

JOURNAL NO. 5
Tuesday and Wednesday,
August 3 and 4, 2004

CALL TO ORDER

At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Emilio R. Espinosa Jr. called the session to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PRAYER

Pursuant to Section 71, Rule XI of the Rules of the House, the Members sang the National Anthem and thereafter, observed a minute of silent prayer.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Del R. De Guzman, the session was suspended at 4:03 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:08 p.m., the session was resumed.

DEFERMENT OF THE ROLL CALL

On motion of Rep. Arthur D. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body deferred the calling of the Roll.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body approved the Journal of Wednesday, July 28, 2004.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

On motion of Rep. Defensor, the Body proceeded to the Reference of Business.

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the titles of the following Bills and Resolutions on First Reading which were referred to the appropriate Committees hereunder indicated:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 1401, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE POLILLO - PANUKULAN PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF POLILLO AND PANUKULAN, PROVINCE OF QUEZON INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE THEREOF"

By Representative Nantes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1402, entitled:

"AN ACT ENHANCING THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1403, entitled:

"AN ACT TO DEFINE AND GUARANTEE PUBLIC SECTOR UNIONISM IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 1404, entitled:

"AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE MAGNA CARTA FOR OLDER PERSONS"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 1405, entitled:

"AN ACT LOWERING THE COSTS OF MEDICINES AND HEALTH CARE IN THE PHILIPPINES BY EXEMPTING THE SALE, IMPORTATION, PROCESSING, REPACKING OR MANUFACTURING OF:

MEDICINES; PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS; MEDICAL, DENTAL AND HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT; AND RAW MATERIALS TO BE USED IN THE MANUFACTURE THEREOF; FROM ALL DUTIES AND TAXES"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 1406, entitled:

"AN ACT DIRECTING ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS OF HIGHER LEARNING TO CREDIT SUBJECTS ALREADY TAKEN BY A TRANSFERRING STUDENT, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 1407, entitled:

"AN ACT PRESCRIBING FOR A SYSTEM OF CREDITING THE UNITS OF ACADEMIC COURSES OFFICIALLY ENROLLED AND PASSED BY A TRANSFERRING STUDENT TO THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING WHERE HE INTENDS TO ENROLL"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 1408, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6963, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'AN ACT GRANTING SPECIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND BENEFITS TO THE FAMILY OR BENEFICIARY OF ANY POLICE OR MILITARY PERSONNEL OR FIREMAN KILLED OR PERMANENTLY INCAPACITATED WHILE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTY OR BY REASON OF HIS OFFICE OR POSITION AND ALSO EXTENDING SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE TO THE DEPENDENTS OF THEIR ACTIVE MEMBERS' AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SECURITY AND THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE

House Bill No. 1409, entitled:

"AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE POLITICAL PARTY SYSTEM"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 1410, entitled:

"AN ACT INSTITUTING THE MAGNA CARTA FOR THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE UNIFORMED AND NON-UNIFORMED PERSONNEL AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 1411, entitled:

"AN ACT INCREASING THE RETIREMENT BENEFITS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 75 OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED SIXTY-NINE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE ENTITLED, 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE UNDER A REORGANIZED DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT,' AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 1412, entitled:

"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PROVIDENT PERSONAL SAVINGS PLAN KNOWN AS THE 'PERSONAL EQUITY AND RETIREMENT ACCOUNT' "

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 1413, entitled:

"AN ACT DEFINING 'APPROVED, CERTIFIED AND ACCREDITED COURSES/SUBJECT' OPENED AND/OR OFFERED BY ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS AND IMPOSING STIFFER PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 1414, entitled:

"AN ACT TO PREVENT THE USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS BY THE YOUTH"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 1415, entitled:

"AN ACT PENALIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN IN ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE UNDERTAKING OR OCCUPATION WHICH IS CONSIDERED HAZARDOUS TO HIS/HER LIFE, SAFETY, HEALTH AND MORALS, OR WHICH UNDULY INTERFERES WITH HIS/HER NORMAL DEVELOPMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 1416 titled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES TO PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS, AMENDING FOR THESE PURPOSES REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED FORTY-SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY (REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4670), OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MAGNA CARTA FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION, THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION
House Bill No. 1417 titled:

"AN ACT FURTHER STRENGTHENING VOLUNTARY ARBITRATION AS A PREFERENTIAL MODE OF LABOR DISPUTE SETTLEMENT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 260, 261, 262-A, 262-B AND 227 (F) OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 422, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 1418 titled:

"AN ACT EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF THE EMPLOYEES COMPENSATION AND STATE INSURANCE FUND TO INCLUDE RETIRED EMPLOYEES AGED SEVENTY (70) AND BELOW WHO SUBSEQUENTLY REACQUIRED EMPLOYMENT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 1419 entitled:

"AN ACT INCREASING THE YEARLY ALLOCATION FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ACTIVITIES (STA)"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1420, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLES 215 AND 216 OF THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED, BY UPGRADING THE SALARIES, ALLOWANCES AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS OF LABOR ARBITERS AND THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS COMMISSION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1421, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING A DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES, PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION

House Bill No. 1422, entitled:

"AN ACT INCREASING VACATION AND SICK LEAVE BENEFITS OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 1423, entitled:

"AN ACT INCREASING THE MONTHLY PENSION OF RETIRED PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND NON-TEACHING PERSONNEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1424, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING INCENTIVES TO SUBDIVISION HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS TO DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN FORESTED AREAS WITHIN THEIR SUBDIVISIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 1425, entitled:

"AN ACT REQUIRING ALL BRANCHES, SUBDIVISIONS, INSTRUMENTALITIES, AND AGENCIES OF THE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR -CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS OR THEIR SUBSIDIARIES TO DIVULGE THE IDENTITY OF HIRED FOREIGN CONSULTANTS, THE NATURE OF THEIR WORK AND THEIR COMPENSATION, PERKS AND OTHER PRIVILEGES, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES IN CASE OF VIOLATION THEREOF"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 1426, entitled:

"AN ACT REQUIRING THAT ALL EXPENDITURES FOR THE PAYMENT OF FOREIGN DEBTS BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1427, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR FILIPINO GIFTED AND SCIENCE ORIENTED CHILDREN, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1428, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REFORMS TO PROMOTE THE EFFICIENCY AND PRODUCTIVITY OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ACTIVITIES (STA)"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1429, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING CHAPTER 2, TITLE V OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 1430, entitled:

"AN ACT EXEMPTING FROM INTERNAL REVENUE TAXATION THE SEPARATION PAY, RETIREMENT PAY AND ALL MONETARY BENEFITS, HOWEVER DESIGNATED, OF EMPLOYEES WHO ARE SEPARATED FROM WORK FOR ANY CAUSE"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 1431, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE CEREALS RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND EXTENSION INSTITUTE (PHILCEREAL), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FISHERIES

House Bill No. 1432, entitled:

"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN LIMITATIONS ON ADVERTISING RELATING TO CIGARETTES AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 1433, entitled:

"AN ACT DECLARING AND CONVERTING THE BASCA - AMBARACAO SUR - GUESSET ROAD IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, PROVINCE OF LA UNION INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Dumpit

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1434, entitled:

"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE AGOO-DAMORTIS SEASCAPE AND LANDSCAPE AS A PROTECTED AREA, AND ITS PERIPHERY AS BUFFER ZONES, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Dumpit

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 1435, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE BAGUIO CITY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - LOAKAN ANNEX INTO THE MILAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Domogan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1436, entitled:

"AN ACT SEPARATING THE BAGUIO CITY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - ROXAS ANNEX IN BAGUIO CITY FROM THE BAGUIO CITY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE ROXAS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Domogan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1437, entitled:

"AN ACT SEPARATING THE PINES CITY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - BONIFACIO ANNEX FROM ITS

MOTHER UNIT, THE PINES CITY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, BAGUIO CITY AND ESTABLISHING IT AS A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE NAMED GUIAD VALLEY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL OF BAGUIO CITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Domogan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
House Bill No. 1438, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL IN TAM-AWAN, BARANGAY PINSAO PROPER, BAGUIO CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE BAGUIO CITY NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Domogan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
House Bill No. 1439, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE ENGINEERING DISTRICT FOR THE CITY OF MALABON AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF NAVOTAS IN METRO MANILA, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Sandoval

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
House Bill No. 1440, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE REVISED PENAL CODE, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Amin

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
House Bill No. 1441, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING PROFESSIONAL LICENSE TO TEACHERS WHO HAVE RENDERED AT LEAST TWO (2) YEARS OF EFFICIENT SERVICE IN HIGH RISK AREAS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Amin

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
House Bill No. 1442, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A SEPARATE COMPENSATION SCHEME FOR LAWYER POSITIONS IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, THEREBY EXEMPTING THE SAID POSITIONS FROM REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6758, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SALARY STANDARDIZATION LAW"

By Representative Amin

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE
House Bill No. 1443, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING BENEFITS PACKAGE FOR ALL BARANGAY TANODS IN THE COUNTRY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Amin

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT
House Bill No. 1444, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MANDATORY AND CONTINUING HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION FOR ALL BARANGAY TANODS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Amin

