conduct a fair and impartial impeachment trial, he urged the public to pray for the Senator-judges to be guided by truth rather than political pressure

so that history will judge their decisions accordingly. He then expressed hope that future generations would see that he stood for truth, accountability, and justice.

2. Rep. Jude A. Acidre stated that he voted "Yes" to the impeachment complaint against Vice President Duterte with a heavy heart. He said that after deep personal reflection, he chose not to judge immediately but to act based on hearings, witness testimonies, and documents. Stressing that since the evidence eventually became substantial and overwhelming, he said that it left his conscience with no choice but to support the impeachment. He emphasized that his decision was not political but rooted in duty, accountability, and the rule of law. Representative Acidre maintained that his affirmative vote reflects the principle that no public official is above scrutiny and that public servants must place the country and conscience above personal loyalty.
3. As she voted "Yes" to House Resolution No. 989 and the Articles of Impeachment against Vice President Duterte, Representative Bag-ao stressed that citizens have the right to hear the truth and examine the evidence against government officials; people deserve remedies against abuse, fraud, and dishonesty; and Members of Congress have a duty to uphold the Constitution and democratic institutions. After carefully reflecting on the allegations and evidence presented, she said she could not ignore possible violations of public rights and expressed her belief that the Vice President must answer the serious accusations. Highlighting her Mindanaoan background and familiarity with hardship and inequality, she urged her colleagues to stand firmly for justice, progress, and the protection of truth.
4. Casting her "No" vote, Rep. Maria Vanessa "Van-Van" C. Aumentado, RN explained that her negative vote was guided by commitments to listen to the voice and sentiments of her constituents in the Second District of Bohol.
5. In explaining her "No" vote to the Articles of Impeachment, Rep. Shirlyn L. Bañas-Nogralles affirmed that accountability and transparency remain essential in public service, and that her decision was based on careful consideration of the facts, fairness, and the sentiments of her

*See page 21 of this *Journal* for the correction in the voting result on House Resolution No. 989, together with the findings, conclusions, and recommendations in Committee Report No. 261.

constituents. Stressing that impeachment is an extraordinary constitutional remedy to be used only in the most compelling circumstances, she noted that lowering its threshold could weaken democratic institutions.

While she emphasizes respect for the Vice President's electoral mandate, she said that she also contemplated on the country's economic hardship and public fatigue from political conflict. Continuing the impeachment trial in the Senate, she argued, would not help address citizens' urgent needs but would deepen national divisions. Representative Bañas-Nogralles concluded that the nation needs calm, cohesion, and responsible leadership rather than further conflict.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Sergio C. Dagooc.

EXPLANATION OF VOTES (Continuation)

6. In explaining his affirmative vote, Representative Cendaña stated that initiating impeachment is an extraordinary constitutional duty, not a routine work, and that Congress is simply responding to its mandate to hold public officials accountable to the people. He pointed out that as he was subjected to insults, mockery, online attacks, and legal harassment while performing his responsibilities as a legislator, Congress remains open to scrutiny and committed to uncovering the truth. He further criticized Vice President Duterte for failing to attend the impeachment hearings and was instead traveling abroad. He then stressed that accusations of betrayal of public trust, constitutional violations, bribery, graft and corruption, and other high crimes are serious and deserve proper accountability. He underscored that 69 percent of Filipinos want the Vice President to face these allegations, insisting that lawmakers must not obstruct the people's will. He rejected attempts at intimidation or disruption by Duterte's allies in the Senate, and urged his colleagues to proceed with the trial without delay.
7. Representative Barzaga stated that he was speaking as the youngest Representative and that his "No" vote was an expression of hope for a future free from corruption. He portrayed

Vice President Duterte as the nation's strongest anti-corruption figure, following her exposé of alleged corruption in the 2025 budget involving high-ranking officials, and as the leading presidential candidate for 2028. He criticized the impeachment effort as politically motivated, suggesting that it stems from fear of Vice President Duterte's challenge to entrenched practices. He underscored her credentials as a lawyer and her personal dedication to the people, recalling his own experience of witnessing her commitment in Davao City. He insisted that removing her would waste the nation's future.

8. Representative Co related that her "Yes" vote for the impeachment complaint was a fight for justice and accountability. She recalled the extensive hearings held by the Committee on Justice, emphasizing that evidence strongly points to corruption under Vice President Duterte's leadership. She cited witnesses who testified that the Vice President ordered falsified reports to the COA, official records showing billions of pesos flowing into her and her husband's bank accounts unreported in their SALNs, and verified videos where Vice President Duterte allegedly contracted people to kill her political rivals. She underscored Vice President Duterte's repeated refusal to attend hearings of the Committee on Justice and present her side, contrasting this impunity with the harsh treatment ordinary citizens face for minor crimes. She argued that impeachment is not only about justice but also about ensuring a future where public funds are not misused for personal gain.

Speaking as a representative of the youth, Representative Co stressed that accountability is essential to restore trust in the government and to redirect stolen resources toward alleviating hunger and poverty.

Finally, in reaction to a previous manifestation of another legislator, she declared that he was not the youngest Representative in the House of Representatives.

9. Representative Corvera stated that his "No" vote on the impeachment complaint was rooted in the will of his constituents. This, as he explained that after consulting with the people of Agusan del Norte, he found overwhelming opposition to removing Vice President Duterte.

As their representative, he emphasized his duty to carry their voice into the plenary, framing his vote as an expression of his constituents' collective will.

10. Representative De Lima explained that the Committee on Justice reviewed extensive documents, audit findings, sworn statements, and financial records, ultimately finding probable cause to proceed. She highlighted evidence of misuse of confidential funds, falsified liquidation reports, fictitious identities, and unexplained wealth, stressing that these are not isolated incidents but patterns of abuse of power that require accountability. She stressed that impeachment is neither political persecution nor partisan activity, but a constitutional mechanism of accountability, and that the House must not shirk its responsibility after the Committee's findings.

As an endorser of one of the complaints and active participant in the proceedings, Representative De Lima affirmed her "Yes" vote to uphold the principle that no official is above the law. She stated that the people deserve to know the full truth behind the serious allegations and that the Senate trial must proceed in the name of justice and accountability.

11. Representative Del Mar emphasized that her position reflected the clear will of her constituents in the First District of Cebu. She stated that during the 19th Congress, her district opposed the impeachment of Vice President Duterte, and she affirmed that their stance remains unchanged in the 20th Congress.
12. Voting "Yes" to the impeachment complaint, Representative Diokno argued that clear evidence exists against Vice President Duterte, pointing to billions of pesos allegedly flowing through her accounts despite only millions declared in her SALN, as well as nearly half a billion pesos in confidential funds that she squandered. He framed the impeachment as a matter of justice for ordinary workers, young people seeking honest governance, and all Filipinos weary of corruption. He declared that the House is ready to prosecute and directly addressed Vice President Duterte that she will face accountability in the impeachment court.

13. Representative Elago voted "Yes" to the impeachment complaint which, she said, was

grounded on the broader social and economic struggles faced by ordinary Filipinos. She argued that amid rising fuel prices, inflation, unemployment, demolitions, disinformation, and worsening corruption, accountability at the highest levels of government is essential. She stated that Vice President Duterte betrayed public trust through constitutional violations, graft, and misuse of at least ₱500 million in confidential funds, which she contrasted with the potential social services benefits those funds could have provided.

She cited reports of bribery within the Department of Education (DepEd) and questioned Vice President Duterte's honesty in her SALN, pointing to suspicious transactions flagged by the AMLC. She also criticized Vice President Duterte's repeated absence from impeachment hearings, framing it as a refusal to face the people's demand for accountability. She concluded that the Gabriela Women's Party will not waver in its stand against corruption, dishonesty, and betrayal of the nation, and will vote firmly in favor of the impeachment.

14. Voting "Yes" to the impeachment complaint, Representative Ismula stated that it was grounded on constitutional duty. The Constitution, she said, emphasized that public office is a public trust and that no official stands above it. After reviewing the Committee on Justice's findings, she affirmed that probable cause exists based on the evidence presented. She explained that her vote was not merely political but a fulfillment of the House's responsibility to initiate the impeachment process when warranted by facts. She stressed that due process was afforded to the Vice President throughout the hearings, and that her support was necessary to ensure that the constitutional process could formally begin.

15. Representative Lagman stated that the finding of probable cause by the House Committee on Justice against Vice President Duterte for culpable violation of the Constitution, bribery, graft and corruption, other high crimes, and betrayal of public trust were indubitably derogated from the spirit and very core of her oath of office; therefore, she voted in favor of House Resolution No. 989.

16. Representative Leviste who had voted "No" expressed hope that the Members who did not

vote in favor of the impeachment will not be punished, as this may affect their constituents who rely on budget allocations for their districts. As he urged his colleagues to monitor the release of budgetary allocations to their districts, Representative Leviste called on the House leadership and the government to spare these districts from the consequences of the Members' votes.

17. Representative Marcoleta, who voted against House Resolution No. 989, stated that his vote was not against accountability but in favor of constitutional discipline. He stressed that impeachment is the gravest political remedy under the Constitution and should not depend on shortcuts, spectacle, or evidence obtained through fishing expeditions. He argued that the Committee on Justice conducted proceedings while both Houses were not in session, gathered new evidence, expanded the theory of the case, and built allegations beyond those which the respondent had initially been required to answer.

He also asserted that the disclosure of the AMLC records violated confidentiality rules binding upon it. He further mentioned allegations of additional allowances, incentives, and additional MOOE for those who would vote in favor of the Resolution, while Congress allegedly remained silent on the trillion-peso flood control scam. He likewise maintained that political speech, even if harsh or offensive, should not be considered an impeachable offense without proof of intent.

18. Representative Nazal voted against the Resolution and explained that his vote was for the Constitution, due process, and the principle that impeachment must never become a political weapon. He stressed that impeachment, being the gravest constitutional remedy against an elected official, must be founded on credible evidence and a fair process. However, he argued that several affidavits and documents were not attached to the original complaints and that additional evidence was later obtained to cure deficiencies in the case.

He also questioned the validity of the issues raised in the complaint, particularly those involving the alleged misuse of confidential funds, the AMLC reports, the discrepancies

in the Vice President's SALNs, and the "designated survivor" remark which, according to him, could not serve as sufficient bases for impeachment. Representative Nazal also raised the question as to whether the House could defend the integrity of the impeachment itself, as this would entail political and personal costs and consequences. He said that these were the reasons he voted against the Resolution and that he was voting against procedural overreach, incomplete and selective evidence, and the political weaponization of the impeachment process.

19. Representative Roman stated that he voted in favor of the impeachment based on the evidence presented, which the respondent failed to refute. He further expressed that the Filipino people would have to rely on the Senate to ensure a fair and just impeachment process.
20. Representative San Fernando stated that there were sufficient grounds to support the allegations against the Vice President. However, he also expressed concern that the process used to determine probable cause had been polluted, politically motivated, and questionable. Despite these, he maintained that the Vice President must still be held accountable and given the opportunity to answer the allegations through an impeachment trial. He explained that the trial would provide the proper forum for the Vice President to defend herself and for the public to determine whether she should be held liable.

Representative Fernando also stressed that accountability should likewise extend to those who initiated the proceedings. He remarked that workers and ordinary citizens were neither blind nor ignorant of issues involving alleged corruption, including the reported trillion-peso ghost flood control projects and other controversies involving corruption under the administration. He criticized what he described as the repeated use of government processes against the incumbent administration's political opponents, as well as the prioritization of the impeachment complaints against the President and the Vice President over the passage of measures relevant to Filipino workers, including House Bill No. 8081 or the National Minimum Wage Bill.

On behalf of ordinary Filipino workers, Representative San Fernando called for accountability from all government officials and challenged his colleagues to support the public disclosure of SALNs and the signing of bank secrecy waivers which, he said, he would voluntarily do first.

21. Representative Suntay initially raised concerns over what he viewed as the government's prioritization of the impeachment case amid the economic challenges facing the country. He argued that impeachment was not the only mechanism for holding the Vice President accountable and maintained that the proceedings would not address the country's ongoing crises. He also questioned the purpose of the impeachment and stated that the public perceived it as a conflict between two former allies. He argued that the Committee on Justice did not merely evaluate the complaints but also effectively built the case after they had been filed. He likewise raised concerns about the evidentiary record, questioning the strength and credibility of certain documents and testimonies presented during the hearings including, among others, Mr. Madriaga's testimony, an alleged glitch in the bank records, threat-related charges, and issues concerning the use of confidential funds.

Representative Suntay further stressed that impeachment proceedings should be held to a higher constitutional standard because they seek to overturn an electoral mandate. Citing the number of votes received by President Marcos and Vice President Duterte, he stated that while elected officials are not beyond accountability, Congress must exercise restraint, seriousness, and fairness before attempting to remove a nationally elected official. He added that these same considerations guided his opposition to both the impeachment complaints against President Marcos and Vice President Duterte.

Accordingly, Representative Suntay expressed his opposition to the transmission of the Articles of Impeachment to the Senate and voted "No," citing fidelity to due process, consistency with the rules, and respect for the sovereign mandate of the Filipino people.

22. Representative Tiangco expressed that it was difficult to vote "Yes," considering

the ongoing challenges affecting Filipinos and the House of Representatives' loss of moral authority to conduct an impeachment process amid corruption issues surrounding the institution. However, he pointed out that the House has a constitutional mandate to initiate impeachment proceedings and is bound to act on an impeachment complaint within a prescribed period. Further, while he maintained that the House faced a much larger corruption controversy than the allegations against the Vice President, he emphasized that the impeachment process was not dependent on the amount involved. He then acknowledged the concerns raised regarding the process of acquiring evidence. He also noted the questionable matters, such as the contents of the SALN, that needed to be explained. He pointed out that a "Yes" vote does not constitute a judgment on the accused but would instead allow the process to continue and provide an opportunity for clarification and further investigation. He requested that the House leadership fast-track the passage of measures that would directly benefit the people; and that the relevant agencies hold those involved in corruption issues accountable, particularly the principal actors, and build strong cases against them.

23. Representative Tinio stated that there was sufficient basis to conclude that the Vice President misused ₱612.5 million in confidential funds entrusted to the Office of the Vice President and the DepEd. He alleged that the spending was delegated to unauthorized individuals, thereby rendering the reported accomplishments and receipts unreliable and resulting in the COA's disallowance of at least ₱448 million. He further asserted that there was sufficient evidence of unexplained and undeclared wealth, citing discrepancies between the Vice President's declared net worth in her SALNs and reported financial transactions amounting to several billions of pesos. He additionally referred to issues relating to alleged threats and acts of intimidation. He thus voted "Yes."

24. Representative Tutor stated that her "No" vote reflected the voice of her constituents in the Third District of Bohol, sharing that she extensively consulted with them and that the decision represented the overwhelming

majority. She emphasized that her vote was guided by her constituents' call to prioritize other urgent concerns amid the prevailing crisis, and reiterated her commitment to upholding democratic institutions while ensuring that government efforts remain focused on issues that directly affect people's lives.

25. Explaining his "No" vote, Representative Vergara expressed belief that the House of Representatives should prioritize the more urgent and pressing concerns of the people, such as food security, rising prices of basic goods, and the country's growing national debt. He said that the impeachment would divert time and draw attention from addressing everyday hardships faced by Filipinos and would not alleviate issues such as hunger, poverty, and the rising cost of living. He also rejected insinuations that Members were influenced by money as he stressed the House's independence and collegiality. Lastly, he urged future generations of lawmakers to place the nation's welfare above personal interests.
26. Representative Ungab explained that his negative vote was not intended to shield anyone from accountability but to uphold the integrity of the impeachment process and ensure fairness. He argued that the impeachment case materially changed after the Vice President already filed her consolidated answer, and stressed that new affidavits, financial data, and documentary evidence were introduced into the consolidated Articles of Impeachment without giving the respondent a formal opportunity to respond. He further said that the consolidated Articles effectively transformed the original verified complaints into a new and expanded case, raising serious due process concerns and exposing the House of Representatives to possible findings of grave abuse of discretion. Emphasizing that his vote was not a determination of guilt or innocence, Representative Ungab stated that Committee Report No. 261 and House Resolution No. 989 failed to meet constitutional standards of fairness and notice. Thus, in deference to the Constitution and the credibility of

impeachment as an accountability mechanism, he voted "No."