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
House Bill No. 1445, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 290 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991"

By Representatives Domogan and Dangwa

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT
House Bill No. 1446, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 10(1) AND SECTION 11 OF REPUBLIC ACT 7156, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'MINI-HYDROELECTRIC POWER INCENTIVE ACT' "

By Representative Domogan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY
House Bill No. 1447, entitled:

"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE PHILIPPINE SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Domogan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
House Bill No. 1448, entitled:

"AN ACT SEPARATING THE PINES CITY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - MAGSAYSAY ANNEX, CITY OF BAGUIO, AND CONVERTING IT AS MAGSAYSAY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL OF BAGUIO CITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Domogan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
House Bill No. 1449, entitled:
"AN ACT SEPARATING PINSAO HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX FROM THE PINES CITY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
AND CONVERTING THE SAME INTO THE PINSAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"
By Representative Domogan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
House Bill No. 1450, entitled:
"AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7898, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'AFP MODERNIZATION
ACT' "
By Representative Domogan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE
House Bill No. 1451, entitled:
"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL POLICE COMMISSION AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES"
By Representative Domogan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SECURITY
House Bill No. 1452, entitled:
"AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND SANITATION,
INTEGRATING THE DIFFERENT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES RELATED TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AND SANITATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"
By Representative Domogan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION
House Bill No. 1453, entitled:
"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MORE RESPONSIVE AND COMPREHENSIVE REGULATION FOR THE
PRACTICE, LICENSING, AND REGISTRATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SANITARY ENGINEERS IN THE
PHILIPPINES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1364, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"
By Representative Domogan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
House Bill No. 1454, entitled:
"AN ACT PROVIDING MEASURES TO ENSURE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND CONVENIENCE"
By Representative Villar
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT
House Bill No. 1455, entitled:
"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COLLEGE EDUCATION TRUST FUND FOR CHILDREN OF GSIS AND SSS
MEMBERS"
By Representative Villar
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION
House Bill No. 1456, entitled:
"AN ACT TO ENTITLE CHILDREN OF TEACHERS AND EMPLOYEES IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE
INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING TO FREE TUITION AND OTHER SCHOOL FEES"
By Representative Villar
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION
House Bill No. 1457, entitled:
"AN ACT SETTING ASIDE TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS'
CALAMITY FUNDS FOR PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AS AMENDED"
By Representative Villar
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT
House Bill No. 1458, entitled:
"AN ACT PROMULGATING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR DRINKING WATER, PROVIDING
PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"
By Representative Villar
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
House Bill No. 1459, entitled:
"AN ACT TO REQUIRE INDUSTRIES, FACTORIES, COMPANIES, OR ANY INSTITUTION, FIRM OR
ESTABLISHMENT USING CHEMICALS AND THEIR BY-PRODUCTS FOR PRODUCTION, TO DEVELOP AND
PROMOTE A COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT INFORMATION PROGRAM"
By Representative Villar
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY
House Bill No. 1460, entitled:
"AN ACT REQUIRING THE PLANTING OF TREES IN OPEN SPACES OF SUBDIVISION PROJECTS
DEVELOPED FOR RESIDENTIAL, INDUSTRIAL, OR COMMERCIAL PURPOSE, AND FOR OTHER

PURPOSES"

By Representative Villar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 1461, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION AND DISPOSAL OF MEDICAL WASTES, DECLARING CERTAIN ACTS UNLAWFUL, PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THERETO, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Villar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 1462, entitled:

"AN ACT DECLARING AS UNLAWFUL THE USE OF POLYCARBON PLASTICS, STYROFOAM AND OTHER SYNTHETIC MATERIALS HARMFUL TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND ESTABLISHING A CRITERION FOR THE ENDORSEMENT OF ENVIRONMENT FRIENDLY CONSUMER PRODUCTS"

By Representative Villar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 1463, entitled:

"AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SERVICE OF WARRANTS OF ARRESTS IN CERTAIN CASES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF"

By Representative Villar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 1464, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES AND THEIR HABITATS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Villar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1465, entitled:

"AN ACT REQUIRING THAT ALL LIQUOR PRODUCTS TO CARRY A WARNING LABEL THAT ALCOHOL INTAKE DURING PREGNANCY IS HAZARDOUS TO THE LIFE AND HEALTH OF THE UNBORN CHILD"

By Representative Villar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 1466, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION OF ALL OBJECTS OF UNDERWATER CULTURAL HERITAGE IN PHILIPPINE WATERS"

By Representative Villar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 1467, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 286 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991"

By Representative Singson

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 1468, entitled:

"AN ACT INCREASING THE RATE OF THE VALUE-ADDED TAX, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 106, 107, 108 AND 114 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Singson

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 1469, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REIMPOSITION OF THE FRANCHISE TAX ON TELECOMMUNICATION COMPANIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 108 AND 119 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Singson

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 1470, entitled:

"AN ACT ADOPTING THE GROSS INCOME TAXATION FOR CORPORATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED IN TRADE OR BUSINESS AND/OR PRACTICE OF PROFESSION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF TITLE II OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Singson

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 1471, entitled:

"AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL AND/OR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN MILITARY CAMPS AND RESERVATIONS, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE MILITARY REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Domogan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION, THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BASES CONVERSION AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
House Bill No. 1472, entitled:
"AN ACT REORGANIZING THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY INTO THE NATIONAL FOOD CORPORATION AND THE FOOD DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATORY ADMINISTRATION, REDEFINING THEIR POWERS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"
By Representative Cua (J.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION
House Bill No. 1473, entitled:
"AN ACT INTEGRATING COMPUTER EDUCATION INTO THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY LEVEL CURRICULUM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"
By Representative Bacani
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
House Bill No. 1474, entitled:
"AN ACT UPGRADING THE JOSE R. REYES MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER (JRRMMC) INTO A DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) NATIONAL CENTER FOR TRAUMA, CANCER AND DERMATOLOGY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"
By Representative Bacani
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
House Bill No. 1475, entitled:
"AN ACT PRESCRIBING A RATIONALIZED STAFFING PATTERN FOR THE SUPPORT STAFF OF PROVINCIAL/CITY PROSECUTORS OFFICE"
By Representative Bacani
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE
House Bill No. 1476, entitled:
"AN ACT REQUIRING GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR -CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS (GOCCs) ON THE PRIVATIZATION PROGRAM TO RESERVE AT LEAST TWENTY PERCENT (20%) OF THEIR TOTAL INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING (IPO) OF SHARES TO OVERSEAS WORKERS, AUTHORIZING THE OVERSEAS WORKERS INVESTMENT (OWI) FUND UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7111 TO MANAGE AN INVESTMENT FUND PORTFOLIO FOR OVERSEAS WORKERS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"
By Representative Villar
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT
House Bill No. 1477, entitled:
"AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8291 AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1146, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'REVISED GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE ACT OF 1977,' AS AMENDED"
By Representative Villar
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION
House Bill No. 1478, entitled:
"AN ACT INSTITUTING A NATIONAL LAND USE POLICY, PROVIDING THE IMPLEMENTING MECHANISMS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"
By Representative Acosta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
House Bill No. 1479, entitled:
"AN ACT TO REGULATE AND MODERNIZE THE PRACTICE OF CHEMISTRY IN THE PHILIPPINES, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 754"
By Representative Acosta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
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House Bill No. 1489, entitled:

"AN ACT MANDATING THE APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE ELDERLY IN EVERY SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY, SANGGUNIANG BAYAN, SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD AND SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN"

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House Bill No. 1490, entitled:

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By Representative Abayon

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House Bill No. 1491, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING AN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY ENHANCEMENT FUND, IN EACH PROVINCE, CITY AND MUNICIPALITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE"

By Representative Abayon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FISHERIES AND THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 1492, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SEATS TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE TO THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF BULACAN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NINETY-TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY"

By Representative Roquero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 1493, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) REGIONAL TRIAL COURT BRANCHES AND TWO (2) ADDITIONAL MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT BRANCHES FOR THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, AMENDING FOR THE

PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980' AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Roquero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1494, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SOLAR ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND DUTIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Lopez (J.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 1495, entitled:

"AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS TO INCLUDE IN THE CURRICULUM OF ALL SECONDARY AND COLLEGIATE SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES IN THE COUNTRY THE TEACHING OF POPULATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Lopez (J.)

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

House Bill No. 1496, entitled:

"AN ACT TO INSTALL FAX MACHINE UNITS IN ALL CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES IN THE PHILIPPINES"

By Representative Lopez (J.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

House Bill No. 1497, entitled:

"AN ACT PROMOTING VOLUNTARY BLOOD DONATION, PROVIDING FOR AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF SAFE BLOOD, REGULATING BLOOD BANKS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF"

By Representative Lopez (J.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 1498, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE PRACTICE OF PROFESSIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES BY OVERSEAS FILIPINO PROFESSIONALS"

By Representative Lopez (J.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 1499, entitled:

"AN ACT PENALIZING PARENTS, ADOPTERS, GUARDIANS OR PERSONS EXERCISING SPECIAL OR SUBSTITUTE PARENTAL AUTHORITY OVER CHILDREN UNDER PARENTAL AUTHORITY FOUND TO BE ENGAGED IN BEGGING AND/OR PROSTITUTION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Lopez (J.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 1500, entitled:

"AN ACT PROHIBITING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES TO HOLD TWO (2) OR MORE FULL TIME POSITIONS IN THE GOVERNMENT OR ANY SUBDIVISION, AGENCY OR INSTRUMENTALITY THEREOF INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR -CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS OR IN PRIVATE ENTITIES AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THEREFOR"

By Representative Lopez (J.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 1501, entitled:

"AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE TEACHING OF BASIC COMPUTER PROGRAMMING AS PART OF THE CURRICULUM OF ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Lopez (J.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1502, entitled:

"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL RECYCLING COMMISSION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Lopez (J.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 1503, entitled:

"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL JUNIOR POLICE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Lopez (J.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 1504, entitled:

"AN ACT REQUIRING ALL PUBLIC UTILITY AGENCIES AND COMPANIES OR CORPORATIONS, BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, TO REPAIR ANY DIGGING OR DESTRUCTION MADE IN THE COURSE OF THEIR INSTALLATION OR MAINTENANCE WORK"

By Representative Lopez (J.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 1505, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NEW LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 1506, entitled:

"AN ACT FIXING THE DATE OF THE REGULAR ELECTIONS OF REGIONAL GOVERNOR, REGIONAL VICE-GOVERNOR, AND MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (ARMM), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9140 ENTITLED 'AN ACT FIXING THE DATE OF THE PLEBISCITE FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENTS TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6734 AND SETTING THE DATE OF THE REGULAR ELECTIONS FOR ELECTIVE OFFICIALS OF THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO ON THE LAST MONDAY OF NOVEMBER 2001, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9054, ENTITLED 'AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN AND EXPAND THE ORGANIC ACT FOR THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6734, ENTITLED 'AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO,' AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,' AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Salapuddin

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS AND THE COMMITTEE ON MUSLIM AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 1507, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A STAGGERED WORKING HOUR SCHEME IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Umali (A.V.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 1508, entitled:

"AN ACT SEPARATING THE MAUJAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL EXTENSION IN BARANGAY MAUJAO, MUNICIPALITY OF BULALACAO, PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO FROM THE BULALACAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (BNHS) IN BARANGAY POBLACION, CONVERTING THE SAME INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS MAUJAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Umali (A.V.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1509, entitled:

"AN ACT REQUIRING ALL MASS MEDIA FACILITIES TO ALLOCATE A CERTAIN PORTION OF THEIR AIRTIME OR SPACE FOR PUBLIC SERVICE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF"

By Representative Umali (A.V.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 1510, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING THE ORIENTAL MINDORO STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM (OMSUS) THROUGH THE INTEGRATION OF THE POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE OF CALAPAN (PCC) IN CALAPAN CITY, THE MINDORO STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY (MINSAT) IN VICTORIA, AND THE BONGABONG COLLEGE OF FISHERIES (BCF) IN BONGABONG AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

By Representative Umali (A.V.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 1511, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A YOUTH CENTER IN CALAPAN CITY AND IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GLORIA, BOTH IN THE PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO AND TO BE KNOWN AS THE ORIENTAL MINDORO CENTER FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Umali (A.V.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1512, entitled:

"AN ACT SEPARATING THE DAYHAGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - CARMUNDO EXTENSION IN BARANGAY CARMUNDO, MUNICIPALITY OF BONGABONG, PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO FROM THE DAYHAGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY DAYHAGAN, CONVERTING THE SAME INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS CARMUNDO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Umali (A.V.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1513, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SALCEDO, MUNICIPALITY OF BANSUD, PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO TO BE KNOWN AS FELIMON M. SALCEDO, SR. MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, (FMSSMNHS) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Umali (A.V.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
House Bill No. 1514, entitled:
"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) DISTRICT OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BONGABONG, PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Umali (A.V.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
House Bill No. 1515, entitled:
"AN ACT CONVERTING THE MALAMIG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL EXTENSION CLASSES IN BRGY. MALIGAYA, MUNICIPALITY OF GLORIA, PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS PRESIDENT DIOSDADO MACAPAGAL MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Umali (A.V.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
House Bill No. 1516, entitled:
"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REGISTER OF DEEDS DISTRICT OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BONGABONG, PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Umali (A.V.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
House Bill No. 1517, entitled:
"AN ACT CREATING BARANGAY YUNOT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BULALACAO, PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO"

By Representative Umali (A.V.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT
House Bill No. 1518, entitled:
"AN ACT PROVIDING THAT ELECTIVE OFFICIALS RUNNING FOR ANY OFFICE OTHER THAN THE ONE WHICH THEY ARE HOLDING SHALL BE CONSIDERED IPSO FACTO RESIGNED UPON THE FILING OF THEIR CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE"

By Representative Umali (A.V.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS
House Bill No. 1519, entitled:
"AN ACT CONVERTING THE BONGABONG - SAGANA - ROXAS - SAN AQUILINO PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Umali (A.V.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
House Bill No. 1520, entitled:
"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY DANGAY, MUNICIPALITY OF ROXAS, PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO TO BE KNOWN DANGAY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Umali (A.V.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
House Bill No. 1521, entitled:
"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE INCLUSION OF THE DULY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES AS EX OFFICIO MEMBER OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN CONCERNED, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE 'LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991,' AS AMENDED"

By Representative Umali (A.V.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT
House Bill No. 1522, entitled:
"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SAN ROQUE, MUNICIPALITY OF BULALACAO, PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO TO BE KNOWN AS SAN ROQUE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Umali (A.V.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
House Bill No. 1523, entitled:
"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE ORIENTAL MINDORO SCIENCE AND SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Umali (A.V.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
House Bill No. 1524, entitled:
"AN ACT CREATING BARANGAY SIANGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BONGABONG, PROVINCE OF

ORIENTAL MINDORO"

By Representative Umali (A.V.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 1525, entitled:

"AN ACT TO REWARD INFORMANTS WHO HELP IDENTIFY, LOCATE AND RECOVER ANY ILL-GOTTEN WEALTH OF THE LATE PRESIDENT FERDINAND E. MARCOS, AND HIS WIDOW, IMELDA R. MARCOS AND OTHER DEFENDANTS OR RESPONDENTS IN ILL-GOTTEN WEALTH CASES WHEREVER LOCATED AND BY WHOMSOEVER HELD AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Cagas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND THE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 1526, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING CHAPTER 2, TITLE V OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES"

By Representative Cagas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 1527, entitled:

"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE MAGNA CARTA FOR BARANGAYS"

By Representative Cagas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 1528, entitled:

"AN ACT DECLARING PUBLIC LANDS IN BARANGAYS MANLAYAG, MAN-ILAN AND TABUAN OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUKURAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR AS OPEN TO DISPOSITION"

By Representative Hataman

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 1529, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING THE NEW TRIBAL BARANGAY OF BULANSING OUT OF THE EXISTING SITIO BULANSING IN BARANGAY SULO, MUNICIPALITY OF NAGA, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY"

By Representative Hataman

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 1530, entitled:

"AN ACT CRIMINALIZING CHEATING AND OTHER DISHONEST ACTS RELATIVE TO THE CONDUCT OF BAR EXAMINATIONS AND IMPOSING STIFF PENALTIES THEREOF"

By Representative Hataman

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 1531, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING A NATIONAL BOOK DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND TO SUPPORT FILIPINO AUTHORSHIP"

By Representative Gonzalez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1532, entitled:

"AN ACT TO REENGINEER THE GOVERNMENT BUREAUCRACY BY AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO IMPLEMENT THE RE-ENGINEERING PLAN, CREATING THE COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT RE-ENGINEERING, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Sumulong

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION

House Bill No. 1533, entitled:

"AN ACT ORDAINING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DOWNSTREAM NATURAL GAS INDUSTRY, CONSOLIDATING FOR THE PURPOSE ALL LAWS RELATING TO THE TRANSMISSION, DISTRIBUTION AND SUPPLY OF NATURAL GAS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representatives Escudero and Badelles

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 1534, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BUENAVISTA, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JORGE, PROVINCE OF SAMAR TO BE KNOWN AS THE BUENAVISTA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Uy (R.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1535, entitled:

"AN ACT MANDATING THE NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION TO ENSURE THE OPTIMUM UTILIZATION OF POWER SUPPLY WHICH THE GOVERNMENT HAS GUARANTEED TO PURCHASE FROM INDEPENDENT POWER PRODUCERS (IPPs), PROVIDING A POWER REBATE SYSTEM IN FAVOR OF THE CONSUMERS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Marcos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 1536, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLES 13, 40, 48, 52, 54 AND 99 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Marcos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 1537, entitled:

"THE BUDGET IMPOUNDMENT CONTROL ACT OF 2004"

By Representative Marcos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1538, entitled:

"AN ACT RESERVING FOR PUBLIC, QUASI-PUBLIC AND RESETTLEMENT PURPOSES A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN LOCATED IN BARANGAY TAMBLER, GENERAL SANTOS CITY, ISLAND OF MINDANAO UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE CITY OF GENERAL SANTOS"