27. Representative Zubiri explained that she chose to abstain from voting in order not to prejudice or preempt the independent judgment of her husband, Sen. Juan Miguel Zubiri, who will serve as a Senator-judge during the impeachment trial.

CORRECTION OF VOTING RESULTS ON HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 989

At this point, the Chair, as informed by the Secretariat, corrected the results of the nominal voting on House Resolution No. 989 as follows: affirmative votes should be 257 instead of "255," negative votes should be 25 instead of "26," and abstentions remained at nine.

ENDORSEMENT TO THE SENATE OF THE IMPEACHMENT COMPLAINT

On motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Chair directed the endorsement to the Senate of the Resolution setting forth the Articles of Impeachment, together with all the annexes, pursuant to the Rules of the House on Impeachment Proceedings. Accordingly, the Secretary General was directed to prepare and transmit the same to the Senate for appropriate action in accordance with the Constitution and Rules of the House.

Thereafter, on another motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to furnish the respondent, complainants, and the counsels copies of the Committee Report and House Resolution, including its annexes, as soon as the Articles of Impeachment are transmitted to the Senate.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Defensor, there being no objection, the Chair suspended the session until three o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, May 12, 2026.

It was 6:39 p.m. of Monday, May 11, 2026.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:00 p.m. of Tuesday, May 12, 2026, the session was resumed with Deputy Speaker Kristine Singson-Meehan presiding.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Johanne Monich G. Bautista, 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, Messages from the Senate, Subpoena Duces Tecum, and Committee Reports, which were referred to the appropriate committees indicated hereunder:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 9108, titled:

AN ACT REVISING THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT, STRENGTHENING ANIMAL WELFARE STANDARDS BY ESTABLISHING AN ANIMAL WELFARE BUREAU UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Aquino-Magsaysay
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 9109, titled:

AN ACT SEGREGATING PARCELS OF LAND LOCATED AT PIDAWAN, ONGASAN BARANGAY LOAKAN PROPER, BAGUIO CITY FROM MILITARY RESERVATION OF PROCLAMATION 2405 AND CONVERTING THEM INTO ALIENABLE AND DISPOSABLE PUBLIC LAND AND DECLARING THE SAME OPEN FOR THE DISPOSITION TO BONA FIDE QUALIFIED OCCUPANTS AND/OR APPLICANTS UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 730 OR REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10023

By Representative Domogan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 9110, titled:

AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL CREATIVE INDUSTRIES INVESTMENT PROGRAM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

House Bill No. 9111, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES TO OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS INVESTING IN BUSINESS IN THE PHILIPPINES

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 9112, titled:

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PHILHEALTH OUTPATIENT COVERAGE ON DIALYSIS AND RENAL REPLACEMENT THERAPY, 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. 9113, titled:

AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7796, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE TESDA ACT OF 1994 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION

House Bill No. 9114, titled:

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE CREATION OF ECONOMIC AND INVESTMENT PROMOTION OFFICER IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 9115, titled:

AN ACT MANDATING THE INSURANCE OF ALL GOVERNMENT PROPERTIES AND

INTEREST WITH THE GOVERNMENT
SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM (GSIS),
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES
AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 9116, titled:

AN ACT GRANTING HAZARD PAY TO
WORKERS IN CRITICAL INDUSTRIES
DURING A STATE OF CALAMITY OR
EMERGENCY OR PUBLIC HEALTH
EMERGENCY

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 9117, titled:

AN ACT INCREASING THE ALLOWANCES
OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS, GRANTING
HONORARIA AND OTHER BENEFITS TO
THE BARANGAY WORKERS WHO HAVE
SERVED FOR AT LEAST ONE (1) YEAR,
AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE, THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 9118, titled:

AN ACT INTEGRATING ALL THE PROVINCIAL
AND SUB-PROVINCIAL JAILS WITHIN
THE JURISDICTION OF THE BUREAU OF
JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 6975, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990,
AS AMENDED

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 9119, titled:

AN ACT MANDATING THE DEPLOYMENT
OF LICENSED ALLIED HEALTH
PROFESSIONALS TO GEOGRAPHICALLY
ISOLATED AND DISADVANTAGED AREAS

(GIDAs) AND UNDERSERVED REGIONS
AND PROVIDING INCENTIVES THEREFOR

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 9120, titled:

AN ACT DECLARING THE PHILIPPINE
MAHARLIKA HIGHWAY AS THE
NATIONAL FOOD HIGHWAY, PROVIDING
AN INTEGRATED SYSTEM FOR THE
PROCESSING, STORAGE, TRANSPORT,
DISTRIBUTION, AND MONITORING OF
FOOD PRODUCTS, AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 9121, titled:

AN ACT MANDATING THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITY
AFFAIRS OFFICES (PDAOs) IN ALL
LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, FURTHER
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 40
OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, AS AMENDED
BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10070, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS AN ACT ESTABLISHING
INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISM TO ENSURE
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMS
AND SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES IN EVERY PROVINCE

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

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES

House Bill No. 9122, titled:

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

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION

House Bill No. 9123, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE LEGAL
FRAMEWORK AND MECHANISMS

FOR THE CREATION, OPERATION, ADMINISTRATION, AND COORDINATION OF SPECIAL AGRICULTURAL GROWTH ZONES IN THE PHILIPPINES, CREATING FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE PHILIPPINE AGRICULTURAL GROWTH ZONE AUTHORITY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 9124, titled:

AN ACT CREATING IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION THE PLANTILLA POSITIONS OF GUIDANCE COUNSELORS IN EVERY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND ADDITIONAL PLANTILLA POSITIONS OF GUIDANCE COUNSELORS FOR HIGH SCHOOL, INCREASING THE SALARIES OF GUIDANCE COUNSELORS AND GUIDANCE-RELATED POSITIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 9125, titled:

AN ACT UPGRADING ALL PROVINCIAL AND DISTRICT HOSPITALS BY PROVIDING MODERN MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, AMBULANCE SERVICES, AND ESTABLISHING SPECIALTY 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 HEALTH

House Bill No. 9126, titled:

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE ANIMAL WELFARE PROTECTION BY INCREASING THE PENALTIES PRESCRIBED THEREIN, AND BY BANNING THOSE CONVICTED OF ANIMAL CRUELTY FROM OWNING ANY KIND OF ANIMALS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SPECIFIC SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8485, AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10631, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT OF 1998"

By Representative Almario (Cheeno Miguel)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 9127, titled:

AN ACT CREATING A NEW MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT ("MTC") FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF JIMENEZ, SITUATED IN THE PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL, IN THE TENTH JUDICIAL REGION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980," AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representatives Oaminal (Henry), Almonte and Oaminal (Sancho Fernando)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 9128, titled:

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 7305, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MAGNA CARTA OF PUBLIC HEALTH WORKERS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

House Bill No. 9129, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MAGNA CARTA OF PRIVATE HEALTH WORKERS

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

House Bill No. 9130, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL FINANCIAL INCLUSION AND MSME CREDIT ACCESS PROGRAM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

House Bill No. 9131, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE RIGHTS, CARE, AND INTEGRATION OF PERSONS WITH AUTISM, CREATING THE INTER-AGENCY COUNCIL ON AUTISM, INSTITUTING A NATIONAL AUTISM CARE PLAN, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Daza
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

House Bill No. 9132, titled:

AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION, DEFINING ITS MANDATE,

POWERS, AND FUNCTIONS, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Recto

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

House Bill No. 9133, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BUREAU OF
HALAL INDUSTRY, MANDATING THE
INCLUSIVITY OF HALAL CERTIFICATIONS
IN FOOD, CONSUMER PRODUCTS,
HEALTHCARE, AND SERVICES AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 9134, titled:

AN ACT EXCLUDING SYSTEMS LOSSES FROM
VALUE-ADDED TAXES (VAT) IN THE
SALE OF ELECTRICITY TO RESIDENTIAL
HOUSEHOLD CONSUMERS

By Representatives Cendaña, Diokno, Ismula and
Bag-ao

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 9135, titled:

AN ACT STRENGTHENING AND EXPANDING
THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS HALL OF FAME,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 8757, ENTITLED “AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS
HALL OF FAME AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Dy (Faustino Michael Carlos)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS
DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 9136, titled:

AN ACT EXEMPTING DRUGS AND
MEDICINES PRESCRIBED FOR
MENTAL HEALTH CONDITION FROM
VALUE-ADDED TAX (VAT)

By Representative Acop

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 9137, titled:

AN ACT PROMOTING MENTAL HEALTH AND
WELL-BEING IN THE WORKPLACE AND
INSTITUTING MEASURES TO PREVENT
BURNOUT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Acop

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 9138, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL
YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH AND DIGITAL
WELLBEING PROGRAM, PROVIDING
MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
IN SCHOOLS, REGULATING
HARMFUL DIGITAL PRACTICES, AND
STRENGTHENING EARLY INTERVENTION
FOR FILIPINO STUDENTS

By Representative Acop

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

House Bill No. 9139, titled:

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING POLITICAL
PARTY DEVELOPMENT AND
GOVERNANCE, ENSURING INTERNAL
DEMOCRACY AND ACCOUNTABILITY,
PROHIBITING POLITICAL TURNCOATISM,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representatives Acidre, Teves, Mendoza, Abalos,
Aquino-Magsaysay, Arbison (Munir Jr.),
Bernos (Ching), Briones, Espares, Legazpi, Poe,
Lopez, Ordanes, Tan (Aiman), Soriano, Yatco,
Oaminal (Henry), Macasaet and Oducado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL
REFORMS

House Bill No. 9140, titled:

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING BUDGET
REFORM THAT WILL ENSURE THE
EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS
FOR ALL MUNICIPAL AND BARANGAY
LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS FOR
THE PURPOSE OF IMPLEMENTATION
OF ECOLOGICAL SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2000 (R.A. 9003),
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Teves

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 9141, titled:

AN ACT CREATING A SYSTEM FOR TIMELY
AND SCIENTIFIC-BASED CANCELLATION
OF CLASSES IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE
SCHOOLS

By Representative Teves

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND
CULTURE

House Bill No. 9142, titled:

AN ACT REQUIRING ALL CANDIDATES
FOR ELECTIVE PUBLIC OFFICE TO
EXECUTE A SWORN UNDERTAKING OF

NON-ENGAGEMENT IN GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS WITHIN FIVE YEARS PRIOR TO THE FILING OF CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 881 (OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE), AND SUPPLEMENTING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9184 (GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT REFORM ACT) AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3019 (ANTI-GRAFT AND CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT), AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Teves
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 9143, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GATTARAN, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN, A BASIC COMPREHENSIVE MULTI-SPECIALTY CENTER UNDER THE CAGAYAN VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS THE DR. TOMAS NOLASCO, SR. MULTI-SPECIALTY CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Nolasco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 9144, titled:

AN ACT REDUCING THE VALUE-ADDED TAX (VAT) FROM 12% TO 10%, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED

By Representative Montes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 9145, titled:

AN ACT MANDATING THE ALIGNMENT OF THE NATIONAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NYDP) WITH THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs), REQUIRING THE NATIONAL YOUTH COMMISSION (NYC) TO PUBLISH YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDICATORS, AND INSTITUTIONALIZING SDGs LOCALIZATION FOR YOUTH, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Montes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 9146, titled:

AN ACT MANDATING THE NATIONAL YOUTH COMMISSION TO FORMULATE,

IMPLEMENT, AND MONITOR A NATIONAL YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH STRATEGY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Montes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 9147, titled:

AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 4 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF QUEZON, IN COMMEMORATION OF THE DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF REVOLUTIONARY HERO APOLINARIO DELA CRUZ, POPULARLY KNOWN AS “HERMANO PULI”

By Representatives Montes, Enverga, Tan (Keith Micah) and Arrogancia
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 9148, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE KALINGA PROGRAM TO SHIELD FILIPINO HOUSEHOLDS, WORKERS, FARMERS, FISHERFOLK, TRANSPORT OPERATORS, AND MICRO, SMALL, AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (MSMEs) FROM FUEL-DRIVEN INFLATION, ENERGY SUPPLY DISRUPTIONS, AND ESSENTIAL GOODS PRICE SHOCKS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Escudero
TO THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ENERGY ACTION AND DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 9149, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE OPEN FINANCE FRAMEWORK, ENSURING CONSUMER FINANCIAL DATA PORTABILITY, ENHANCING COMPETITION AND INNOVATION IN THE FINANCIAL SECTOR, STRENGTHENING DATA PRIVACY AND SECURITY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representatives Romualdez (Ferdinand Martin), Romualdez (Yedda Marie), Romualdez (Andrew Julian) and Acidre
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 9156, titled:

AN ACT REDUCING THE VALUE-ADDED TAX (VAT) FROM 12% TO 10%, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 106 (A), 107 (A),

AND 108 (A) OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL
REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED
By Representatives Diokno, Cendaña, Ismula and
Bag-ao
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 9158, titled:
AN ACT MANDATING A 14TH MONTH PAY FOR
EMPLOYEES IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR
By Representative San Fernando
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 9159, titled:
AN ACT PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS TO THE
CONFIDENTIALITY OF BANK DEPOSITS
FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS, AMENDING FOR
THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1405,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “SECRECY
OF BANK DEPOSITS LAW,” REQUIRING
THE DISCLOSURE AND VERIFICATION
OF CERTAIN BANK DEPOSITS AND
INVESTMENTS OF SUCH OFFICIALS,
AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR
VIOLATIONS THEREOF
By Representative San Fernando
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL
INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 9160, titled:
AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL
GROUNDWATER PRESERVATION
AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM,
PROVIDING FOR THE SUSTAINABLE USE,
PROTECTION, AND RESTORATION OF
GROUNDWATER RESOURCES, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES
By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND
HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 9161, titled:
AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL
CENTER FOR COOPERATIVE
DEVELOPMENT IN THE POLYTECHNIC
UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL
EDUCATION

House Bill No. 9162, titled:
AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING AFFORDABLE
FUNERAL SERVICES FOR INDIGENT
FAMILIES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR
By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 9163, titled:
AN ACT MANDATING THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF THE PHILIPPINE ONLINE LIBRARY AND
THE DIGITIZATION OF ALL PRESCRIBED
REFERENCES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION,
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES
By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND
CULTURE

House Bill No. 9164, titled:
AN ACT PROVIDING FOR NATURAL FLOOD
MANAGEMENT AND EROSION CONTROL
MECHANISMS, STRENGTHENING
ECOSYSTEM-BASED APPROACHES TO
DISASTER REDUCTION, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES
By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DISASTER RESILIENCE