By Representative Antonino-Custodio

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 1539, entitled:

"AN ACT RESERVING FOR PUBLIC, QUASI-PUBLIC AND RESETTLEMENT PURPOSES A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN LOCATED IN BARANGAY CALUMPANG, GENERAL SANTOS CITY, ISLAND OF MINDANAO UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE CITY OF GENERAL SANTOS"

By Representative Antonino-Custodio

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 1540, entitled:

"AN ACT RESERVING FOR PUBLIC, QUASI-PUBLIC AND RESETTLEMENT PURPOSES A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE MILLION EIGHTY-FOUR THOUSAND (1,084,000) SQUARE METERS OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN LOCATED IN BARANGAY TAMBLER, GENERAL SANTOS CITY, ISLAND OF MINDANAO UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE CITY OF GENERAL SANTOS"

By Representative Antonino-Custodio

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 1541, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE GENERAL SANTOS CITY SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREE PORT IN THE PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO, CREATING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE GENERAL SANTOS CITY SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREE PORT AUTHORITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Antonino-Custodio

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY, THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 1542, entitled:

"AN ACT RESERVING FOR MARINE, AGRICULTURAL AND COMMERCIAL ECONOMIC ZONE SITE A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN LOCATED IN BARANGAY TAMBLER, GENERAL SANTOS CITY, ISLAND OF MINDANAO UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE"

By Representative Antonino-Custodio

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FISHERIES

House Bill No. 1543, entitled:

"AN ACT REGULATING MARINE POLLUTION IN THE PHILIPPINES"

By Representative Marcos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 1544, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING THE FIELD OF LAND TITLE INSURANCE AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 612, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE INSURANCE CODE OF 1978, AS AMENDED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NOS. 1455 AND 1460 AND BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 874"

By Representative Cagas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 1545, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE CEREALS RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND EXTENSION INSTITUTE (PHILCEREAL), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Cagas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FISHERIES

House Bill No. 1546, entitled:

"AN ACT EXPANDING THE LIABILITIES OF INDIRECT EMPLOYERS IN JOB CONTRACTING, COVERING OTHER BENEFITS DUE THEIR EMPLOYEES, FOR THIS PURPOSE AMENDING ARTICLE 106 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES"

By Representative Cagas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 1547, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PRIVATE-HOSPITAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO PRIVATE HOSPITALS BY GRANTING THEM INCENTIVES"

By Representative Cagas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 1548, entitled:

"AN ACT REGULATING THE SOLICITATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM, OR SALE OF TICKETS TO, ANY GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE BY ANY PUBLIC OFFICIAL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3019, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANTI-GRAFT AND CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT"

By Representative Cagas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 1549, entitled:

"AN ACT INCREASING PENSIONS UNDER THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 12 OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT OF 1997"

By Representative Cagas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 1550, entitled:

"AN ACT TOTALLY BANNING LOGGING OPERATIONS FOR THE NEXT TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS"

By Representative Cagas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 1551, entitled:

"AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF PAGLAUM NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PAGLAUM, MUNICIPALITY OF BINALBAGAN, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, TO THE BINALBAGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL"

By Representative Arroyo (I.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1552, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE LA CASTELLANA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LA CASTELLANA, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL INTO A COLLEGE TO BE KNOWN AS LA CASTELLANA AGRO-INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Arroyo (I.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1553, entitled:

"AN ACT INCREASING THE BENEFITS OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 39 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, CREATING A NATIONAL AUGMENTATION FUND, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Arroyo (I.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 1554, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING INCENTIVES AND BENEFITS TO RURAL HEALTH UNIT DOCTORS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Arroyo (I.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 1555, entitled:

"AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO FREE EXPRESSION, PEACEABLY ASSEMBLE AND PETITION THE GOVERNMENT FOR REDRESS OF GRIEVANCES, REPEALING BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 880 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representatives Ocampo, Casiño, Virador, Beltran, Mariano and Maza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL, POLITICAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS

House Bill No. 1556, entitled:

"AN ACT DEFINING AND PENALIZING THE CRIME OF ENFORCED OR INVOLUNTARY DISAPPEARANCE"

By Representatives Ocampo, Casiño, Virador, Beltran, Mariano and Maza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 1557, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MANDATORY NATIONWIDE CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM IN ALL PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND BARANGAY DAY CARE CENTERS"

By Representatives Ocampo, Casiño, Virador, Beltran, Mariano and Maza
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES
House Bill No. 1558, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 141, 142, 143 AND 145 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Suarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 1559, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 3 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8794 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Suarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

House Bill No. 1560, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REIMPOSITION OF THE FRANCHISE TAX ON TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANIES, AND RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING COMPANIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 108 AND 119 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Suarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 1561, entitled:

"AN ACT TO AMEND PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1638, KNOWN AS THE AFP MILITARY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT AND SEPARATION DECREE OF 1979"

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

House Bill No. 1562, entitled:

"AN ACT TO AMEND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 340, AS AMENDED, WHICH ESTABLISHED A UNIFORM RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES"

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

House Bill No. 1563, entitled:

"BATAS NA NAGTATAKDA NG FILIPINO BILANG OPISYAL NA WIKA NG PAGTUTURO SA MGA PAARALAN"

By Representatives Maza, Ocampo, Casiño, Virador, Beltran and Mariano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 1564, entitled:

"AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE IMPOSITION OF FINES AND PENALTIES FOR CRIMES COMMITTED, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED THIRTY-EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AS AMENDED, AND PRESIDENTIAL DECREES NUMBERED FOUR HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE, AND SIXTEEN HUNDRED AND TWO, AS AMENDED"

By Representative Tañada
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 1565, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OVERSEAS FILIPINO BANK AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representatives Lopez (J.) and Nograles
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 1566, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE AUTOMATIC SUCCESSION OF THE ASSOCIATE APPELLATE JUSTICE WHO IS FIRST IN PRECEDENCE TO POSITION OF PRESIDING APPELLATE JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS IN CASE OF VACANCY AND THE REMOVAL BY IMPEACHMENT OF THE MEMBERS THEREOF, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT"

By Representative Libanan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 1567, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 31 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6770, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE OMBUDSMAN ACT OF 1989, AS AMENDED, ALLOWING LAWYERS TO ACT AS SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR OR PROSECUTOR ON BEHALF OF THE OMBUDSMAN"

By Representative Libanan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 1568, entitled:

"AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF ORAS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ORAS,

PROVINCE OF EASTERN SAMAR, INTO FEDERICO O. MENGOTE NATIONAL MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL"

By Representative Libanan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1569, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE MATARINAO SCHOOL OF FISHERIES IN BARANGAY MATARINAO, MUNICIPALITY OF SALCEDO, PROVINCE OF EASTERN SAMAR, INTO A FISHERY AND AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE TO BE KNOWN AS THE MATARINAO SCHOOL OF FISHERY AND AGRICULTURE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Libanan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1570, entitled:

"AN ACT DECLARING SQUATTING SYNDICATE, PROFESSIONAL SQUATTING, AND LARGE-SCALE LAND GRABBING AS HEINOUS CRIMES AND PROVIDING THE IMPOSITION OF THE DEATH PENALTY THEREFOR"

By Representative Libanan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 1571, entitled:

"AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE WITNESS PROTECTION, SECURITY AND BENEFIT PROGRAM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6981, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'WITNESS PROTECTION, SECURITY AND BENEFIT ACT' AND PROVIDING ADDITIONAL FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Libanan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 1572, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12 AND 13 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7662, ENTITLED 'AN ACT PROVIDING FOR REFORMS IN LEGAL EDUCATION, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE A LEGAL EDUCATION BOARD, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' "

By Representative Libanan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 1573, entitled:

"AN ACT DECLARING THE FAKING OR FABRICATING, KNOWINGLY NEGOTIATING, TRANSACTING, CONVEYING OR MORTGAGING OF FAKE OR FABRICATED TORRENS CERTIFICATES OF TITLE A SPECIAL CRIME AND IMPOSING PENALTIES THEREFOR"

By Representative Libanan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 1574, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PUBLIC ATTORNEY'S OFFICE (PAO) AS AN INDEPENDENT AND AUTONOMOUS OFFICE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN SECTIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292, ENTITLED 'ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987', AND FOR OTHER PURPOSE"

By Representative Libanan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 1575, entitled:

"AN ACT PRESCRIBING THE MANNER OF REMOVAL OF THE PRESIDING JUSTICE AND ASSOCIATE JUSTICES OF THE SANDIGANBAYAN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1606, AS AMENDED"

By Representative Libanan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 1576, entitled:

"AN ACT DECLARING MARCH 16 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL DAY IN THE NATIONAL CALENDAR TO COMMEMORATE THE DISCOVERY OF THE PHILIPPINE ARCHIPELAGO BY FERDINAND MAGELLAN AND A SPECIAL NONWORKING DAY IN THE EASTERN VISAYAS REGION"

By Representative Libanan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 1577, entitled:

"AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING SECTION 13 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3019, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANTI-GRAFT AND CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT"