House Bill No. 9165, titled:
AN ACT EXEMPTING THE SYSTEM LOSS
CHARGE COMPONENT IN THE SALE
OF ELECTRICITY BY DISTRIBUTION
COMPANIES AND ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVES FROM THE COVERAGE
OF THE VALUE-ADDED TAX, AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 109 OF THE
NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE
OF 1997, AS AMENDED
By Representatives Tinio, Elago and Co
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 990, titled:
A RESOLUTION COMMENDING DR. ERWIN
KEN ANGCUAL PARCHASO FOR
RANKING FIRST IN THE MARCH 2026
PHYSICIANS LICENSURE EXAMINATION
AND FOR BRINGING HONOR TO
LYCEUM-NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY,
DAGUPAN CITY, AND THE PROVINCE OF
PANGASINAN
By Representative de Venecia
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND
PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Resolution No. 991, titled:
A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE
PHILIPPINE MARITIME INDUSTRY
AUTHORITY (MARINA) AND PHILIPPINE
MARITIME ATTACHÉ ATTY. SHARON DE
CHAVEZ-ALEDO FOR THE COUNTRY’S

ELECTION AS CHAIR OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON HUMAN ELEMENT, TRAINING AND WATCHKEEPING (HTW) OF THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION (IMO), AND RECOGNIZING THE PHILIPPINES' LEADERSHIP IN GLOBAL MARITIME GOVERNANCE

By Representative Oducado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Resolution No. 992, titled:

RESOLUTION STRONGLY CONDEMNING THE LIVE-FIRE TESTING DURING THE BALIKATAN 2026 EXERCISES OF A TOMAHAWK LAND ATTACK MISSILE OF THE UNITED STATES FROM TACLOBAN AIRPORT UPON A TARGET IN LAUR, NUEVA ECIJA, BOTH CIVILIAN SITES, IN VIOLATION OF PHILIPPINE SOVEREIGNTY, THE CONSTITUTIONAL STATE POLICY RENUNCIATING WAR AS AN INSTRUMENT OF NATIONAL POLICY, AND INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW PROHIBITION OF THE USE OF CIVILIAN OBJECTS FOR MILITARY PURPOSES

By Representatives Tinio, Elago and Co
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Resolution No. 993, titled:

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE SYSTEMIC FAILURES OF THE NATIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK, IN LIGHT OF LANDFILL INCIDENTS IN CEBU CITY, NAVOTAS CITY, AND RIZAL PROVINCE WITH THE END VIEW OF MANDATING SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE AND RIGOROUS REGULATORY OVERSIGHT

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

House Resolution No. 994, titled:

RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE BASELESS, MALICIOUS, AND IRRESPONSIBLE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST EXECUTIVE SECRETARY RALPH G. RECTO AND GOVERNOR VILMA SANTOS RECTO MADE BY REP. LEANDRO L. LEVISTE

IN HIS PRIVILEGE SPEECH BEFORE THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON MAY 5, 2026

By Representatives Recto, Bolilia, Collantes, Dimacuha and Luistro
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 995, titled:

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE RECENT SURGE IN ELECTRICITY BILLS AND THE IMPACT OF THE LIFELINE RATE SUBSIDY AND OTHER PASS-THROUGH CHARGES ON FILIPINO CONSUMERS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENSURING EQUITABLE, TRANSPARENT, AND SUSTAINABLE ELECTRICITY RATES AND PROTECTING CONSUMERS FROM UNDUE FINANCIAL BURDENS

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

House Resolution No. 996, titled:

A RESOLUTION CALLING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO ALLEGED LABOR VIOLATIONS AND UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICES COMMITTED AGAINST WORKERS ACROSS COMPANIES UNDER THE LOPEZ GROUP, INCLUDING ABS-CBN CORPORATION, SKY CABLE CORPORATION, AND RELATED CONTRACTORS SUCH AS THIRD GENERATION SERVICES INC. (TGSI) AND SOURCETECH SOLUTIONS INC., AND TO DETERMINE ACCOUNTABILITY, ENFORCEMENT GAPS, INCLUDING IN LABOR INSPECTION AND REGULATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT, AND NECESSARY LEGISLATIVE MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN WORKER PROTECTION

By Representative San Fernando
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Message dated May 5, 2026, informing the House of Representatives that on even date, the Senate designated Senators Bam Aquino, Win T. Gatchalian, Camille A. Villar, Joel Villanueva and Alan Peter "Compañero" S. Cayetano as members of the Conference Committee to reconcile the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1981, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PRIVATE BASIC EDUCATION VOUCHER PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6728 OR THE “GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS AND TEACHERS IN PRIVATE EDUCATION”, AS AMENDED;

and House Bill No. 4744, titled:

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

Message dated May 5, 2026, informing the House of Representatives that on even date, the Senate approved the Conference Committee Report on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 5939 and Senate Bill No. 1899, titled:

AN ACT ALLOWING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION THE FLEXIBILITY TO DETERMINE THE PEDAGOGICAL APPROACHES TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE BASIC EDUCATION CURRICULUM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 5 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10533, OR THE “ENHANCED BASIC EDUCATION ACT OF 2013.”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated May 5, 2026, informing the House of Representatives that on even date, the Senate approved the Conference Committee Report on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1937 and House Bill No. 4745, titled:

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC BASIC EDUCATION SCHOOLS IN GEOGRAPHICALLY ISOLATED AND DISADVANTAGED AREAS (GIDA) AND UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM

Pursuant to Section 153, Rule XXIV of the Provisional Rules of the House of Representatives, transmitting the Subpoena Duces Tecum dated April 28, 2026, issued by the Office of the Ombudsman re: FF-C-JAN-26-0057, FF-C-JAN-26-0058 and FF-C-JAN-26-0063.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Report No. 269, submitted by the Special Committee on Creative Industries on H.R. No. 1001, titled:

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE PINOY POP (P-POP) GIRL GROUP, BINI, FOR MAKING HISTORY AS THE FIRST FILIPINO POP GROUP TO PERFORM AT THE COACHELLA VALLEY MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL 2026, AND RECOGNIZING THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE GLOBAL PROMOTION OF FILIPINO TALENT AND CULTURE

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolutions Numbered 930 and 934

Sponsor: Representative Benitez (Javier Miguel)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 270, submitted by the Committee on Flagship Programs and Projects on H.R. No. 1003, titled:

RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT TO GUARANTEE FULL AND SUSTAINED FUNDING IN THE NATIONAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM FOR THE FIFTY-TWO (52) INFRASTRUCTURE FLAGSHIP PROJECTS IDENTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMY, PLANNING, AND DEVELOPMENT FOR COMPLETION DURING THE MARCOS ADMINISTRATION

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolution No. 679

Sponsors: Representatives Garcia (Jose Arturo), Quimbo, Tan (Joseph), Salvame, Amatong, Kho (Wilton) and Zubiri

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY OF REPRESENTATIVE TIANGCO

Upon recognition by the Chair, Rep. Tobias “Toby” M. Tiangco inquired about the nature and title of the subpoena duces tecum from the Office of the Ombudsman.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

However, before the Chair could respond, the session was suspended upon motion of Rep. Alyssa Michaela “Mica” M. Gonzales.

It was 3:21 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:22 p.m., the session was resumed.

REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

In response to a pending query, the Chair stated that the Secretary General will provide Representative Tiangco with a copy of the subpoena duces tecum to which he was referring.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE TIANGCO

Thereupon, Representative Tiangco opined that the subpoena duces tecum should not be included in the Additional Reference of Business and referred to the plenary. He added that since it is an administrative matter, it should be acted upon by the Office of the Secretary General.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At this point, the Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 3:22 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session was resumed at 3:40 p.m.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE BAUTISTA (J.M.)

With the permission of the Chair and in response to the parliamentary inquiry of Representative Tiangco, Representative Bautista clarified that the subpoena duces tecum earlier read was not a referral to the plenary but was simply a notification to the House, in accordance with Rule XXIV, Section 153 of the Provisional Rules of the House of Representatives.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE TIANGCO

Recognized by the Chair, Representative Tiangco noted the explanation made by Representative Bautista (J.M.).

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 141 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 4706

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Gonzales (A.M.), there being no objection, the Body proceeded with the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 4706 contained in Committee Report No. 141 as reported out by the Committee on People’s Participation.

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 AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9418, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “VOLUNTEER ACT OF 2007,” TO DECLARE THE MONTH OF DECEMBER AS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH AND DECEMBER 5 AS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Gonzales, the Chair recognized Rep. Maria Angela S. Garcia, Chairperson of the sponsoring Committee, for her sponsorship speech.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE GARCIA (M.A.)

Representative Garcia presented House Bill No. 4706, which seeks to institutionalize two important national observances: the declaration of December as National Volunteer Month and the observance of December 5 as National Volunteer Day, amending Republic Act (R.A.) No. 9418 or the “Volunteer Act of 2007.” She emphasized that the measure aligns with the globally recognized International Volunteer Day and is timely, given the United Nations’ declaration of 2026 as International Volunteer Year. She highlighted that volunteerism is deeply rooted in Filipino identity and culture, embodied in the spirit of *bayanihan*, and continues to thrive in times of calamity and crisis as well as everyday acts of service despite reports of declining global generosity.

She further noted that the Philippines remains among the countries with high levels of volunteer participation, which reflects the generosity and solidarity of the Filipino people. The government, she added, recognizes the vital role of volunteers in nation-building, with contributions spanning education,

healthcare, environmental protection, disaster response, and community development. She stressed that the proposed measure builds upon earlier proclamations by former Presidents Corazon C. Aquino and Joseph E. Estrada. By institutionalizing National Volunteer Month and National Volunteer Day through legislation, Representative Garcia concluded that the measure will further strengthen the culture of volunteerism in the country, ensure continuity, encourage greater participation, especially among the youth, and honor the invaluable contributions of Filipino volunteers.

Thus, Representative Garcia sought her colleagues' support for the approval of House Bill No. 4706.

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Singson-Meehan relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Janette L. Garin.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4706

Thereafter, on successive motions of Representative Gonzales (A.M.), 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. 4706 through *viva voce* voting.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Upon the request of Rep. Patricia C. Calderon, the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Atty. Gerville "Jinky Bitrics" R. Luistro.

Likewise, upon the request of Rep. Alexandria "Queenie" Gonzales, the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Amado Carlos A. Bolilia IV.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 148 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 8420

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Bautista (J.M.), there being no objection, the Body proceeded with the consideration of Second Reading of House Bill No. 8420 contained in Committee Report No. 148 as reported out by the Committee on Women and Gender Equality.

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 DEFINING TECHNOLOGY-FACILITATED VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN, PROVIDING PROTECTIVE MEASURES, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9262, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "ANTI-VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN ACT OF 2004."

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Bautista, the Chair recognized Rep. Ann Matibag, Chairperson of the Committee on Women and Gender Equality, for her sponsorship speech.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE MATIBAG

Representative Matibag presented House Bill No. 8420, which seeks to amend R.A. No. 9262 or the "Anti-Violence Against Women and their Children Act of 2004" by defining and penalizing technology-facilitated violence against women and children (TFVAWC). She stressed that while technology has brought progress, it has also become a weapon for abuse, allowing violence to follow victims into digital spaces such as phones, social media, and workplaces.

She relayed that the proposed measure recognizes and defines technology-facilitated violence against women and their children committed through digital platforms, data misuse, or other technological means that cause harm. It also recognizes modern forms of digital abuse, including unauthorized sharing of intimate images, artificial intelligence (AI)-generated deepfakes, fake accounts for harassment, cyberstalking, online threats, and digital blackmail; prescribes penalties of *reclusion temporal* and fines ranging from ₱300,000 to ₱500,000; empowers courts to order the removal of harmful content; and provides quicker and more responsive protective mechanisms for victims. She also said that additional provisions include extending paid leave for employed victims from 10 to 20 days and mandating the Department of Justice (DOJ) to safeguard victims' privacy and personal information.

Representative Matibag underscored that House Bill No. 8420 is about human dignity and safety, echoing President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s call during the 70th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women for women's empowerment

and leadership. She noted that the Bill consolidates 10 related measures after years of consultation with advocates, experts, and survivors, underscoring that the time to act is now as violence, whether physical or digital, remains a pressing threat to women and children. She also emphasized that the country's laws must keep pace with the realities faced by its people and that the digital space should serve as a platform for learning, connection, opportunity, and empowerment, not a place of fear, abuse, and silence.

Finally, Representative Matibag stated that passing the proposed measure would help uphold the safety and dignity of women and their children in both physical and digital spaces.

On motion of Representative Bocobo, the Chair recognized Rep. Kaka J. Bag-ao for her sponsorship speech.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE BAG-AO

Representative Bag-ao explained that House Bill No. 8420 seeks to update the VAWC Act by addressing abuses committed in digital spaces. She added that the said measure would serve as a lifeline for women, especially those living in geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas where access to legal protection remains limited.

Citing data from the Plan International Digital Violence Report 2020 and the Philippine National Police, Representative Bag-ao noted a significant rise in cybercrimes against women and children, which often resulted in fear, silence, and social isolation. She said that the proposed measure seeks to address these issues by (1) expanding jurisdiction in the filing of the offense, (2) empowering local support and mandating LGUs, DSWD, and the DOJ to provide needed assistance; and (3) granting the victim-survivors 20 days of paid leave to attend to legal and medical needs. In the end, Representative Bag-ao stressed that the measure affirms that the safety of every Filipina is important and non-negotiable.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Bocobo, the Chair recognized Rep. Renee Louise M. Co for her sponsorship speech.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE CO

Representative Co emphasized the need to strengthen protection for victim-survivors against new forms of patriarchal abuse in the digital age. She noted that when the VAWC Law was enacted in 2004, the internet had not yet become the platform it is today. She further pointed out that at present, technology

has become increasingly weaponized to exploit and oppress women. Despite the enactment of the Safe Spaces Act, she said that the glaring gaps still remain and electronic violence against women had become a serious global issue with harmful economic and social consequences, often involving acts to silence, harass, and control women through information and communications technology (ICT).

Representative Co further explained that House Bill No. 8420 seeks to redefine psychological violence to include acts committed through ICT devices, the use of data and electronic media. She added that the measure also seeks to criminalize unauthorized recording, reproduction, or distribution of intimate content without consent, as well as cyber harassment through malicious messages or fake social media accounts. She said that the measure will also criminalize stalking through GPS tracking and hacking of personal accounts, with penalties of *reclusion temporal*. Representative Co further stressed that genuine rights must be backed by concrete support, which is why the measure included provisions for a 20-day paid leave, a location confidentiality program, and an administrative accountability mechanism to protect victim-survivors.

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Bocobo, the Chair recognized Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago for her sponsorship speech.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ELAGO

Representative Elago emphasized that technological advancement and internet access had created new forms of violence against women and their children. She explained that TFVAW involved abuses committed through social media, messaging applications, AI, email, and smart devices in the form of cyberstalking, harassment, threats, unauthorized monitoring through location data, and other methods that intensified violence and made it more difficult for victims to escape or seek justice.

Then stressing that cyber harassment causes serious psychological harm, including panic attacks, fear, and emotional distress, she said that the Bill sought to increase public awareness, education, and empowerment regarding digital violence against women. Representative Elago further highlighted the Bill's stronger penalties, including *reclusion temporal* and higher fines, as well as court-authorized protection orders for the blocking or removal of harmful online content. She also noted that one of the proposed amendments of the Gabriela Women's Party was to extend the paid leave for victims from 10 to 20 days, with penalties for employers who fail to act on leave applications promptly.

In closing, Representative Elago underscored the importance of continuing support services such as shelters, counseling, rehabilitation, livelihood support, and medical and legal assistance while protecting the victim's confidentiality. She also stressed that the measure was not only a system upgrade for protection but part of a broader call for systemic change and genuine equality.

On motion of Representative Bocobo, the Chair recognized Senior Deputy Minority Leader Leila M. De Lima for her manifestation.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE DE LIMA

Representative De Lima manifested her unwavering support for House Bill No. 8420 or the proposed Expanded VAWC Act, describing it as an urgent response to the growing crisis of TFVAWC. She explained that while technology and digital platforms had become essential parts of daily life, they had also been used as tools for abuse, including psychological torment, sexual harassment, economic coercion, and reputational destruction. She relayed that the measure addresses a long-standing legal gap by formally recognizing and penalizing TFVAWC in light of present-day realities.