By Representative Libanan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 1578, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREE PORT IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF GUIAUN, MERCEDES AND SALCEDO, INCLUDING THE ISLANDS OF HOMONHON, MANICANI, SULUAN AND CALICOAN, PROVINCE OF EASTERN SAMAR, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Libanan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY, THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 1579, entitled:

"AN ACT MAKING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICER MANDATORY IN THE PROVINCIAL, CITY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 443, 454, 463 AND 484 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991"

By Representative Libanan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 1580, entitled:

"AN ACT RECLASSIFYING A PORTION OF TIMBERLAND LOCATED IN BARANGAYS FACTORIA, SAUGAN, DALID, BAGACAY, DAO, JAPAY, BANTAYAN, MABUHAY, BURAK, TAWAGAN (POB.), BINALAYAN, BATO, KALAW, TRINIDAD (MAYCOROT), AGSAM AND NAGA-NAGA IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ORAS, PROVINCE OF EASTERN SAMAR AS AGRICULTURAL LAND OPEN TO DISPOSITION"

By Representative Libanan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 1581, entitled:

"AN ACT PROHIBITING THE GOVERNMENT OR ANY OF ITS INSTRUMENTALITY, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND/OR -CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, FROM INTRODUCING OR CONSTRUCTING ANY KIND OF IMPROVEMENT ON PROPERTIES CONDITIONALLY CONVEYED BY PRIVATE PERSONS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR"

By Representative Libanan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1582, entitled:

"AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF MINING ENGINEERING IN THE PHILIPPINES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4274"

By Representative Libanan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 1583, entitled:

"AN ACT TO FURTHER PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT, UTILIZATION AND COMMERCIALIZATION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Baculio

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 1584, entitled:

"AN ACT INSTITUTING REFORMS IN LAND ADMINISTRATION"

By Representative Zialcita

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1585, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DECLARATION OF THE TOLEDO-ULING-NAGA ROAD IN TOLEDO CITY, CEBU AS A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Yapha

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1586, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE PINAMUNGAJAN-LAMAC-BUNGA PROVINCIAL ROAD, PROVINCE OF CEBU INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Yapha

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1587, entitled:

"AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES AS THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY"

By Representative Zialcita

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 1588, entitled:

"AN ACT DECLARING FEBRUARY FOUR OF EVERY YEAR AS 'ARAW NG PAGDAKILA SA MGA PILIPINONG NAGBUWIS NG BUHAY NOONG DIGMAANG PILIPINO-AMERIKANO', PROVIDING FOR SUPPORT PROGRAMS, AND REQUIRING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representatives Maza, Ocampo, Casiño, Virador, Beltran and Mariano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 1589, entitled:

"AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD 5 (C-5) TO ISABELO DELOS REYES HIGHWAY"

By Representatives Maza, Ocampo, Casiño, Virador, Beltran and Mariano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 1590, entitled:

"AN ACT SUBJECTING THE PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE (PCSO) AND THE PHILIPPINE AMUSEMENT AND GAMING CORPORATION (PAGCOR) TO THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 27(C) OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Singson

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 1591, entitled:

"AN ACT INCREASING THE RATES OF EXCISE TAX ON ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 141, 142, 143, 144 AND 145 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED"

By Representative Singson

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 1592, entitled:

"AN ACT REQUIRING THAT ALL EXPENDITURES FOR THE PAYMENT OF FOREIGN DEBTS BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT"

By Representative Magsaysay (E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1593, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MUSLIM FILIPINO CEMETERY IN METRO MANILA, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Dumarpa

TO THE COMMITTEE ON MUSLIM AFFAIRS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1594, entitled:

"AN ACT PROHIBITING RELIGIOUS OR RACIAL PROFILING AGAINST FILIPINO MINORITIES"

By Representative Dumarpa

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL CULTURAL COMMUNITIES

House Bill No. 1595, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING A TWO-LEVEL NATIONAL POLICE, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTION TWENTY-FIVE (25) OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED SIXTY-NINE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE (REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975), OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE UNDER A REORGANIZED DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' "

By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 1596, entitled:

"AN ACT MANDATING THAT AT LEAST TEN PERCENT (10%) OF GOVERNMENT-OWNED LANDS TO BE SOLD, ALIENATED OR OTHERWISE ENCUMBERED FOR DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES, BE SEGREGATED FOR SOCIALIZED HOUSING PROJECTS"

By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 1597, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR GOVERNMENT REGULATION AND SELF-REGULATION WITHIN THE COOPERATIVE SECTOR OF COOPERATIVES ENGAGED IN FINANCIAL SERVICES, AND DEFINING THE RESPONSIBILITIES, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF COOPERATIVES AND COOPERATIVE FEDERATIONS ENGAGED IN SAVINGS, CREDIT AND OTHER FINANCIAL SERVICES, AMENDING THEREFOR REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6938, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE COOPERATIVE CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6939, CREATING THE COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY"

By Representative Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVES DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 1598, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8436, ENTITLED 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS TO USE AN AUTOMATED ELECTION SYSTEM IN THE MAY 11, 1998 NATIONAL OR LOCAL ELECTIONS AND IN SUBSEQUENT NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTORAL EXERCISES, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' "

By Representative Lapus

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 1599, entitled:

"AN ACT HARMONIZING AND RATIONALIZING THE ADMINISTRATION AND GRANT OF FISCAL AND NON-FISCAL INCENTIVES, REPEALING FOR THIS PURPOSE EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 226, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE OMNIBUS INVESTMENTS CODE OF 1987"

By Representative Lapus

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 1600, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL REVENUE AUTHORITY, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Lapus

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION, THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1601, entitled:

"AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PRICES OF MATRICULATION, TUITION AND OTHER SCHOOL FEES IN ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE A SCHOOL FEE BOARD IN ALL SCHOOL LEVELS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1602, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING THE JOLO FISHERIES TECHNICAL COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JOLO, PROVINCE OF SULU AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Amin

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1603, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE 2ND PANGASINAN ENGINEERING DISTRICT SUB-OFFICE, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS LOCATED IN THE THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN INTO A REGULAR ENGINEERING DISTRICT TO BE KNOWN AS THE FOURTH PANGASINAN ENGINEERING DISTRICT OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Tulagan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1604, entitled:

"AN ACT DECLARING THE CHURCH AND THE VICINITY WHERE THE ICON OF SEÑOR DIVINO TESORO IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALASIAO, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN AS A TOURIST ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Tulagan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1605, entitled:

"AN ACT RENAMING PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE IN THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PROVINCE OF LA UNION, GOVERNOR JOAQUIN L. ORTEGA AVENUE"

By Representative Ortega

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 1606, entitled:

"AN ACT INSTITUTING POLICIES GOVERNING THE HOUSEHOLD EMPLOYMENT INDUSTRY, ESTABLISHING A STANDARD OF PROTECTION AND PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF HOUSEHOLD HELPERS"

By Representative Enrile

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 1607, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SECONDARY SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PADADA, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS PADADA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Cagas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1608, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING SIBULAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF STA. CRUZ, DAVAO DEL SUR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF"

By Representative Cagas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1609, entitled:

"AN ACT MANDATING ALL MOBILE AND LANDLINE TELEPHONE COMPANIES OPERATING IN THE PHILIPPINES TO REGISTER UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY (DTI) AND THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE (BIR) ALL MANUFACTURED OR IMPORTED PREPAID CARDS PRIOR TO THEIR DISTRIBUTION AND/OR SALE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

House Bill No. 1610, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MAGNA CARTA FOR SOCIAL WORKERS AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND

DEVELOPMENT WORKERS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 1611, entitled:

"AN ACT TO PROHIBIT ELECTED AND APPOINTED PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING THOSE OFFICIALS OF GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND -CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS (GOCCS) AND THEIR SPOUSES FROM ENTERING, PLAYING AND PATRONIZING CASINOS AND OTHER SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 1612, entitled:

"AN ACT TO RATIONALIZE THE COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS COMMISSION, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE ARTICLES 213, 214, 215 AND 216 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 1613, entitled:

"AN ACT REQUIRING THE MANDATORY SUBMISSION OF THE ANNUAL BUDGETS OF GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND/OR -CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS TO THE CONGRESS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1614, entitled:

"AN ACT FOR THE PRESERVATION OF PHILIPPINE ANTIQUITIES"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1615, entitled:

"AN ACT TO PROHIBIT ANY MEMBER OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL (PNP) FROM DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARRANGING, INITIATING OR INSTIGATING ANY FINANCIAL SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE VICTIM AND THE ACCUSED IN CASES INVOLVING SEXUAL ABUSES/OFFENSES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, ENTITLED 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE UNDER A REORGANIZED DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES', AS AMENDED"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 1616, entitled:

"AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION OF THE NATIONAL HERITAGE, THE CREATION OF A NATIONAL HERITAGE COMMISSION, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION

House Bill No. 1617, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A CEILING ON ALL PUBLIC DEBTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1618, entitled:

"AN ACT TO IMPOSE STIFFER PENALTIES ON GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL AND OFFICIALS STATIONED AT VARIOUS EMBASSIES AND CONSULAR OFFICES ABROAD FOR GROSS NEGLIGENCE TO ACT ON COMPLAINTS OF, OR TO GIVE ASSISTANCE OR RENDER SERVICE ESPECIALLY TO DISTRESSED MIGRANT FILIPINOS AND OFWS, THEIR FAMILIES AND DEPENDENTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8042, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'MIGRANT WORKERS AND OVERSEAS FILIPINOS ACT OF 1995' "

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 1619, entitled:

"AN ACT TO INSTITUTIONALIZE A COMPULSORY ON-THE-JOB TRAINING (OJT) AS PART OF THE CURRICULAR PROGRAMS REQUISITE PRIOR TO GRADUATION"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 1620, entitled:

"AN ACT TO INSTITUTE A PROGRAM FOR THE CONTINUING EDUCATION OF TERTIARY TEACHERS, AMENDING FOR SUCH PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7784, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'AN ACT TO

STRENGTHENING TEACHER EDUCATION IN THE PHILIPPINES BY ESTABLISHING CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE, CREATING A TEACHER EDUCATION COUNCIL FOR THE PURPOSE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1621, entitled:

"AN ACT REGULATING THE STRICT LABELLING OF FOOD AND BEVERAGE PRODUCTS BY MANUFACTURING AND DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 1622, entitled:

"AN ACT REQUIRING THE TEACHING OF HUMAN RIGHTS AS MANDATORY IN ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Barinaga

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

House Bill No. 1623, entitled:

"AN ACT REGULATING THE SHOWING OF TELEVISION ADVERTISEMENTS FEATURING SEX AND/OR VIOLENCE TO CHILDREN OF TENDER AGE"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 1624, entitled:

"AN ACT DEFINING AND PENALIZING CRIMES AGAINST INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW, ADOPTING CORRESPONDING PRINCIPLES OF CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY, OPERATIONALIZING UNIVERSAL JURISDICTION, DESIGNATING SPECIAL COURTS AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 1625, entitled:

"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN LIMITATIONS ON ADVERTISING RELATING TO CIGARETTES AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 1626, entitled:

"AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF OFFENDERS TO OR FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 1627, entitled:

"AN ACT TO REQUIRE LIQUOR MANUFACTURERS AND/OR DISTRIBUTOR TO PUT ALL LIQUOR BOTTLE A WARNING LABEL THAT ALCOHOL INTAKE DURING PREGNANCY IS HAZARDOUS TO THE LIFE AND HEALTH OF THE UNBORN CHILD"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 1628, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER BENEFITS FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOL TEACHERS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Barinaga

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

House Bill No. 1629, entitled:

"AN ACT INSTITUTING A PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Barinaga

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

House Bill No. 1630, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS WHO ARE ASSIGNED OUTSIDE OF THEIR TOWNS AND PROVINCES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1631, entitled:

"AN ACT TO GRANT PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS FREE OF CHARGE X-RAY AND OTHER FORMS OF LABORATORY EXAMINATIONS IN ANY GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE HOSPITALS DURING THEIR

REQUIRED ANNUAL PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1632, entitled:

"AN ACT TO RESTRICT THE ACCESS OF YOUTH TO CIGARETTES AND OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 1633, entitled:

"AN ACT TO REGULATE THE OPERATION OF ALL REVIEW CENTERS FOR BOARD AND OTHER FORMS OF LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATIONS NATIONWIDE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Barinaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 1634, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON MUSLIM FILIPINOS, DEFINING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Salapuddin

TO THE COMMITTEE ON MUSLIM AFFAIRS AND THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION

House Bill No. 1635, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 26 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987"

By Representative Sandoval

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 1636, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROVIDENT PERSONAL SAVINGS PLAN KNOWN AS THE PERSONAL EQUITY AND RETIREMENT ACCOUNT (PERA)"

By Representative Zubiri

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 1637, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROMOTION OF BIO-ORGANIC FARMING IN THE PHILIPPINES"

By Representative Zubiri

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FISHERIES

House Bill No. 1638, entitled:

"THE MAGNA CARTA FOR PRIVATE SCHOOL TEACHERS"

By Representative Zubiri

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

House Bill No. 1639, entitled:

"AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN AND REFORM THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN, AMENDING FOR THAT PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Zubiri

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 1640, entitled:

"AN ACT REGULATING THE DRINKING WATER BUSINESSES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Zubiri

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 1641, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SINANGGUYAN, MUNICIPALITY OF DON CARLOS, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON, TO BE KNOWN AS THE DON CARLOS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Zubiri

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1642, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY KITUBO, MUNICIPALITY OF KITAOTAO, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON, TO BE KNOWN AS THE KITUBO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Zubiri

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1643, entitled:

"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A SOCIALIZED AND LOW-COST HOUSING LOAN RESTRUCTURING PROGRAM, PROVIDING THE MECHANISMS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Zubiri

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 1644, entitled:

"AN ACT BANNING THE USE OF CELLULAR PHONES IN AIRPLANES"

By Representative Zubiri

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

House Bill No. 1645, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CENTER FOR TEACHER'S EXCELLENCE ALL THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Zubiri

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

House Bill No. 1646, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE POCTOY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TORRIJOS, PROVINCE OF MARINDUQUE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Reyes (E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1647, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MASAGUISI, MUNICIPALITY OF STA. CRUZ, PROVINCE OF MARINDUQUE TO BE KNOWN AS THE MASAGUISI NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Reyes (E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1648, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CABUYO, MUNICIPALITY OF TORRIJOS, PROVINCE OF MARINDUQUE TO BE KNOWN AS THE CABUYO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Reyes (E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 59, entitled:

"RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONSTITUTE THEMSELVES AS A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY TO INTRODUCE AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION"

By Representative Cagas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

House Resolution No. 61, entitled:

"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE ALLEGED INABILITY OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED) TO EXERCISE ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS TO DETRIMENT AND PREJUDICE OF SEVERAL LAW STUDENTS FROM FAR EASTERN UNIVERSITY (FEU)"

By Representative Abayon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 62, entitled:

"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO PUBLIC AUCTIONS OF CBU TRUCKS AND VEHICLES, HEAVY EQUIPMENT AND OTHER ITEMS"

By Representative Abayon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 63, entitled:

"RESOLUTION URGING THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT TO IMMEDIATELY CONVENE AN OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT INDUSTRY SUMMIT TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS FACING THE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (OEP) SO AS TO CONTAIN THE PRESENT CONFRONTATIONAL POSITIONS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR STAKEHOLDERS FROM FURTHER DETERIORATING INTO A CHAOTIC SITUATION THAT MAY LEAD TO COLLAPSE OF THE OEP TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE PEOPLE AND THE NATIONAL ECONOMY"

By Representative Abayon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Resolution No. 64, entitled:

"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT ANEW AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE EFFECTIVENESS AND EFFICIENCY OF THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT'S MANDATE TO EXAMINE AND AUDIT GOVERNMENT TRANSACTIONS AND EXPENDITURES, PARTICULARLY ITS POLICY OF DIRECTING SPECIAL AUDIT CERTAIN COMPLAINT OF ALLEGED ANOMALIES AND IRREGULAR TRANSACTIONS, WHEN THE SAME TRANSACTIONS AND EXPENDITURES

ARE COVERED BY AN EARLIER ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT, IT BEING USED AS A TOOL BY SOME INDIVIDUALS TO BESMIRCH THE REPUTATION OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES, AS WELL AS FOR POLITICAL HARASSMENT"

By Representative Abayon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 65, entitled:

"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE POLICIES AND PROCESSES OF THE ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION (ERC) IN GRANTING RATE INCREASES TO ELECTRIC UTILITIES TO ENSURE TRANSPARENT AND REASONABLE PRICES OF ELECTRICITY AND PROTECT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AS IT IS AFFECTED BY THE RATES AND SERVICES OF ELECTRIC UTILITIES"

By Representative Aquino (B.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

With the permission of the Body, the following Members were made coauthors of the Bills and Resolution hereunder indicated:

Rep. Edgar M. Chatto for House Bill No. 3;

Rep. Faysah Maniri Racman Dumarpa for House Bills No. 1416, 1422, 1441 and 1473;

Rep. Arrel R. Olaño for House Bills No. 221, 1321 and 552;

Reps. Mario "Mayong" Joyo Aguja, Loretta Ann P. Rosales and Ana Theresia Hontiveros-Baraquel for House Resolution No. 44;

Rep. Consuelo A. Dy for House Bills No. 13 and 14;

Rep. Jose G. Solis for House Bills No. 14, 15, 55, 68, 75, 76, 78, 91, 99, 101, 104, 105, 111, 125, 191, 192, 193, 200, 207, 209, 221, 250, 273, 280, 314, 315, 340, 349, 363, 369, 375, 387, 389, 413 and 494;

Rep. Florencio L. Vargas for House Bills No. 14, 15, 55, 68, 75, 76, 78, 91, 99, 101, 105, 111, 125, 191, 193, 200, 207, 209, 221, 250, 273, 280, 314, 315, 340, 349, 369, 375, 387, 489 and 494;

Rep. Alfonso V. Umali Jr. for House Bills No. 1068, 1073, 1100, 1188, 1189, 1206, 1213, 1219 and 1225; and

Reps. Umali (Alfonso) and Emmanuel Joel J. Villanueva for House Bills No. 1404, 1405, 1407, 1427, 1430, 1443, 1455, 1473, 1486, 1488 and 1489.