She further highlighted the Bill's provisions that expanded the definition of psychological violence to include acts committed through electronic and ICT devices and established stronger mechanisms for protection, accountability, and enforcement. Representative De Lima emphasized the importance of protective orders that would allow the blocking or removal of harmful online content and malicious applications. In addition, she noted that the Bill granted additional leave benefits to victim-survivors during the pendency of protection orders, investigations, and legal proceedings. She concluded by urging the immediate passage of the measure, stressing that the law must serve as both a shield and a protection for vulnerable women and children against the misuse of technology.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 8420

Thereafter, on successive motions of Rep. Bella Vanessa B. Suansing, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the measure, there being no further interpellations; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of committee and individual amendments; and approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 8420 through *viva voce* voting.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Upon the request of Representative Bocobo, the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Deputy Speaker Jefferson F. Khonghun.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Bocobo, the Chair suspended the session at 4:22 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session was resumed at 4:26 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 143 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 8389

On motion of Rep. Gil "KabarangayJr" Acosta, there being no objection, the Body resumed the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 8389 contained in Committee Report No. 143 as submitted by the Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms.

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

AN ACT PROHIBITING POLITICAL DYNASTIES IN NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIVE OFFICES.

Representative Acosta thereafter moved to recognize Rep. Ziaur-Rahman "Zia" Alonto Adiong, Chairperson of the Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms, to continue with his sponsorship of the measure.

QUESTION OF QUORUM OF REPRESENTATIVE ERICE

At this point, Rep. Edgar R. Erice raised a question of quorum and thus moved for a Roll Call of Members.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 4:27 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session was resumed at 4:35 p.m.

CONTINUATION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 8389

Upon resumption of session, the Body resumed the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill

No. 8389 contained in Committee Report No. 143 as submitted by the Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms, titled:

**AN ACT PROHIBITING POLITICAL DYNASTIES
IN NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIVE
OFFICES.**

Subsequently, on a pending motion made by Representative Acosta, the Chair recognized Representative Adiong to continue with his sponsorship of the measure.

**SPONSORSHIP REMARKS
OF REPRESENTATIVE ADIONG**

Thereupon, Representative Adiong expressed honor in sponsoring House Bill No. 8389 and welcomed questions from his colleagues.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Acosta, the Chair recognized Representative De Lima for her interpellation.

**INTERPELLATION OF
REPRESENTATIVE DE LIMA**

Before proceeding, Representative De Lima thanked Representative Erice for withdrawing his question of quorum and for yielding the floor.

Thereafter, Representative De Lima initially raised the fundamental question of whether the Bill actually prohibits political dynasties or merely appears to do so. She expressed apprehension whether the Committee considered and truly listened to the inputs gathered from public consultations, position papers, and several resource persons, including two retired Supreme Court Justices, a former Commission on Elections (COMELEC) Chairperson, and foremost political scientists.

Further, Representative De Lima sought confirmation that there were originally 25 anti-political dynasty bills. Representative Adiong responded that the said number was probably correct, and stated that eight bills were withdrawn as a consequence of the consolidation and adoption of the measure. The Sponsor added that the authors of the said eight bills had likewise withdrawn their coauthorship.

Representative De Lima next asked about the standards for using House Bill No. 6771, the version proposed by Speaker Faustino “Bojie” G. Dy III and Majority Leader Ferdinand Alexander A. Marcos, as the working draft. Representative Adiong explained

that the said version was selected primarily because it had the most coauthors, which the committee believed indicated a higher likelihood of passage. He shared that the adoption of the working draft took into account considerations of practicality and enforceability, particularly the restriction on political dynasties to the second degree of consanguinity or affinity. He also cited COMELEC’s responses, opinions from constitutional experts, and Supreme Court jurisprudence in emphasizing the logistical feasibility of election administration.

Subsequently, Representative De Lima noted the lack of empirical evidence supporting the claim that a fourth-degree prohibition was unenforceable and argued that limiting the ban to the second degree weakens the constitutional intent to dismantle political dynasties. She also criticized the measure for prohibiting only simultaneous holding of office, as she asserted that the absence of a succession ban allows dynastic control to persist. In response, Representative Adiong stated that the framers of the 1987 Constitution did not agree on a specific degree of consanguinity. He also said that regulating rather than absolutely prohibiting political dynasties aligns with constitutional intent and international human rights standards. While he agreed that the right to vote is a fundamental right and the right to be voted upon is a preferential right, he emphasized the need to protect both rights. He further explained that the Bill seeks to prohibit relatives from simultaneously holding positions within the same locality and at the same level of government, particularly within the second degree of consanguinity or affinity, in order to address the monopolization of power without unduly restricting political participation.

Representative De Lima, however, contended that the proposed measure remains insufficient to genuinely curb political dynasties because it allows succession and simultaneous occupation of elective positions across different levels of government and neighboring provinces by members of the same family. She maintained that such arrangements still result in the concentration of political power and weaken the constitutional intent to prohibit political dynasties. She raised concerns about the Bill’s provisions, particularly in Sections 3 and 5 on what she called a “structural flaw”: the classification of positions by separate levels of government rather than by territorial influence and constituency. She argued that such provisions are “engineered blind spot” as they create loopholes that enable families to maintain dominance over the same constituency through multiple offices and, hence, still promote political dynasties.

In reply, Representative Adiong reiterated that the Bill is a reform measure and an initial step toward addressing political monopolies while respecting constitutionally protected political rights and the electorate's freedom to choose their leaders. He emphasized that electoral victory is never guaranteed solely by familial ties and maintained that the proposed measure is designed to prevent abuse of local resources and undue concentration of authority within a single political unit.

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

Representative Adiong maintained that the possibility of political families simultaneously occupying positions in different localities remains speculative since electoral outcomes ultimately depend on the electorate. He pointed out that the structure of government is jurisdiction-based, with each locality possessing distinct constituencies and elected officials exercising authority only within their respective political units. According to him, the proposed measure aims to prevent direct interference by one official or jurisdiction in another's affairs, thereby mitigating concerns about the undue concentration of political power across different areas.

On whether the lack of provision preventing relatives of governors, senators, or congressmen from being nominated as party-list representatives was intentional or an oversight, Representative Adiong explained that the issue of political dynasties in the party-list system was not included in the Bill because it will be addressed in a separate party-list reform measure. Further, he clarified that the party-list system differs from the proposed measure because it elects representatives based on votes for party-list rather than individual candidates.

At this point, Representative De Lima questioned if the Bill is a genuine anti-political dynasty measure, noting that it only regulates the direct filing of candidacies while leaving other pathways to elective office open. In contrast, she pointed out that Senate Bill No. 1901 explicitly bans political dynasties through alternative routes, such as party-list nominations, substitutions, or caretaker designations. Hence, she said that without similar provisions, political families could bypass the law through indirect means, and the proposed measure needs safeguards to close these loopholes.

Representative Adiong relayed that certain issues, such as substitution and other election scenarios, are already covered in a separate measure. He added that differences in provisions between the House and Senate versions can be reconciled during the bicameral conference, and expressed openness to

adopting improvements or amendments to strengthen the measure.

Thereupon, Representative De Lima expressed apprehension about the strength and effectiveness of the proposed measure, given the lack of penal provisions, and stated that, without enforcement mechanisms, it will fail to deter or punish political dynasties and would therefore be weak in achieving its intended purpose. She added that a bill without enforcement is not a law, but merely a simple declaration.

Representative Adiong stated that the same can still be strengthened through amendments, and explained that existing provisions under the Omnibus Election Code already allow the COMELEC to enforce disqualification and other sanctions, while the Bill gives the COMELEC flexibility to issue implementing rules and regulations for enforcement. He then noted that a separability clause ensures that existing laws remain applicable and expressed openness to considering amendments, including proposed penalties, during the Bill's period of amendments.

As her closing manifestation, Representative De Lima maintained that despite the constitutional intent to prevent political power based on family ties, the proposed measure still allows succession, cross-level dynasties, multi-province family control, and party-list participation by political families, while lacking penalties or sanctions. She questioned the true intent of the proposed measure and warned that, while it appears to prohibit dynasties, the Bill may, in fact, make them permanent and legitimate, thereby entrenching them, making future reforms more difficult, and burdening legislators with its consequences for the rest of their political careers.

Representative Adiong noted that many of Representative De Lima's statements did not fully align with the Bill's position. He stated, however, that he acknowledges and respects the latter's perspectives on the matter.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 8389

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Acosta, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 8389.

PRIVILEGE HOUR

With leave of the House, on successive motions of Representative Acosta, there being no objection, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour; and thereafter recognized Rep. Jude A. Acidre for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ACIDRE

Representative Acidre spoke on the urgent need to safeguard democratic discourse in the age of social media. He recalled his earlier call to “disagree better” and highlighted the recent arrest of Mr. Franco Mabanta and several others in an entrapment operations due to alleged extortion attempts against former Speaker Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez. He stressed that while the case must be decided by due process and evidence, extortion disguised as journalism undermines democracy. He drew a sharp line between legitimate criticism and criminal coercion, warning that when social media personalities use accusations as leverage for money, they damage the credibility of genuine journalism and erode public trust.

Representative Acidre then relayed that he and 40 other Members would file a resolution calling for an investigation, in aid of legislation, to examine the standards of conduct for social media commentators who regularly shape public opinion. He emphasized that freedom of expression must remain protected, but truth, fairness, and accountability should be the minimum standards of public discourse. He outlined three principles: truth must guide debate, online platforms must enforce transparency and responsibility, and all actors must accept that free speech does not include coercion.

In closing, Representative Acidre enjoined his colleagues to draw clear boundaries between journalism and extortion, criticism and intimidation, and accountability and blackmail. He urged the public to choose truth over manipulation, accountability over intimidation, and democracy over digital lawlessness, and to disagree better.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ACIDRE

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

On a subsequent motion of Representative Bautista, the Chair next recognized Deputy Speaker Raymond Democrito C. Mendoza for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF DEPUTY SPEAKER MENDOZA

Deputy Speaker Mendoza spoke on the struggles of Filipino workers amid rising inflation and stagnant wages. He pointed out that inflation surged to 7.2

percent in April, which was the fastest in three years, eroding the purchasing power of peso to its lowest level in eight years. He criticized the economic managers for blaming wage increases for inflation, when in fact corruption and mismanagement have dragged gross domestic product growth down to 2.8 percent, which was the weakest economic performance in more than a decade outside the pandemic.

Citing surveys, he noted that wage hikes are the most urgent concern for Filipinos, yet government policies continue to favor corporate interests while ordinary workers suffer. Deputy Speaker Mendoza contrasted the growing wealth of billionaires with the worsening poverty of workers, stressing that the government must act through wage increases, tax relief, price controls, and reforms in key industries.

He appealed to President Marcos to issue clear directives to protect workers’ purchasing power, while warning that failure to act would lead to greater social unrest. Deputy Speaker Mendoza said that even if past administrations had passed laws to improve the living conditions of laborers and employees, many Filipinos remained unemployed or underemployed. He explained that even minimal work had been counted as employment, which did not truly reflect the hardships workers faced. He added that new graduates had continued to enter an increasingly competitive labor market with limited opportunities.

Deputy Speaker Mendoza stressed that accountability also means fighting corruption and government inaction. He stated that the Trade Union Congress of the Philippines had called for higher wages, quality jobs, and better living conditions for Filipino workers, as they deserve security of tenure, humane working conditions, and a living wage.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF DEPUTY SPEAKER MENDOZA

On motion of Representative Suansing (B.V.), there being no objection, the Body approved to refer the privilege speech of Deputy Speaker Mendoza to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Upon the request of Representative Suansing (B.V.), the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Giselle Mary L. Maceda.

Subsequently, on further motion of Representative Suansing, the Chair recognized Rep. Dadah Kiram Ismula to avail herself of the Privilege Hour.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ISMULA

Representative Ismula initially compared China's actions in Sandy Cay to a foreign government raising its flag along Commonwealth Avenue and claiming it as its own property. She recalled personally witnessing China's presence and intimidation tactics in the West Philippine Sea during the civilian mission organized by the *Atin Ito* Coalition. She shared that the mission aimed to support Filipino communities in the Municipality of Kalayaan and to observe the real situation faced by local residents and fishermen.

After describing how Chinese vessels closely monitored their voyage and how their drone-mounted cameras were blocked by Chinese authorities during the peaceful mission, Representative Ismula argued that China had no right to impose its laws within Philippine territory or the airspace of the West Philippine Sea. She criticized China for allegedly imitating their symbolic visit to Sandy Cay by later landing there and displaying the Chinese flag, which she described as a mockery of Philippine sovereignty. She also mentioned that China was spreading false claims that Filipinos were responsible for the environmental destruction happening in Sandy Cay; on the contrary, she said that for years, it was Chinese activities that have caused alleged damage to its coral reefs and marine ecosystems. Representative Ismula also emphasized the hardships faced by Filipino families living on Pag-asa Island, including their limited access to higher education, medicine, and basic goods. She noted that Kalayaan, Palawan local officials had remained firm despite intimidation and sanctions from China.

To strengthen the presence of the Philippines in the area, Representative Ismula urged the government and the House of Representatives to (1) ensure public investments in Pag-asa Island; (2) normalize civilian missions related to the West Philippine Sea and encourage Filipinos to participate in discussions related thereto; and (3) suspend any joint exploration negotiations with China until accountability had been ensured.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ISMULA

On motion of Representative Bautista (J.M.), 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

On motion of Representative Bautista (J.M.), the Chair suspended the session at 6:15 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session was resumed at 6:18 p.m.

TERMINATION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Bautista (J.M.), the Chair suspended the session at 6:18 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session was resumed at 6:33 p.m.

ELECTION OF HOUSE MEMBERS AS PROSECUTORS IN THE IMPEACHMENT TRIAL

In accordance with Section 16, Rule VI of the Rules of Procedure in Impeachment Proceedings of the House of Representatives, on motion of Rep. Mark Anthony Santos, there being no objection, the Body elected the following Members as prosecutors in the impeachment trial against Vice President Sara Z. Duterte:

1. Rep. Atty. Gerville "Jinky Bitrics" R. Luistro
2. Rep. Terry L. Ridon
3. Rep. Ramon Rodrigo L. Gutierrez
4. Rep. Ysabel Maria J. Zamora
5. Rep. Lorenz R. Defensor
6. Rep. Jose Manuel Tadeo "Chel" I. Diokno
7. Rep. Leila M. De Lima
8. Rep. Kaka J. Bag-ao
9. Rep. Jonathan Keith T. Flores
10. Rep. Lordan G. Suan
11. Rep. Joel R. Chua

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Santos (M.A.), there being no objection, the Chair suspended the session until three o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, May 13, 2026.

It was 6:35 p.m. of Tuesday, May 12, 2026.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:00 p.m. of Wednesday, May 13, 2026, the session was resumed with Deputy Speaker Janette L. Garin presiding.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Johanne Monich G. Bautista, there being no objection, the Body proceeded with the Additional Reference of Business.