Thereafter, Rep. Defensor (A.) moved for the Roll Call.

ROLL CALL

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General called the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abalos	Chungalao
Abante	Codilla
Abaya Cojuangco (M.)	
Abayon	Crisologo
Ablan Cua (G.)	
Agarao	Cua (J.)
Agbayani	Dadivas
Alcala	Dangwa
Alvarez (A.)	Datumanong
Amante	De Venecia
Amin Defensor (A.)	
Angara	Defensor (M.)
Antonino	Del Mar
Apostol	Diaz
Aquino (B.)	Dilangalen

Aquino (J.)	Dimaporo	
Arroyo (I.)	Dominguez	
Arroyo (J.)	Domogan	
Asistio	Duavit	
Baculio	Dumarpa	
Badelles	Dumpit	
Barbers	Dy (C.)	
Barinaga	Dy (F.)	
Baterina	Ecleo	
Beltran	Ermita-Buhain	
Bersamin	Escudero	
Biazon	Espina	
Biron Espino		
Bondoc	Espinosa (Edgar)	
Bravo Espinosa	(Emilio)	
Bueser	Estrella	
Cagas Fabian		
Cajes Falcon		
Cari Figueroa		
Carlos	Firmalo	
Casiño	Fua	
Castro	Fuentebella	
Cayetano	Garcia (A.)	
Celeste	Garcia (V.)	
Cerilles	Garin	
Chatto	Gidaya	
Chiongbian	Golez	
Chipeco	Gonzalez	
Gozos Paras		
Guingona	Petilla	
Gullas	Pingoy	
Hataman	Ramiro	
Hontiveros-Baraquel		Real
Ipong Reyes (E.)		
Jala Roces		
Jaraula	Rodriguez	
Javier	Roman	
Joaquin	Romualdo	
Joson Roquero		
Kintanar	Rosales	
Lacson	Salapuddin	
Lapus Salceda		
Libanan	Sandoval	
Locsin	Señeres	
Lopez (J.)	Serapio	
Macarambon	Silverio	
Macias	Singson	
Madamba	Solis	
Magsaysay (E.)	Soon-Ruiz	
Magsaysay (M.)	Sumulong	
Magtubo	Suplico	
Malapitan	Susano	
Mamba Sy-Alvarado		
Mandanas	Taliño-Santos	
Mangudadatu	Tañada	
Marañon	Teves	
Marcoleta	Tomawis	
Mariano	Umali (Alfonso)	
Martinez	Unico	
Mercado	Uy (E.)	
Miraflores	Uy (R.)	
Miranda	Valdez	
Mitra Valencia		

Nantes Vargas
Nepomuceno Velarde
Nieva Villafuerte
Noel Villanueva
Nograles Villar
Ocampo Virador
Olaño Wacnang
Ortega Yapha
Pablo Zamora (R.)
Pancho Zialcita

With 176 Members present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix 1)

The following Members appeared after the Roll Call:

Alfelor Andaya
Almario Aquino (A.)
Amatong Bacani
Banaag Lagman
Bautista Puentevella
Castelo Daza Puno
Cuenco Remulla (J.)
De Guzman Reyes (V.)
Durano Tulagan
Floirendo Velo
Hizon Vicencio
Lagbas Zubiri

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Thereafter, the Chair motu proprio suspended the session.

It was 4:48 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:50 p.m., the session was resumed.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY OF REP. SUPPLICO

Upon resumption of session and upon recognition by the Chair, Rep. Suplico first stated that his attention was called to Section 145 of the interim Rules of the House of Representatives which refers to the assignment of seats and rooms by drawing of lots. He said that as he was walking along the first floor of the North Wing, he noticed that first-termers are occupying rooms located at the first floor. He then inquired whether the Rules have already been amended such that perhaps they were placed by succession, as provided for under the Civil Code, or by virtue of closeness to the powers that be. He asked whether the rooms in the House are now subject to inheritance, as he inquired on the status of Section 145.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. Defensor (A.), the session was suspended at 4:51 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:56 p.m., the session was resumed.

parliamentary INQUIRY OF REP. SUPPLICO (Continuation)

Upon resumption of session, Rep. Defensor, after consulting with the Secretary General relative to the assignment of rooms to Members of the House of Representatives of the Thirteenth Congress, and after conferring with Rep. Suplico, asked the latter's indulgence that the Secretary General will reply to his query the following day to enable them to fully understand and know the details in the implementation of the assignment of rooms and the attendant circumstances thereof.

Thereafter, Rep. Suplico brought to the attention of the Chair the third paragraph of Rule III, which states that "At the commencement of each Congress, the Speaker, the three Deputy Speakers, the Secretary General and the Sergeant-at-Arms shall be elected in successive order by a majority vote of all the Members." He then inquired whether they have already elected the Secretary General and the Sergeant-at-Arms.

REPLY OF THE CHAIR

The Chair replied that he does not know of any election for that matter.

MOTION TO ELECT THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Thereupon, Rep. Suplico moved that the Body elect the Secretary General and the Sergeant-at-Arms.

seconding motion of rep. paras

Rep. Jacinto V. Paras seconded the motion.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. Defensor, the session was suspended.

It was 4:58 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:12 p.m., the session was resumed.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY OF REP. SUPLICO (Continuation)

With the permission of the Chair, Rep. Defensor clarified that the issue raised by Rep. Suplico was a point of order which requires consultation with the Speaker. He informed the Body that the Speaker said that he could not give a definite answer regarding the retirement of the Secretary General and Sergeant-at-Arms and was asking that the question thereon be replied to the following day.

Rep. Suplico stated that he will expect the Majority to submit on the following day a report on the assignment of rooms in the House and a report on the election of the Secretary General and Sergeant-at-Arms.

The Chair then recognized Rep. Agapito A. Aquino.

CHANGE OF REFERRAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 1071

Rep. Aquino moved for the change of referral of House Bill No. 1071, which he filed in the Thirteenth Congress, from the Committee on Revision of Laws to the Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization. He said that the same measure which he filed in the Twelfth Congress was referred to the latter Committee and that although it was passed by the House, it was not taken up by the Senate.

There being no objection, the Body approved the motion.

The Chair subsequently recognized Rep. Paras.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY OF REP. PARAS

Pointing out that the Body was seemingly practising the mañana habit, Rep. Paras said that he had already raised the previous day the issue presented by Rep. Suplico. He stated that there seemed to be no end to "tomorrow," that he was already told the previous day that the election of the Secretary General and Sergeant-at-Arms would be conducted "tomorrow," and that the Body was again being told that the election would be done "tomorrow." He asked for the specific date for the same.

Rep. Defensor said that during the previous day's session, he did not hear the Presiding Officer promise or commit to elect said officials on that day. He however opined that a commitment was made to hold the election at the earliest possible time and reiterated that the Speaker had asked for some more time to answer questions on the matter in view of the retirement plans of the aforementioned officials.

Rep. Paras said that although the explanation was very acceptable, he wanted to place it on record that he was hoping that the House will not violate its Rules now and then such as the Rule providing for the election of the Secretary General and the Sergeant-at-Arms upon commencement of sessions.

The Chair clarified that there is no time limit on the same.

Rep. Paras then asked when the work of the House, including the Committees, would really commence, pointing out that the members of the same, much more their chairmen have not yet been elected. He also asked whether the issue of "term sharing" had already been settled and inquired on the number of such agreements.

The Chair said that inasmuch as Rep. Paras has been a member of the House for many years already, he should be aware that things have to be ironed out, and will take perhaps a week's time.

Rep. Paras said that he was not aware thereof. Stating his high regard for the Chair, he stressed that it is only in the Thirteenth Congress that the choice of committee members has been much delayed. Reminding his colleagues of President Macapagal-Arroyo's pronouncement on many urgent bills, he hoped that the members of the Majority will get their act together so that the committee chairmen and members can be elected and the members of the Minority can perform their work.

On motion of Rep. Defensor, the Chair then recognized Rep. Herminio G. Teves on a question of personal and collective privilege.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE of rep. teves

Rep. Teves pointed out that President Macapagal-Arroyo had clearly stated in her State of the Nation Address (SONA) that the country's biggest and most immediate problems are the chronic budget deficit and a staggering national debt of P5.7 trillion. He warned that said amount is expected to increase every year unless Congress takes drastic measures to balance the country's budget. He then agreed with Senate President Franklin M. Drilon's call to examine the country's tax collection efficiency as the latter had stated that "With the consolidated public sector deficit now standing at P235 billion, we should immediately find ways to narrow the gap between government's earnings and its spending."

Rep. Teves stressed that the country's economic managers had failed to estimate the potential revenue of each and every existing tax measure in which the goals set are far below the potential. He pointed out that the culprit behind the huge shortfall is poor tax collection which is a direct result of corrupt tax collectors and taxpayers - individuals and corporations alike. He emphasized that it is imperative

that Congress institute the mechanisms necessary to address the country's fiscal problems by putting a stop to corrupt practices.