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the titles of the following Bills and Resolutions on First Reading as filed, Message from the Senate, Subpoena Duces Tecum, and Committee Reports, which were referred to the appropriate committees indicated hereunder:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 9166, titled:

AN ACT INSTITUTING A FERTILIZER SUBSIDY PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representatives Kho (Elisa) and Kho (Antonio)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 9167, titled:

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE FUEL SUBSIDY FOR MUNICIPAL FISHERFOLK, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representatives Kho (Elisa) and Kho (Antonio)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 9168, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE SHARE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS HOSTING PETROLEUM REFINERIES, LARGE-SCALE PETROLEUM DEPOTS, LARGE-SCALE LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS TERMINALS, AND FOSSIL-FUEL RELATED FACILITIES IN THE EXCISE TAXES, CUSTOMS DUTIES, AND OTHER NATIONAL TAXES COLLECTED ON PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS, AND COAL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Garcia (Albert)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 9169, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MAGNA CARTA OF BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS

By Representative Garcia (Albert)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 9170, titled:

AN ACT GRANTING BENEFITS TO FILIPINO SEPTUAGENARIANS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11982, WHICH AMENDED REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10868, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "CENTENARIANS ACT OF 2016," AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative De Lima
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 9171, titled:

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SELLING AND/OR BUYING OF ADMISSION TICKETS THROUGH UNAUTHORIZED SALES CHANNELS, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative De Lima
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 9172, titled:

AN ACT INCREASING THE INCOME TAX EXEMPTION CEILING FOR INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYERS TO FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND PESOS (P480,000.00) ANNUALLY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 24(A)(2)(a) and (b) OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED

By Representative De Lima
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 9173, titled:

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD) SUPPORT FOR NURSES, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

House Bill No. 9174, titled:

AN ACT STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY-BASED FIRE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE MECHANISMS THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BARANGAY FIRE BRIGADES, FIRE SAFETY TRAINING, AND COMMUNITY FIRE RESILIENCE

PROGRAMS IN ALL BARANGAYS, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Pleyto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 9175, titled:

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT
OF AGRICULTURE TO REGULATE FARM
GATE PRICES FOR AGRICULTURAL AND
FISHERIES PRODUCTS AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

By Representative Dimacuha
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 9176, titled:

AN ACT IMPROVING AND SUSTAINING
GENOMICS AND FORENSIC SCIENCE
FACILITIES, AND ESTABLISHING
SEPARATE DATABASES FOR GENOMICS
AND FORENSIC DNA IN THE COUNTRY
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Dimacuha
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 9177, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FULL COVERAGE
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO ANY OFFICER
OR UNIFORMED PERSONNEL OF THE
ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES,
THE BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION,
THE BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT
AND PENOLOGY, THE PHILIPPINE COAST
GUARD, AND THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL
POLICE, FOR INJURIES SUSTAINED
DURING THE PERFORMANCE OF
OFFICIAL DUTIES, AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Dimacuha
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 9178, titled:

AN ACT SIMPLIFYING PROCEDURES
AND REDUCING DOCUMENTARY
REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCESSING
GOVERNMENT AID OR ASSISTANCE AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Dimacuha
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 9179, titled:

AN ACT DEFINING TEMPORARY, LONG-TERM,
AND PERMANENT DISABILITY UNDER
THE MAGNA CARTA FOR PERSONS WITH
DISABILITY, AND PROVIDING LIFETIME

VALIDITY OF IDENTIFICATION CARDS
FOR PERSONS WITH PERMANENT
DISABILITY, FURTHER AMENDING
SECTIONS 4 AND 32 OF REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 7277, AS AMENDED

By Representative Lopez
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES

House Bill No. 9180, titled:

AN ACT DEVELOPING AND EXPANDING
THE PHILIPPINE SHIPBUILDING AND
SHIP REPAIR, BOATBUILDING AND SHIP
RECYCLING INDUSTRIES, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Dalog
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 9181, titled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MAGNA CARTA
OF THE OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH

By Representative Dy (Faustino Michael Carlos)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS
DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 9182, titled:

AN ACT EXPANDING THE COMPOSITION OF
THE PHILIPPINE CREATIVE INDUSTRIES
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 4 OF
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11904, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE "PHILIPPINE CREATIVE
INDUSTRIES DEVELOPMENT ACT"

By Representative Benitez (Javier Miguel)
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CREATIVE
INDUSTRIES

House Bill No. 9183, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EXTENSION
OFFICE OF THE MARITIME INDUSTRY
AUTHORITY (MARINA) IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF TAYTAY, PROVINCE OF
PALAWAN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

By Representative Salvame
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 9184, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE
NATIONAL PUBLIC PARKS SYSTEM AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Hofer-Hasim
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND THE
COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 9185, titled:

AN ACT RENAMING THE NAGA CITY NATIONAL ROAD, FROM THE BOUNDARY OF BARANGAY PEÑAFRANCIA TRAVERSING BARANGAYS SAN FELIPE, PACOL, CAROLINA AND PANICUASON IN THE CITY OF NAGA, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR TO SENATOR TECLA R. SAN ANDRES ZIGA AVENUE

By Representative Legacion

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 9186, titled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 997, titled:

RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING BINI FOR ACHIEVING THE HISTORIC BREAKTHROUGH OF BEING THE FIRST PINOY POP (P-POP) GROUP TO PERFORM AT THE COACHELLA VALLEY MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL, AND SHOWCASING FILIPINO TALENT, CULTURE AND ARTISTRY ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE

By Representative Co-Pilar

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

House Resolution No. 998, titled:

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MS. SOPHIA ELIZABETH GUEVARA LAFORTEZA (SOPHIA LAFORTEZA), A FILIPINA PERFORMER AND THE LEADER OF THE INTERNATIONAL GIRL GROUP KATSEYE, FOR HER HISTORIC AND OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AT THE COACHELLA VALLEY MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL 2026, AND FOR BRINGING PRIDE AND HONOR TO FILIPINOS WORLDWIDE

By Representative Ortega

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

House Resolution No. 999, titled:

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN URGENT INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION'S PROPOSED *REFRAMED GENERAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM COMPONENT* FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, AND URGING THE CHED TO JUNK THE SAME, REVIEW THE 2013 GENERAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM AND CONDUCT GENUINE CONSULTATIONS WITH FACULTY ORGANIZATIONS, DISCIPLINE-BASED EXPERT PANELS, AND STUDENTS

By Representatives Tinio, Elago and Co

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1000, titled:

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY, INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY, AND PUBLIC INFORMATION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE RISING INCIDENCE OF FAKE NEWS, ONLINE HARASSMENT, DISINFORMATION, CYBER-ENABLED THREATS, EXTORTION, AND OTHER ABUSIVE ACTS COMMITTED THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA, VLOGS, DIGITAL MEDIA PLATFORMS, AND OTHER ONLINE CHANNELS AGAINST PUBLIC OFFICIALS, PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS, AND INSTITUTIONS, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF STRENGTHENING EXISTING LAWS AND SAFEGUARDS WHILE PROTECTING FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND LEGITIMATE JOURNALISM

By Representative Garin

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 1002, titled:

A RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES TO SUPPORT THE MEANINGFUL PARTICIPATION OF TAIWAN IN THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO), INCLUDING ITS ATTENDANCE AS AN OBSERVER IN THE WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY (WHA), IN RECOGNITION OF ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO GLOBAL HEALTH SECURITY AND INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH COOPERATION

By Representatives Rodriguez (Rufus) and Rodriguez (Maximo)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Resolution No. 1004, titled:

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND
CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF
HONORABLE SALVADOR B. BRITANICO,
FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
BARANGAY ASSOCIATION FOR NATIONAL
ADVANCEMENT AND TRANSPARENCY
(BANAT) PARTY-LIST DURING THE
FOURTEENTH CONGRESS, AND
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PROVINCE OF
ILOILO DURING THE REGULAR *BATASANG*
PAMBANSA

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

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message dated May 12, 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. 1894, titled:

AN ACT ENHANCING THE UNIVERSAL
ACCESS TO QUALITY TERTIARY
EDUCATION ACT, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10931; and
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Senate Bill No. 1966, titled:

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM

Pursuant to Section 153, Rule XXIV of the Provisional
Rules of the House of Representatives, transmitting
the Subpoena Duces Tecum dated April 23, 2026,
issued by the Office of the Ombudsman.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Report No. 271, submitted by the
Committee on Health on H.B. No. 9214, titled:

AN ACT RENAMING THE DR. JOSE N.
RODRIGUEZ MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
IN THE CITY OF CALOOCAN, METRO
MANILA, TO DR. JOSE N. RODRIGUEZ

MEDICAL CENTER AND SANITARIUM,
REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS
PAMBANSA BLG. 94

recommending its approval in substitution of House
Bill No. 965

Sponsors: Representatives Gato and Malapitan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 272, submitted by the
Committee on Local Government on H.B.
No. 9216, titled:

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

recommending its approval in substitution of House
Bills Numbered 1702 and 2820

Sponsors: Representatives Miraflores, Marcos and Barba
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 273, submitted by the
Committee on Local Government on H.B.
No. 936, titled:

AN ACT DECLARING JULY 22 OF EVERY YEAR
A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY
IN THE CITY OF GENERAL SANTOS IN
COMMEMORATION OF ITS BLAAN DAY
CELEBRATION

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Miraflores and Bañas-Nogales
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 274, submitted by the
Committee on Local Government on H.B.
No. 122, titled:

AN ACT DECLARING MARCH 17 OF EVERY
YEAR AS "HOMONHON LANDING DAY",
A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN
THE PROVINCE OF EASTERN SAMAR,
IN COMMEMORATION OF FERDINAND
MAGELLAN'S LANDING IN HOMONHON

recommending its approval with amendments

Sponsors: Representatives Miraflores,
Gonzales (Christopher Sheen) and Libanan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 275, submitted by the
Committee on Local Government on H.B.
No. 1049, titled:

AN ACT DECLARING MARCH 7 OF EVERY
YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY

IN THE CITY OF TAGUM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9193, ENTITLED "AN ACT DECLARING MARCH 7 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF TAGUM, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE"

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Miraflores and Uy (De Carlo)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 276, submitted by the Committee on Local Government on H.B. No. 982, titled:

AN ACT DECLARING AUGUST 13 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE TO COMMEMORATE THE BIRTH DATE OF MASTER WEAVER AND ILOCANO ICON MAGDALENA GAMAYO, TO BE KNOWN AS "MAGDALENA GAMAYO DAY"

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Miraflores and Barba
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 277, submitted by the Committee on Local Government on H.B. No. 1069, titled:

AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 15 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF AMULUNG, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Miraflores and Lara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 278, submitted by the Committee on Local Government on H.B. No. 1076, titled:

AN ACT DECLARING AUGUST 18 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SOLANA, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS "AGGAO NAC SOLANA"

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Miraflores and Lara
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 279, submitted by the Committee on Local Government on H.B. No. 1278, titled:

AN ACT DECLARING AUGUST 06 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PILAR, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Miraflores and Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 280, submitted by the Committee on Local Government on H.B. No. 1414, titled:

AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 17 OF EVERY YEAR AS "ARAW NG CARMEN," A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARMEN, SURIGAO DEL SUR

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Miraflores and Momo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 281, submitted by the Committee on Local Government on H.B. No. 1540, titled:

AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 12 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL (NON-WORKING) HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JUAN, BATANGAS

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Miraflores and Bolilia
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 282, submitted by the Committee on Local Government on H.B. No. 2053, titled:

AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 16 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF BAYBAY, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS CHARTER DAY

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Miraflores and Cari
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 283, submitted by the Committee on Local Government on H.B. No. 6433, titled:

AN ACT DECLARING MAY 21 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF MALABON, IN

COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING
ANNIVERSARY

recommending its approval with amendments
Sponsors: Representatives Miraflores and Oreta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 284, submitted by the
Committee on Local Government on H.B.
No. 2658, titled:

AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 13 OF
EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING
HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF GENERAL
TRIAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, TO BE
KNOWN AS THE “GENERAL TRIAS CITY
CHARTER DAY”

recommending its approval with amendments
Sponsors: Representatives Miraflores, Ferrer (Antonio)
and Atayde
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 285, submitted by the
Committee on Local Government on H.B.
No. 2224, titled:

AN ACT DECLARING APRIL 21 OF EVERY
YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING
HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF CALAMBA,
PROVINCE OF LAGUNA, IN
COMMEMORATION OF ITS CITYHOOD
ANNIVERSARY

recommending its approval with amendments
Sponsors: Representatives Miraflores and
Hernandez (Charisse Anne)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 286, submitted by the
Committee on Local Government on H.B.
No. 1695, titled:

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

recommending its approval with amendments
Sponsors: Representatives Miraflores and Bolilia
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 287, submitted by the
Committee on Local Government on H.B.
No. 685, titled:

AN ACT DECLARING MARCH 8 OF EVERY
YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING
HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO
DE ORO

recommending its approval with amendments
Sponsors: Representatives Miraflores and
Zamora (Maria Carmen)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 288, submitted by the
Committee on Local Government on H.B.
No. 688, titled:

AN ACT DECLARING AUGUST 1 OF EVERY
YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING
HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
COMPOSTELA, PROVINCE OF DAVAO
DE ORO

recommending its approval with amendments
Sponsors: Representatives Miraflores and
Zamora (Maria Carmen)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 289, submitted by the
Committee on Local Government on H.B.
No. 494, titled:

AN ACT DECLARING OCTOBER 5 OF EVERY
YEAR AS “ARAW NG DEL GALLEGO”, A
SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN
THE MUNICIPALITY OF DEL GALLEGO,
CAMARINES SUR

recommending its approval with amendments
Sponsors: Representatives Miraflores and Horibata
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 290, submitted by the
Committee on Local Government on H.B.
No. 611, titled:

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10776,
ENTITLED “AN ACT DECLARING MAY 8
OF EVERY YEAR AS HERMOSA DAY AND
A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY AND
NO CLASS DAY IN SCHOOLS IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF HERMOSA, PROVINCE
OF BATAAN”

recommending its approval with amendments
Sponsors: Representatives Miraflores and Roman
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 291, submitted by the
Committee on Local Government on H.B.
No. 671, titled:

AN ACT DECLARING JANUARY 23 OF EVERY
YEAR AS SPECIAL NON-WORKING
HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
TANAY, PROVINCE OF RIZAL

recommending its approval with amendments
Sponsors: Representatives Miraflores, Tanjuatco and
Hernandez (Ferdinand)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 292, submitted by the Committee on Local Government on H.B. No. 2953, titled:

AN ACT DECLARING APRIL 3 OF EVERY YEAR
“LEON KILAT DAY” A SPECIAL WORKING
HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
BACONG, NEGROS ORIENTAL

recommending its approval with amendments

Sponsors: Representatives Miraflores and Degamo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 293, submitted by the Committee on Local Government on H.B. No. 2939, titled:

AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 16 OF EVERY
YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING
HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF ILIGAN, IN
COMMEMORATION OF ITS CHARTER
DAY ANNIVERSARY, TO BE KNOWN AS
“ADLAW SA ILIGAN”

recommending its approval with amendments

Sponsors: Representatives Miraflores and Regencia
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, upon the request of Rep. Patricia C. Calderon, the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Jan “Atty. JP” Padiernos.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Calderon, the Chair suspended the session at 3:12 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session was resumed at 3:18 p.m.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 240 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 8869

Upon resumption of session, on motion of Representative Bautista (J.M.), there being no objection, the Body proceeded with the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 8869 contained in Committee Report No. 240 as submitted by the Committee on Civil Service and Professional Regulation.

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, 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 PROVIDING FOR FREE PROFESSIONAL
EXAMINATIONS TO QUALIFIED INDIGENTS
AND MEMBERS OF THE INDIGENOUS
PEOPLES AND INDIGENOUS CULTURAL
COMMUNITIES.

Thereafter, on another motion of Representative Bautista, the Chair recognized Rep. Laarni Lavin Roque, Chairperson of the sponsoring committee, for her sponsorship speech.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ROQUE

Representative Roque stated that House Bill No. 8869 recognizes the simple but important reality that many Filipino graduates are unable to pursue professional practice because they could not afford to pay the examination fees, resulting in delays or abandonment of career opportunities despite possessing the necessary qualifications and training. She said that the Bill’s intent is to provide free examinations to qualified indigent individuals and members of indigenous peoples and indigenous cultural communities.

She stressed that the proposed measure would not only benefit aspiring professionals but also strengthen the country’s workforce by increasing the number of licensed teachers, healthcare workers, engineers, and other professionals essential to national development and public service delivery. She likewise noted that a similar measure had already been deliberated upon and transmitted to the Senate during the previous Congress. Consequently, Representative Roque once again appealed for the Body’s support for the passage of the Bill.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 8869

Thereafter, on successive motions of Representative Bautista (J.M.), 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. 8869 through *viva voce* voting.

**BUSINESS FOR THE DAY:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 241
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 8876**

On motion of Representative Calderon, there being no objection, the Body proceeded with the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 8876 contained in Committee Report No. 241 as submitted by the Committee on Civil Service and Professional Regulation.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 3:25 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

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

**BUSINESS FOR THE DAY:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 241
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 8876**

Upon resumption of session, the Body proceeded with the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 8876.

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, 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 PROVIDING FOR A FIVE-YEAR
VALIDITY PERIOD OF THE
PROFESSIONAL IDENTIFICATION
CARDS OF ALL PROFESSIONALS UNDER
THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
COMMISSION.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Calderon, the Chair recognized anew Representative Roque for her sponsorship speech.

**SPONSORSHIP SPEECH
OF REPRESENTATIVE ROQUE**

Initially citing the proposed measure's intent to extend the validity period of professional identification cards issued by the Professional Regulation Commission from three years to five years, Representative Roque explained that the current renewal system imposes recurring administrative requirements, expenses, and inconvenience on millions of Filipino professionals.

She explained that the proposed measure seeks to reduce unnecessary administrative burdens for professionals while maintaining existing regulatory standards and continuing professional development requirements. She emphasized that the reform is consistent with broader government initiatives aimed at streamlining public service delivery and simplifying processes.

Representative Roque also assured that the measure would not result in revenue loss to the government since renewal fees would continue to be collected. In addition, she said that reduction in repetitive processing and administrative workload may result in greater operational efficiency and cost savings for the government. She relayed that a similar measure had previously been approved by the House of Representatives and transmitted to the Senate during the last Congress, but was not enacted due to the adjournment of the session. She thus sought the Body's support for the approval of the Bill.

**APPROVAL ON SECOND READING
OF HOUSE BILL NO. 8876**

Thereafter, on successive motions of Representative Calderon, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the measure, there being no Member who wished to interpellate; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of committee and individual amendments; and approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 8876 through *viva voce* voting.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Upon the request of Rep. Aniela Bianca D. Tolentino, the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the former's guests.

Likewise, upon the request of Representative Calderon, the Chair acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Deputy Speaker Jefferson F. Khonghun.

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

REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

Thereafter, the Chair acknowledged the presence of his guests in the Session Hall.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 143
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 8389**

On motion of Rep. Jorge Daniel S. Bocobo, there being no objection, the Body resumed the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 8389 contained in Committee Report No. 143 as submitted by the Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms.

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

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

**AN ACT PROHIBITING POLITICAL DYNASTIES
IN NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIVE
OFFICES.**

Thereupon, the Chair stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate.

Subsequently, on successive motions of Representative Bocobo, the Chair recognized Rep. Ziaur-Rahman “Zia” Alonto Adiong, Chairperson of the Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms, to continue with his sponsorship of the measure; and Rep. Tobias “Toby” M. Tiangco to interpellate thereon.

**REMARKS OF
REPRESENTATIVE TIANGCO**

Before proceeding with his interpellation, Representative Tiangco stated that he would yield the floor to Representative Adiong.

**SPONSORSHIP SPEECH
OF REPRESENTATIVE ADIONG**

Delivering a brief sponsorship speech, Representative Adiong stated that the core principles underpinning the Committee’s version of the proposed anti-political dynasty measure are found in the Constitution. He said that the constitutional mandate for the State to guarantee equal access to public service and prohibit political dynasties must be interpreted as a whole, consistent with Supreme Court rulings. He further pointed out that in crafting the law, Congress must balance the constitutional mandate to prevent political dynasties while protecting democratic principles, particularly popular sovereignty and the people’s right to vote and choose their leaders.

Likewise, Representative Adiong stressed that Philippine constitutional interpretation should align with generally accepted principles of international law, including human rights commitments, which hold that government authority must be based on the will of the people, as expressed through periodic and genuine elections. Moreover, he shared that these commitments establish two key principles which are the right to be voted upon is inseparable from the broader right of suffrage, and the government authority must always reflect the will of the people. Thus, he said that any limits on candidacy, such as those addressing political dynasties, must be reasonable and carefully crafted to balance the constitutional duty to prohibit dynasties with the protection of democratic choice.

Finally, he asserted that House Bill No. 8389 is presented as the Committee’s effort to fulfill the constitutional mandate to prevent concentration of political power, broaden access to public service, and strengthen democratic institutions. While not a complete solution to the country’s political system weaknesses, he said that the Bill is described as an important step towards a more open, competitive, and people-centered democracy.

**INTERPELLATION OF
REPRESENTATIVE TIANGCO**

Recognized by the Chair, Representative Tiangco stated for the record that he is the first-generation politician in his family and is willing to comply with whatever final version of the proposed anti-dynasty law is passed. He clarified that his interpellation aims to strengthen the Bill so that the public will see it as a genuine measure against political dynasties, not merely a symbolic legislation.

Then referring to Section 5 of the Bill, he proposed to limit the holding of a mayoral position within a province to only one family member, spouse, or relatives within the second degree of consanguinity to prevent multiple relatives from dominating local governments. In response, Representative Adiong clarified that each municipality has a separate constituency and jurisdiction and as such, one municipality does not control or directly influence another municipality’s governance or resources. He then emphasized that the Philippine Constitution and international commitments protect the right to vote and the right to seek public office and that the instant Bill should avoid unnecessarily restricting these rights, and should focus more on preventing power concentration and on respecting electoral rights consistent with the structure established under the Local Government Code.

Representative Tiangco, however, expressed apprehensions that allowing relatives to run in different municipalities could circumvent the Bill's restrictions. He explained that even if siblings are barred from simultaneously holding positions such as mayor and vice mayor in the same locality, one sibling could simply transfer to a neighboring municipality and run, thereby effectively avoiding the limitation. Hence, he emphasized the need for safeguards to prevent such circumvention of the proposed Anti-Political Dynasty Law.

In response, Representative Adiong acknowledged the issue but argued that the proposed measure is not a "one-pill solution." As he explained that residency loopholes are symptoms of deeper structural weaknesses in the political system, he suggested strengthening the political party system so that nominations come from parties rather than families, to reduce dynastic influence. He also highlighted the importance of campaign finance reforms, competitive elections, and transparency to ensure fairness. He also stressed that while residency requirements already exist, they must be balanced with constitutional rights, such as the freedom to choose where to live.

After providing data on the number of officials in the national and local levels that would be affected by the Anti-Political Dynasty Bill, Representative Adiong relayed that the proposed measure would also bar relatives within the second degree from serving simultaneously. For his part, Representative Tiangco estimated that four current officials in the Senate would be disqualified under the proposed measure, wherein Representative Adiong confirmed that this would indeed change the political landscape, as the measure aims to prevent the concentration of power among families and ensure broader representation.

Representative Tiangco raised concerns about the provision that prohibits spouses or relatives within the second degree from simultaneously running for the House of Representatives in the same legislative district and opined that the current wording may not be the proper language to use. He also stressed that certain provisions could appear as self-serving as lawmakers would be exempt from the restrictions they impose on others. He suggested that to maintain fairness and credibility, the law should limit representation in the House to one member per family within the second degree of consanguinity, ensuring that Congress itself is not seen as protecting its own interests.

Acknowledging Representative Tiangco's observations, Representative Adiong agreed that amendments could be considered to refine the Bill's language and intent. However, he emphasized the

distinction between the Senate and the House, in which senators represent a national constituency, while members of the House are elected by district, each with unique concerns and electorates. He argued that having relatives in different districts does not necessarily concentrate power, since voters independently choose their representatives, and siblings or relatives may even vote differently on legislation. He reiterated that the proposed measure's primary aim is to prevent the concentration of political power, and that he welcomed proposals to improve it at the proper time.

Representative Tiangco stated that while other bills clearly stated limitations, such as a single person per family or two individuals, this Bill's limitations were not easily defined. Representative Adiong explained that the Bill provided a legal definition by limiting it to the second degree of consanguinity and affinity. However, he acknowledged the need to balance this with the existing government structure, which is designed around constituencies and the electorate's right to vote and to be voted upon. Representative Adiong further elaborated that the Bill aimed to prevent the concentration of political power.

Representative Tiangco, at this point, asserted that the Bill lacked a definitive answer to the question of how many individuals per family could hold office. He stated that even with the second degree consanguinity limitation, the Bill did not provide a clear definition of the limited total number of family members who may hold office. Representative Adiong explained that it was difficult to provide a precise number because the election outcome is uncertain. He maintained that the Bill is a significant step forward in achieving the constitutional provision prohibiting political dynasties.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Thereupon, the Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 4:27 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session was resumed at 4:45 p.m.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 8389

Upon resumption of session, on motion of Representative Bocobo, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 8389.

**BUSINESS FOR THE DAY:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 268
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 9157**

Subsequently, on motion of Rep. Gil “Kabarangay Jr” Acosta, there being no objection, the Body proceeded with the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 9157 contained in Committee Report No. 268 as submitted by the Committees on Energy, Ecology, Appropriations, and Ways and Means.

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, 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 ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL
FRAMEWORK FOR THE DEVELOPMENT,
REGULATION, AND OPERATION OF
FACILITIES UTILIZING WASTE-TO-ENERGY
AND OTHER WASTE TREATMENT
TECHNOLOGIES.

Thereafter, on another motion of Representative Acosta, the Chair recognized Rep. Jose C. Alvarez, Chairperson of the Committee on Energy, for his sponsorship speech.

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

Representative Alvarez stated that House Bill No. 9157 was a measure that seeks to address solid waste management and sustainable energy by establishing a national framework for utilizing residual waste, after practicable diversion efforts, for waste-to-energy (WtE) through qualified facilities. He further said that the measure classifies these facilities as renewable energy systems, subject to strict regulations, including continuous emissions monitoring and full compliance with environmental laws.

He next explained that the Bill seeks to promote cooperation among local government units (LGUs) through clustering, require long-term feedstock agreements, and offer financial incentives and institutional support. In addition, he mentioned that the Bill’s expected benefits include cleaner communities, improved public health, enhanced energy security, and job creation. He then sought support for the passage of the measure.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Acosta, the Chair recognized Rep. Renee Louise M. Co for her interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE CO

Noting prior discussions with Representative Alvarez (J.), Representative Co first reiterated longstanding concerns regarding WtE measures. Then highlighting recent landfill incidents in Cebu and Rizal, she inquired about the number of landfills nationwide and whether their capacity was sufficient to support WtE operations.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 4:51 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session was resumed at 4:51 p.m.

**INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE CO
(Continuation)**

In response to Representative Co’s pending query, Representative Alvarez (J.) stated that there were 373 landfills nationwide and acknowledged that these were currently insufficient to support WtE operations. However, he noted that the proposed measure aimed to address this gap. Representative Co raised concerns about the shortage of sanitary landfills and its implications, and emphasized related issues such as landfill overcapacity and landslides.

Representative Alvarez explained that existing waste management practices remained inadequate and that recent legal developments now allowed regulated thermal treatment, which the Bill seeks to operationalize. He also stressed that the measure prohibits the importation of waste and allows alternative feedstocks, such as agricultural waste, to supplement WtE facilities if municipal waste is insufficient.

Representative Co next raised concerns regarding the possible importation of municipal and electronic waste to supply WtE facilities, citing reported instances of illegal e-waste shipments and the risks posed by toxic emissions and carcinogenic substances to nearby communities. She questioned the capacity of implementing agencies to effectively monitor and enforce prohibitions on imported waste, the potential expansion of sanitary landfills in low-income

communities, the environmental and health impacts of improper waste disposal, and the possibility that the WtE framework could incentivize greater waste generation and importation. Further, she argued that long-term solutions should focus on reducing plastic production, promoting biodegradable alternatives, and advancing circular economy approaches rather than relying on incineration technologies.

In response, Representative Alvarez maintained that the proposed measure strictly prohibits the importation of municipal waste and contains penalties for violations. He emphasized that modern WtE and incineration technologies can control emissions and capture toxic gases within allowable limits, citing practices and facilities in countries such as Japan, Denmark, and Singapore as examples of safe and efficient waste processing. He also argued that the proposed measure is necessary to address the country's growing waste problem and to supplement renewable energy generation by utilizing municipal and agricultural wastes. He further stressed that technological safeguards, regulatory oversight, and implementation of emission standards would mitigate environmental and health risks.

Both Members also acknowledged the importance of environmental safeguards and proper monitoring, with Representative Co reiterating reservations regarding the possible adverse impacts of the proposed framework on communities and public health. Meanwhile, Representative Alvarez underscored the need to adopt WtE solutions to reduce mounting waste volumes and maximize resource utilization.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Acosta, the Chair recognized Rep. Edgar R. Erice for his manifestation.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ERICE

Initially manifesting support for the proposed measure and seeking to address concerns raised regarding WtE facilities' environmental and operational implications. Representative Erice stated that existing problems associated with the said facilities stem primarily from the absence of a comprehensive legal framework to rationalize and regulate the industry. He explained that WtE operations require sufficient waste volume to remain financially viable, as inadequate waste supply leads to dependence on government subsidies and may compromise facility maintenance and operations.

As he noted that Metro Manila alone generates substantial quantities of solid waste sufficient to sustain multiple WtE facilities without the need to import municipal waste, Representative Erice further pointed out that nearby provinces and urban centers likewise produce large waste volumes that could support such projects. According to him, WtE technologies, including incineration and gasification, have already been tested and can operate while protecting environmental standards if properly regulated.

Representative Erice also stressed that the proposed measure would allow the government to regulate the number and location of WtE facilities based on each locality's waste-generation capacity, thereby ensuring operational sustainability and reducing risks associated with underfunded or poorly maintained facilities. He also opined that addressing the country's mounting waste problem through WtE initiatives is necessary to mitigate the environmental and public safety hazards posed by unmanaged garbage accumulation and flooding resulting from improper waste disposal. Based on discussions at a United States Solid Waste Management Conference, he said that recycling was described as the most expensive waste-disposal method because many recycled materials are not ultimately used, and storage costs alone already exceed the benefits.

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Acosta, the Chair recognized Rep. Jesus "Bong" C. Suntay for his manifestation.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE SUNTAY

Initially expressing his support for the proposed WtE measure, Representative Suntay noted that several countries worldwide, including some Asian nations, have already used WtE facilities. He stressed that earlier restrictions under the Philippine Clean Air Act were based on outdated concerns, since modern technology has significantly improved and now produces minimal harmful by-products, generating mostly clean air or water. Moreover, he pointed out that open landfills were more environmentally harmful due to pollution and leachate. Overall, he believed that WtE facilities would help manage waste more efficiently, reduce expenses, and contribute to a cleaner country.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE MARCOLETA

Upon recognition by the Chair, Rep. Paolo Henry M. Marcoleta stated that, being one of the principal authors of the Bill, the measure is meant to respond

to the country's serious fiscal and waste governance problem, as unmanaged solid waste leads to higher government spending on collection, disposal, public health responses, and flood control.

In line with the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028, Representative Marcoleta explained that the measure is not only an energy or environmental bill but also a public finance and governance reform measure, providing local governments and investors with a clear regulatory framework while ensuring strict monitoring, health safeguards, and enforcement. In closing, he urged his colleagues to approve the Bill as a responsible solution to the country's waste management challenges.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 9157

Thereafter, on successive motions of Representative Acosta, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the measure, there being no other Members who wished to interpellate; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of committee and individual amendments; and approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 9157 through *viva voce* voting.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Acosta, the Chair suspended the session at 5:27 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session was resumed at 5:28 p.m.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 231 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 8699

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Acosta, there being no objection, the Body proceeded with the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 8699 contained in Committee Report No. 231 as reported out by the Committee on Indigenous Cultural Communities and Indigenous Peoples.

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 PROMOTING PHILIPPINE INDIGENOUS AND TRADITIONAL WRITING SYSTEMS AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR PROTECTION, PRESERVATION, AND CONSERVATION.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Acosta, the Chair recognized Rep. Maximo Y. Dalog Jr., one of the Bill's principal authors, to sponsor the measure.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE DALOG

Representative Dalog expressed honor to sponsor House Bill No. 8699, which aims to promote, protect, preserve, and conserve indigenous writing systems such as *Baybayin*, *Hanunuó'o*, *Buhid*, *Tagbanwa*, *Kulitan*, and other pre-colonial scripts by recognizing them as national cultural treasures. The Bill, he said, aims to integrate these scripts into basic and higher education, create digital archives and reference materials, and conduct cultural awareness programs led by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts in coordination with relevant education and language agencies.

Further, he emphasized that preserving traditional writing systems is essential for indigenous peoples' identity, dignity, and cultural survival, asserting that without legal protection, these scripts, together with the knowledge, history, and heritage they carry, risk permanent extinction.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 8699

Thereafter, on successive motions of Rep. Bella Vanessa B. Suansing, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on the measure, there being no Member who wished to interpellate; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of committee and individual amendments; and approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 8699 through *viva voce* voting.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At this point, on motion of Representative Suansing (B.V.), the Chair suspended the session at 5:33 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:36 p.m., the session was resumed with Deputy Speaker Ferjenel G. Biron, MD presiding.

**BUSINESS FOR THE DAY:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 250
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 763**

Whereupon, on motion of Representative Bautista (J.M.), there being no objection, the Body proceeded with the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 763 contained in Committee Report No. 250 as reported out by the Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization.

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 INCREASING THE NUMBER OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MACTAN-CEBU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 6 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6958, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "CHARTER OF THE MACTAN-CEBU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY."

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Bautista, the Chair recognized Rep. Nathaniel M. Oducado to deliver his sponsorship speech on the measure.

**SPONSORSHIP SPEECH
OF REPRESENTATIVE ODOCADO**

Speaking on behalf of the Bill's principal sponsors, Reps. Eric L. Olivarez and Junard "Ahong" Q. Chan, Representative Oducado took the floor to sponsor House Bill No. 763, which seeks to amend the outdated charter of the Mactan-Cebu International Airport Authority (MCIAA). He explained that although the MCIAA is a key national airport that drives tourism, connectivity, and economic growth, its governance structure has not been updated since 1990 and hence misaligned with present day realities. Moreover, he pointed out that Lapu-Lapu City, which hosts the airport and bears the impacts of traffic and environmental strain, has no representation or voting power in the MCIAA Board. He stated that the Bill aims to correct this imbalance by updating the governance framework to grant proper representation to the host city in decision-making processes affecting the airport and its surrounding community.

Representative Oducado stated that while the Province of Cebu and private sector representatives have seats on the MCIAA Board, the local government

of Lapu-Lapu City remains excluded. He argued that this disconnect is not merely symbolic but has real consequences, as policies on land use, infrastructure, traffic, and environmental safeguards are crafted without the formal participation of the city most directly affected. He pointed out that House Bill No. 763 seeks to correct the same by mandating the inclusion of the Lapu-Lapu City Mayor, or a duly authorized representative, as a permanent member of the MCIAA Board to ensure that the host city finally has a voice in decisions that directly impact its residents. He stressed that the proposed measure also aligns national aviation policy with local governance, strengthens accountability, and provides a mechanism to address pressing concerns such as traffic management, environmental sustainability, and equitable economic benefits.

Lastly, Representative Oducado emphasized that the proposed measure is not a radical reform but a practical correction of a 35-year oversight. He stressed that it embodies the principle that those who bear the impact must have a voice in decision-making and that by granting Lapu-Lapu City rightful representation, the proposal upholds local autonomy, enhances coordination between institutions, and promotes sustainable growth for one of the nation's most critical gateways. He then urged his colleagues to support House Bill No. 763, stressing that inclusive leadership is the foundation of lasting progress.

**APPROVAL ON SECOND READING
OF HOUSE BILL NO. 763**

Thereafter, on successive motions of Representative Bautista (J.M.), 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. 763 through *viva voce* voting.

ADOPTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

On successive motions of Representatives Bautista (J.M.) and Suansing (B.V.), there being no objection, the Body proceeded with the consideration of the following House Resolutions; dispensed with the reading of the texts of the Resolutions without prejudice to their insertion into the Record of the House as copies thereof had been distributed to the Members; and unanimously adopted the same through *viva voce* voting:

1. House Resolution No. 694, titled: RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD I. GOMEZ OF THE FOURTH

- LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF LEYTE FOR HIS EXCEPTIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL SHOOTING COMPETITIONS FROM 2025 TO 2026;
2. House Resolution No. 897, titled: RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO OLYMPIAN CARLOS “CALOY” EDRIEL P. YULO FOR WINNING MEDALS IN THE 2025 ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD IN JAKARTA, INDONESIA, FROM OCTOBER 19 TO 25, 2025;
 3. House Resolution No. 898, titled: RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO PRODIGY ALEIA AIELLE AGUILAR FOR WINNING HER FOURTH WORLD TITLE IN THE 2025 ABU DHABI WORLD PROFESSIONAL JIU-JITSU CHAMPIONSHIP HELD AT MUBADALA ARENA, ABU DHABI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, FROM NOVEMBER 12 TO 22, 2025;
 4. House Resolution No. 952, titled: RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL TEAM FOR THEIR HISTORIC PERFORMANCE IN WINNING SEVEN (7) GOLD, SEVEN (7) SILVER, AND TEN (10) BRONZE MEDALS IN THE 2025 ASIAN YOUTH GAMES HELD IN MANAMA, BAHRAIN FROM OCTOBER 22 TO 31, 2025;
 5. House Resolution No. 956, titled: RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ATHLETICS TEAM FOR THEIR GOLD MEDAL VICTORIES IN THE 2025 SOUTHEAST ASIAN UNDER 18 AND UNDER 20 ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS, HELD IN MEDAN, INDONESIA, FROM NOVEMBER 15 TO 18, 2025;
 6. House Resolution No. 957, titled: RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING BRENDA RAMOS-ZINAMPAN FOR HER HISTORIC FOUR (4) GOLD MEDAL VICTORY IN THE 2025 ASIA MASTERS ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD IN CHENNAI, INDIA, FROM NOVEMBER 5 TO 9, 2025;
 7. House Resolution No. 958, titled: RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO WORLD POOL CHAMPION JONAS R. MAGPANTAY FOR WINNING THE GOLD MEDAL IN THE 2025 WORLD POOL ASSOCIATION QATAR WORLD CUP 10-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP HELD IN DOHA, QATAR, FROM OCTOBER 23 TO NOVEMBER 2, 2025;
 8. House Resolution No. 959, titled: RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO MEMORY GRANDMASTER ROBERTO M. RACASA FOR HIS OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES IN THE 2025 WORLD MEMORY CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD IN MUMBAI, INDIA, FROM NOVEMBER 7 TO 9, 2025, AND THE 2025 ASIA OPEN INTERNATIONAL MEMORY CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD IN HYDERABAD, INDIA, FROM NOVEMBER 15 TO 16, 2025;
 9. House Resolution No. 960, titled: RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO TRAIL RUNNER JOHN RAY “STINGRAY” G. ONIFA FOR HIS OUTSTANDING FIRST-PLACE FINISHES IN THE ULTRA-TRAIL DU MONT-BLANC WORLD SERIES EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR 2025;
 10. House Resolution No. 963, titled: RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO JUNIOR WEIGHTLIFTER ALBERT IAN DELOS SANTOS FOR SETTING A NEW JUNIOR WORLD RECORD IN THE MEN’S 71-KILOGRAM CLEAN AND JERK EVENT IN THE 2025 INTERNATIONAL WEIGHTLIFTING FEDERATION WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD IN FØRDE, NORWAY, FROM OCTOBER 2 TO 11, 2025;
 11. House Resolution No. 964, titled: RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO OLYMPIAN EUMIR FELIX MARCIAL FOR WINNING THE VACANT WORLD BOXING COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL MIDDLEWEIGHT TITLE HELD IN ARANETA COLISEUM, QUEZON CITY, PHILIPPINES ON OCTOBER 29, 2025;

12. House Resolution No. 984, titled: RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO PARA SWIMMER RIC DANIEL PASADILLA FOR BECOMING THE MOST BEMEDALLED FILIPINO PARA ATHLETE IN THE 2025 ASIAN YOUTH PARA GAMES HELD IN DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, FROM DECEMBER 7 TO 14, 2025;
13. House Resolution No. 895, titled: RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE SUCCESSFUL HOSTING OF THE WORLDSKILLS ASEAN MANILA 2025 COMPETITION AND PRODUCING THE STRONGEST PERFORMANCE EVER BY THE PHILIPPINE DELEGATION TO THE BIENNIAL EVENT;
14. House Resolution No. 896, titled: RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE PERPETUAL HELP UNIVERSITY ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 50TH FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY IN RECOGNITION OF ITS FIVE DECADES OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, SERVICE TO THE NATION, AND UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO HOLISTIC EDUCATION;
15. House Resolution No. 1001, titled: A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE PINOY POP (P-POP) GIRL GROUP, BINI, FOR MAKING HISTORY AS THE FIRST FILIPINO POP GROUP TO PERFORM AT THE COACHELLA VALLEY MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL 2026, AND RECOGNIZING THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE GLOBAL PROMOTION OF FILIPINO TALENT AND CULTURE.

MOTION OF REPRESENTATIVE BAUTISTA (J.M.)

Representative Bautista moved to consider on Second Reading the Bills calendared under the Business for Thursday and Friday.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Thereupon, the Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 6:03 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session was resumed at 6:04 p.m.

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

On an omnibus motion of Representative Bautista (J.M.), 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; and adopted the Explanatory Notes as the sponsorship remarks on the measures:

Submitted by the Committee on Energy:

1. House Bill No. 8619 contained in Committee Report No. 218, granting the condonation of the unpaid interests, penalties, and surcharges on the overdue obligations of the Maguindanao Electric Cooperative, Inc. to the Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corporation;
2. House Bill No. 8620 contained in Committee Report No. 219, granting the condonation of the unpaid interests, penalties, and surcharges on the overdue obligations of the Lanao del Sur Electric Cooperative, Inc. to the Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corporation;

Submitted by the Committee on Indigenous Cultural Communities and Indigenous Peoples:

3. House Bill No. 8700 contained in Committee Report No. 232, providing for the establishment of an indigenous training center in the City of Valencia, Bukidnon;

Submitted by the Committees on Transportation, and Appropriations:

4. House Bill No. 8722 contained in Committee Report No. 237, upgrading the district office of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) in San Luis, Aurora, from a class "D" to a class "B" district office;

5. House Bill No. 8723 contained in Committee Report No. 238, upgrading the LTO district office in the City of Ormoc, Leyte, from a class “D” to a class “A” district office;
6. House Bill No. 8724 contained in Committee Report No. 239, upgrading the LTO district office in the City of Dagupan, Pangasinan, from class “B” to class “A”;
7. House Bill No. 9150 contained in Committee Report No. 262, upgrading the LTO district office in the City of Iriga, Camarines Sur, from a class “D” to a class “B” district office;
8. House Bill No. 9151 contained in Committee Report No. 263, converting the LTO extension office in Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro to a regular district office;
9. House Bill No. 9152 contained in Committee Report No. 264, converting the LTO extension office in Guiuan, Eastern Samar into a regular LTO district office;
10. House Bill No. 9153 contained in Committee Report No. 265, converting the LTO extension office in Candelaria, Quezon into a regular district office;
11. House Bill No. 9154 contained in Committee Report No. 266, converting the LTO extension office in San Agustin, Romblon into a regular district office; and
12. House Bill No. 9155 contained in Committee Report No. 267, converting the LTO extension office in Roxas, Oriental Mindoro into a regular LTO district office.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Thereupon, the Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 6:08 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session was resumed at 6:09 p.m.

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

Upon the earlier motion of Representative Bautista (J.M.), there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate in the

absence of interpellations; adopted the amendments as contained in the committee reports, if any; terminated the period of amendments; and approved on Second Reading House Bill Nos. 8619, 8620, 8700, 8722, 8723, 8724, 9150, 9151, 9152, 9153, 9154, and 9155 through *viva voce* voting.

DESIGNATION OF HOUSE CONFEREES ON HOUSE BILL NO. 8476 AND SENATE BILL NO. 1894

Whereupon, on motion of Representative Acosta, there being no objection, the Body designated the following Members as House conferees to reconcile the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 8476 and Senate Bill No. 1894, on expanding the coverage of tertiary education subsidy:

Rep. Jude A. Acidre;
Rep. Roman T. Romulo;
Rep. Jaime R. Fresnedi;
Rep. Steve Chiongbian Solon;
Rep. Anna Victoria Veloso-Tuazon; and
Rep. Niko Raul S.J. Daza.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Acosta, the Chair suspended the session at 6:13 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session was resumed at 6:14 p.m.

ADOPTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 903

Upon resumption of session, on successive motions of Representative Acosta, there being no objection, the Body proceeded with the consideration of House Resolution No. 903, titled: RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE NATIONAL POLICE COMMISSION TO EFFECT THE IMMEDIATE CONVERSION, REORGANIZATION, AND/OR UPGRADING OF THE CALOOCAN CITY POLICE STATION INTO A FULL-FLEDGED POLICE DISTRICT, AND TO ISSUE THE APPROPRIATE RESOLUTION IN THE EXERCISE OF ITS POWERS UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8551; 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.

PRIVILEGE HOUR

With leave of the House, on successive motions of Representative Acosta, there being no objection, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour and thereafter, recognized Senior Deputy Minority Leader Leila M. De Lima for her privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE DE LIMA

Representative De Lima spoke about the significant amount of land in Nueva Vizcaya being opened up for mining. She emphasized that these mining operations can have devastating and long-lasting consequences, including environmental destruction, community displacement, loss of livelihoods, and irreversible damage to local ecosystems. She questioned who has the right to make decisions that would affect both the land and the people living therein.

She highlighted that existing laws, particularly the Local Government Code, require national government agencies and government-owned or controlled corporations to maintain ecological balance and preserve environmental integrity, and to consult LGUs, non-governmental organizations, and other concerned groups before proceeding with projects that may harm the environment. She stressed that this consultation is a constitutional right that ensures people can participate in decisions affecting their lives. Representative De Lima further argued that genuine consultation must give affected communities the power to reject mining projects if the negative impacts are too severe. According to her, any process that does not allow communities to withhold consent is not true consultation, but merely a performative exercise.

Subsequently, she emphasized that the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) carried the primary duty to conduct thorough and truthful consultations with communities and LGUs, while local officials must actively ensure compliance as part of their mandate to uphold public trust.

She then cited cases such as Woggle Corporation's exploration in Nueva Vizcaya, where LGUs and communities were bypassed, prompting her to file House Resolution No. 413 to demand a full investigation. She likewise raised concerns about the renewal of OceanaGold's Financial or Technical Assistance Agreement (FTAA), which she described as agreements allowing full foreign participation in

large-scale mineral exploitation. She said that the renewal of the latter's FTAA proceeded despite strong opposition and lack of proper consultation from affected communities. These examples, she remarked, revealed a troubling pattern in which agencies treat consultation as a mere procedural requirement rather than a substantive democratic process. She further criticized the MGB's interpretation that consultation was unnecessary for exploration permits, warning that this could weaken safeguards across all stages of mining.

In the end, Representative De Lima underscored that consent granted decades ago cannot reasonably bind present and future generations, especially in the face of evolving environmental and social conditions, and highlighted documented human rights violations linked to OceanaGold's past mining operations. Hence, she called on the Body to use its oversight powers to determine whether DENR-MGB faithfully executed its statutory duty to enforce consultation requirements, shared that she would file a resolution in aid of legislation to conduct a comprehensive inquiry into these systemic failures, and urged her colleagues to stand with mining-affected communities.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair suspended the session at 6:34 p.m. on motion of Representative Acosta.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session was resumed at 6:34 p.m.

Upon resumption of session, on motion of Representative Acosta, the Chair recognized Rep. Sergio C. Dagooc for his manifestation.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE DAGOOC

Expressing full support for the concerns raised by Representative De Lima, Representative Dagooc mentioned that he has two pending complaints with the MGB. He also concurred that the agency appeared to favor mining companies over the interests of local communities and the environment, particularly in the Dinagat Islands and Surigao City. He then highlighted unresolved complaints endorsed by the Bishop of the Diocese of Surigao and noted the lack of consultation and unclear accountability between the MGB and the Environmental Management Bureau. Thus, he called on the Body to act on the matter.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE DE LIMA

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

On another motion of Representative Acosta, the Chair next recognized Representative Co for her privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE CO

Highlighting the Philippines' role as host of the 48th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit in Cebu, Representative Co noted that the region faces escalating external and internal crises, including geopolitical tensions affecting global fuel prices and conflicts within ASEAN member states. She questioned how ASEAN was safeguarding the welfare, security, and human rights of its people amid these challenges. Citing Timor-Leste's decision to pursue legal action against Myanmar's junta leader, she underscored the contrast between principled action and the inaction of other ASEAN members.

Representative Co criticized the continued reliance on ASEAN's Five-Point Consensus or 5PC, arguing that five years after its adoption, none of its core commitments have been meaningfully implemented. She contended that repeated reaffirmation of the 5PC without benchmarks, timelines, or enforcement measures has allowed the Myanmar military junta to maintain the appearance of diplomatic engagement while avoiding accountability and continuing repression.

Noting ASEAN's suspension of Myanmar's political representation in high-level meetings as largely procedural and insufficient to alter the junta's conduct, Representative Co further raised concerns over the junta's continuation of elections and political processes. She emphasized that Myanmar's people have continued to resist military rule.

Further, Representative Co called attention to the Philippines' role as ASEAN Chair, stressing that non-recognition of the junta's electoral process must be accompanied by stronger and clearer action. In this regard, she urged ASEAN to maintain the suspension of military representation in their meetings, refrain from recognizing the military-led government regardless

of institutional changes, and shift engagement toward the National Unity Government, ethnic revolutionary organizations, and civil society actors. Likewise, she advocated for a formal review of the 5PC, expansion of cross-border humanitarian assistance independent of military control, and support for accountability mechanisms and international legal actions concerning alleged war crimes and human rights abuses.

In conclusion, Representative Co asserted that ASEAN's principles of peace, stability, and rule of law require firmer action and accountability measures, as continued ambiguity and reliance on unenforced consensus mechanisms have failed to address the ongoing crisis in Myanmar.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE CO

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

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 Representative Suansing (B.V.), there being no objection, the Body approved to refer the following House Resolutions to the appropriate committees indicated hereunder:

1. House Resolution Nos. 835, 836, 837, 920, and 921 – to the Committee on Basic Education and Culture;
2. House Resolution Nos. 838, 852, 857, 875, 887, and 914 – to the Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Energy Action and Development;
3. House Resolution Nos. 840, 950, and 966 – to the Committee on Housing and Urban Development;
4. House Resolution No. 841 – to the Committee on Higher and Technical Education;
5. House Resolution Nos. 850 and 970 – to the Committee on Transportation;
6. House Resolution No. 864 – to the Committee on Public Works and Highways;
7. House Resolution No. 865 – to the Committee on Natural Resources;

8. House Resolution Nos. 866, 924, 925, and 937 – to the Committee on Health;
9. House Resolution No. 867 – to the Committee on Ways and Means;
10. House Resolution No. 877 – to the Special Committee on Southern Tagalog Development;
11. House Resolution Nos. 886, 889, 946, 965, 976, 978, and 979 – to the Committee on Energy;
12. House Resolution No. 899 – to the Committee on Indigenous Cultural Communities and Indigenous Peoples;
13. House Resolution No. 900 – to the Committee on Welfare of Children;
14. House Resolution Nos. 910 and 969 – to the Committee on Justice;
15. House Resolution Nos. 961, 962, and 968 – to the Committee on National Defense and Security;
16. House Resolution No. 967 – to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;
17. House Resolution No. 971 – to the Committee on Information and Communications Technology;
18. House Resolution No. 974 – to the Committee on Labor and Employment; and
19. House Resolution No. 980 – to the Committees on Public Information, and Information and Communications Technology.

TERMINATION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR

There being no other Members who wished to avail themselves of the Privilege Hour, on motion of Representative Acosta, there being no objection, the Chair terminated the Privilege Hour.

REFERRAL OF SPEECHES ON INQUIRIES IN AID OF LEGISLATION

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

Delivered on March 9, 2026:

1. Privilege speeches of Reps. Lani Mercado-Revilla, Dadah Kiram Ismula, Maria Cristina C. Angeles, Audrey Kay T. Zubiri, Richelle Singson, Laarni Lavin Roque, Alyssa Michaela “Mica” M. Gonzales, Sarah Jane I. Elago, Lolita T. Javier, Kaka J. Bag-ao, Leila M. De Lima, and Iris Marie Demesa Montes – to the Committee on Women and Gender Equality;
2. Privilege speech of Rep. Renee Louise M. Co – to the Committee on Welfare of Children;

Delivered on March 10, 2026:

3. Privilege speeches of Rep. Ma. Alana Samantha Taliño Santos and Deputy Speaker Raymond Democrito C. Mendoza – to the Special Committee on ASEAN Affairs;
4. Privilege speech of Rep. Mark Anthony Santos – to the Committee on Public Works and Highways;
5. Privilege speeches of Reps. Antonino B. Roman III and Loreto S. Amante – to the Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Energy Action and Development;
6. Privilege speech of Rep. Jose Manuel Tadeo “Chel” I. Diokno – to the Committee on Public Order and Safety;
7. Privilege speech of Rep. Percival “Perci” Cendaña – to the Committee on Climate Change;
8. Privilege speech of Rep. Robert Nazal – to the Committee on Higher and Technical Education;
9. Privilege speech of Rep. Edgar R. Erice – to the Committee on Justice;

Delivered on March 17, 2026:

10. Privilege speech of Rep. Ramon Rodrigo L. Gutierrez – to the Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Energy Action and Development;

Delivered on March 18, 2026:

11. Privilege speech of Rep. Robert Nazal – to the Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Energy Action and Development;
12. Privilege speech of Rep. Javier Miguel Lopez Benitez – to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;

Delivered on May 4, 2026:

13. Privilege speeches of Reps. Sergio C. Dagooc and JC M. Abalos – to the Committee on Energy;
14. Privilege speech of Rep. Jaime R. Fresnedi – to the Committee on Public Works and Highways;
15. Privilege speech of Rep. Jude A. Acidre – to the Committee on Public Information;
16. Privilege speeches of Reps. Sarah Jane I. Elago and Elijah Rumbaoa San Fernando – to the Committee on Labor and Employment;
17. Privilege speech of Rep. Rolando M. Valeriano – to the Committee on Transportation;
18. Privilege speech of Rep. Presley C. De Jesus – to the Committee on Legislative Franchises;

Delivered on May 5, 2026:

19. Privilege speeches of Reps. Kaka J. Bag-ao, Jose Manuel Tadeo “Chel” I. Diokno, and Percival “Perci” Cendaña – to the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources;
20. Privilege speech of Rep. Robert Nazal – to the Committee on Energy;
21. Privilege speech of Rep. Antonio L. Tinio – to the Committee on Labor and Employment;
22. Privilege speeches of Reps. Renee Louise M. Co and Antonino B. Roman III – to the Committee on Public Information;
23. Privilege speech of Rep. Nelson S. Legacion – to the Committee on Transportation;

Delivered on May 6, 2026:

24. Privilege speeches of Reps. Jesus “Bong” C. Suntay and Arthur C. Yap – to the Committee on Energy; and
25. Privilege speech of Rep. Sergio C. Dagooc – to the Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Energy Action and Development.

CHANGE OF REFERRAL OF HOUSE MEASURES AND PRIVILEGE SPEECH

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Bocobo, there being no objection, the Body changed the referral of the following House measures and privilege speech to the committees specified hereunder:

1. House Bill No. 7294 – from the Committee on Basic Education and Culture to the Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization;
2. House Bill Nos. 472, 1169, 3725, 6432, and 7887 – from the Committee on Basic Education and Culture to the Committees on Basic Education and Culture, and Health;
3. House Bill Nos. 211, 1471, and 1812 – from the Committees on Basic Education and Culture, and Higher and Technical Education to the Committees on Higher and Technical Education, and Basic Education and Culture;
4. House Bill No. 767 – from the Committee on Basic Education and Culture to the Committees on Higher and Technical Education, and Basic Education and Culture;
5. House Bill Nos. 393, 516, 618, 850, 875, 876, 886, 1476, 1894, 2021, 2212, 2650, 2805, 2991, 3198, 3379, 3771, 3801, 4557, 4910, 5088, 5125, 5369, 5473, 6001, 6486, 6577, 7000, 7364, 7430, 7573, 7710, 7878, 7884, 8287, 8343, 8438, 8439, 8512, 8522, 8727, 8828, 8857, 8965, 8992, 9007, and 9009 – from the Committee on Health to the Committee on Health and the Special Committee on Persons with Disabilities;
6. House Bill Nos. 1023 and 2417 – from the Committee on Cooperatives Development to the Committees on Cooperatives Development, and Agriculture and Food;
7. House Bill Nos. 3249, 3466, 5130, 5295, and 5315 – from the Committee on Agriculture and Food to the Committees on Cooperatives Development, and Agriculture and Food;
8. Privilege speech of Rep. Bella Vanessa B. Suansing delivered on February 23, 2026 – from the Committee on Disaster Resilience to the Committee on Ecology;
9. House Bill Nos. 500 and 8156 – from the Committee on Welfare of Children to the Committee on Population and Family Relations;
10. House Bill No. 7688 – from the Committee on Natural Resources to the Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization;

11. House Bill No. 7571 – from the Committees on Information and Communications Technology, and Welfare of Children to the Committee on Welfare of Children;
12. House Bill No. 7895 – from the Committees on Welfare of Children, and Information and Communications Technology to the Committee on Welfare of Children;
13. House Bill No. 621 – from the Committee on Government Reorganization to the Committees on Indigenous Cultural Communities and Indigenous Peoples, and Government Reorganization;
14. House Bill No. 8755 – from the Committee on Health to the Committees on Trade and Industry, and Health;
15. House Bill No. 2744 – from the Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization to the Committee on Local Government; and
16. House Resolution No. 462 – from the Committee on Agriculture and Food to the Committee on Visayas Development.

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

On motion of Representative Bocobo, there being no objection, the Body approved to include as coauthors of House Bill Nos. 763, 8461, 8392, 8420, 8699, 8700, 8702, 8869, 8876, 9048, 9157, and 1004; and House Resolution Nos. 694, 826, 895, 896, 897, 898, 903, 905, 906, 952, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 963, 964, 984, 1001, and 1004 the names of the Members contained in the list to be submitted by the Committee on Rules.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Whereupon, on motion of Representative Acosta, 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 Committee Reports, which were referred to the Committee on Rules:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Report No. 294, submitted by the Committee on Local Government on H.B. No. 7030, titled:
AN ACT DECLARING MAY 14 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF

TUMAUINI, PROVINCE OF ISABELA, IN CELEBRATION OF ITS PATRONAL FIESTA recommending its approval with amendments
Sponsors: Representatives Miraflores and Albano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 295, submitted by the Committee on Local Government on H.B. No. 3273, titled:
AN ACT DECLARING FEBRUARY 1 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF CAMARINES NORTE REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9090 ENTITLED “AN ACT DECLARING FEBRUARY FIRST OF EVERY YEAR AS ‘JOSE MARIA C. PANGANIBAN DAY’ AND A SPECIAL WORKING PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF CAMARINES NORTE” recommending its approval with amendments
Sponsors: Representatives Miraflores and Tallado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 296, submitted by the Committee on Local Government on H.B. No. 3572, titled:
AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 15 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JIABONG, SAMAR IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS CHARTER DAY ANNIVERSARY recommending its approval with amendments
Sponsors: Representatives Miraflores and Tan (Reynolds Michael)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 297, submitted by the Committee on Local Government on H.B. No. 3717, titled:
AN ACT DECLARING OCTOBER 2 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SOLANO, PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA, TO BE KNOWN AS ‘SOLANO DAY’ recommending its approval with amendments
Sponsors: Representatives Miraflores and Cayton
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 298, submitted by the Committee on Ethics and Privileges re: Committee Case No. P-2025-06 and Committee Case No. SC-2025-07 informing the House of the findings and recommendation of the Committee on Ethics and Privileges on the aforesated cases
Sponsors: Representatives Abalos and Alvarez (Jose)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Committee Report No. 299, submitted by the Committee on Ethics and Privileges
re: Committee Case No. SC-2026-20, Committee Case No. PS-2026-21, Committee Case No. PS-2026-22 and Committee Case No. SC-2026-23
informing the House of the action taken by the Committee on Ethics and Privileges on the matter, including the Committee's findings and recommendations
Sponsors: Representatives Abalos and Alvarez (Jose)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

RECOMMITMENT OF HOUSE BILL NO. 8413

Pursuant to the Provisional Rules of the House, and upon the request of the Chairperson of the Committee on Poverty Alleviation, on motion of Representative Acosta, there being no objection, the Body recommitted House Bill No. 8413 to the said Committee.

ADOPTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1004

Thereafter, on successive motions of Representative Acosta, there being no objection, the Body proceeded with the consideration of House Resolution No. 1004, in consolidation with House Resolution Nos. 938 and 949, titled: RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF HONORABLE SALVADOR B. BRITANICO, FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BARANGAY

ASSOCIATION FOR NATIONAL ADVANCEMENT AND TRANSPARENCY (BANAT) PARTY-LIST DURING THE FOURTEENTH CONGRESS, AND REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO DURING THE REGULAR BATASANG PAMBANSA; dispensed with the reading of the text 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.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Acosta, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, May 18, 2026.

It was 7:04 p.m. of Wednesday, May 13, 2026.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.


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

Approved on May 19, 2026.

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ABANTE	CAGAS	ESCUDERO
ACIDRE	CALDERON	ESPARES
ACOP	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
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*** 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	DAGOO	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.)
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BARONDA	DIMAGUILA	HERNANDEZ (F.)
BARZAGA	DIMAPORO (I.)	HERNANDEZ (R.)
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*** BAUTISTA-LIM	DOMINGO	IWAY
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BERNOS (C.)	DUTERTE (P.)	KHO (W.)
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BIRON	DY (F.M.C.)	* KO
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* BONDOC	EMANO	* LAGBAS
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** 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/
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