Rep. Teves averred that legislating new tax measures has been touted as the latest cure-all for the country's revenue problems. However, he stressed that the process of signing the measures into law and their consequent implementation would take considerable time. He pointed out that time is a luxury that Congress simply does not have. He warned that with every passing moment, the country's budget deficit increases and the revenues that the government would collect from the new tax measures would barely be enough to cover the country's ever-increasing interest payments. He recalled that in 2001, the country's interest payments stood at P174.8 billion or 25% of the national budget while in 2004, the programmed interest payments comprise P271.5 billion or 32.9% of the national budget. He then informed the Body that they are planning to have the 2005 budget with P270 billion as a deficit which would come to about 30% of the budget for 2005.

Rep. Teves stressed that the Members, at first glance, would believe that the decrease in interest payments would be a cause for celebration. However, he cautioned the Body that such jubilation may be premature. This, as he opined that the reduction could be a result of the country's decreased reliance on short-term borrowings like treasury bills. He stated that the government is currently issuing medium- to long-term bonds that spread the government's cost over a longer period of time. Reportedly, he said, the government is also issuing zero coupon bonds, the effect of which the country would feel in the very near future.

Rep. Teves pointed out that the lofty goals that President Macapagal-Arroyo outlined in her SONA like job creation and people empowerment would remain as such unless the government has enough funding to implement the goals. He then stated that it is imperative that Congress take the following steps:

1. Institute a revenue collection mechanism that can increase revenue collections before the end of 2004 to reduce the expected deficit to not more than P150 billion;
2. Legislate measures that would plug the loopholes in the country's tax system for Congress to be able to achieve a balanced budget by the end of 2005 and not by the end of 2009; and
3. Legislate new tax measures to raise more revenues that would help amortize the country's existing debts.

Rep. Teves pointed out that for Congress to be able to implement the abovementioned proposals, they must first institutionalize more effective methods of estimating and monitoring the country's potential and existing tax base, particularly the Potential Revenue in Individual Income Tax, Corporate Income Tax, Value Added Tax, Percentage Tax, Excise Tax and Amusement Tax in every Revenue District Office as well as in the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) head office.

Rep. Teves stressed that while there are over 451,309 corporations registered in the Securities and Exchange Commission, only 39,833 corporations had paid their taxes amounting to P100.8 billion in 2002. In addition, he stated that according to the National Statistics Office, out of 4.4 million taxable families, only 470,948 had paid their taxes, 88% of which came from the employees and 12% from the self-employed. He said that the tax generated from these amounted to only P74.496 billion.

Thereupon, he opined that another way of looking into potential income tax payments is through car registrations at the Land Transportation Office. He stressed that the number of registered privately-owned cars and trucks has reached 3,194,050 which confirms that potential revenue could be generated considering that an income tax of P30,000 equivalent to a taxable income of P200,000 could hardly buy a second-hand cheap model car.

Rep. Teves stressed that a vigorous effort to expand the corporate tax base through the SEC with the cooperation of the BIR could easily raise an additional P50 billion

in corporate income tax collections. He stated that a similar collaborative effort between the NSO and the BIR could also increase individual income tax revenue by P100 billion. He also stated that it is high time for Congress to revisit the secrecy and confidentiality provisions in the Tax Code which encourages connivance between taxpayers and corrupt tax collectors to further defraud the government and the people. He added that Congress should legislate measures to raise more revenues which would help to further amortize the country's existing debts.

Rep. Teves then quoted Mr. Guillermo Luz, President of the Makati Business Club and the National Movement for Free Elections (NAMFREL) who said that "The election is over. The President must look for something on the biggest difficulty of the country. The House Committee on Ways and Means should be chaired by someone who has experience with taxes and is dedicated to his work. Party affiliation should be shelved, as this is only politics." He further quoted Speaker Jose De Venecia Jr., in an interview with DZBB anchorman Rene Santacruz as having said that "Rep. Teves is industrious, intelligent, a person of experience and most of all, an expert in taxation and a credible businessman. He is devoted and dedicated to his work and is always present in committee meetings even though he is already 85 years old. If he was asked, he would like Rep. Teves to chair the House Committee on Ways and Means; however, the chairmanship would be put to a vote by the Body."

Rep. Teves recalled that on July 27, he inquired from the Chair about the criteria in choosing the chairperson of various House Committees - whether it is by political parties, for those that have achieved a big majority for President Macapagal-Arroyo or parties through seniority. He stated that the Chair replied that as in previous years, the Body had followed tradition and seniority. He informed the Body that Rep. Paras further inquired which would prevail in case of conflict in the choice of the Committee chairpersons. He said that the Chair had opined that the issue would be submitted to the Members in plenary session.

Rep. Teves pointed out that the Ways and Means Committee is charged with the vital responsibility of raising revenues. He stressed that performance, experience and expertise borne of seniority, especially during critical times, should be the deciding factors when choosing the chairperson. He stated that he has been the Senior Vice-Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee in the Eleventh and Twelfth Congresses and even acted as Committee chairperson on numerous occasions when the chairman was preoccupied. He said that it would also be worth noting that he was also a member of said Committee in the Seventh Congress.

REMINDER OF THE CHAIR

At this point, the Chair reminded Rep. Teves that his time had already expired.
EXTENSION OF REP. TEVES' time

On motion of Rep. Teves, there being no objection, the Body extended the time of Rep. Teves to another 10 minutes.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE OF REP. TEVES (Continuation)

Rep. Teves pointed out that records would show that he had attended 94.57% and 86.21% of all the Committee on Ways and Means committee meetings in the Eleventh and Twelfth Congresses, respectively. With regard to plenary sessions, he stressed that he has always been present even in those that lasted until the wee hours of the morning. However, he said that he realizes that some quarters are a little concerned about his age. He then assured his colleagues that if he would be chosen as the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, he would try to slow down a little bit so the Members can keep up with him.

Rep. Teves stressed that he had also chaired the task force that convened the country's tax experts such as the officials of the BIR, the Philippine Institute of Development Studies, the National Tax Research Center, the Senate Tax Study and Research Office, the Congressional Planning and Budget Office and the staff of the

Ways and Means Committee. He stated that the above stated groups had established a systematic review of the major players in each industry which consequently improved the BIR's database.

He disclosed that in recognition of his initiatives, the members of the inter-agency task force had given him the following citation: "The Philippine economy will surely benefit from his rich reservoir of experience and expertise as he serves his second term in Congress, especially now that the nation is struggling to attain soundness in fiscal position through enhanced tax collections."

Rep. Teves stressed that in the twilight years of his legislative career, he dreams of leaving a lasting legacy of dramatically improving tax collection efficiency. He stated that his sole agenda is to help President Macapagal-Arroyo achieve her goals of balancing the country's budget and relieving the debt burden so that the country can finally fulfill its potential and truly flourish.

In conclusion, Rep. Teves stressed that it is with deep humility that he seeks the chairmanship of the Committee on Ways and Means. However, he stated that if the Body decides to look elsewhere to fill the position, he would thank the Body for its consideration and would ask nothing more other than that the time-honored principles of seniority, experience, dedication and performance be the deciding factors that guide their decision.

At this point, Reps. Renato "Ka Rene" B. Magtubo and Antonio V. Cuenco simultaneously sought recognition from the Chair.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. De Guzman, the Chair recognized Rep. Cuenco for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. CUENCO

Initially, Rep. Cuenco acknowledged Rep. Teves for a very well-studied speech regarding the country's debt problem. He then assured Rep. Teves that if he were able to vote for the chairmanship of the committee which the latter desires to chair, he would do so. He then inquired whether Rep. Teves could give some specifics regarding the latter's proposal on how to efficiently collect taxes. He pointed out that it is public knowledge that there are many big businessmen in the country who owe the government billions of pesos and attempts by the government to collect from them had proven futile. He also inquired whether Rep. Teves has any idea as to how to expedite the collection of huge amounts of money from all sorts of magnates.

Rep. Teves replied that for the end of 2004, President Macapagal-Arroyo under Section 270 on the Divulgence of Trade Secrets is authorized to make public tax payments and order that the public record should be open to inspection. By doing so, he said that the unlawful divulgence of said trade secrets and confidentiality should be removed. Since the President has the authority, he expressed belief that the President can ask taxpayers, delinquent as he may be, to pay their taxes by the end of December after which, she would make public the tax payment.

Rep. Cuenco pointed out that it is of public record that the amounts due to the government from these big moguls of business and from the big oil companies have long been overdue and already collectible. He then inquired whether Rep. Teves could give the Body an idea on how much these moguls and oil companies owe the government.

Rep. Teves replied that in the latest estimate, P270 billion every year is not paid to the government. As to how much the oil companies owe the government by way of back taxes, Rep. Teves replied that he does not have the record on the matter.

Rep. Cuenco then inquired whether Rep. Teves could mention some of the big businessmen who owe the government huge sums of money. He requested Rep. Teves to furnish the Body the data so that Congress could do something about the matter. He stated that if the department concerned is slow in collecting money from these

businessmen, perhaps Congress could speed up the collection process.

Rep. Teves replied in the affirmative.

Rep. Cuenco stressed that Congress needs the data so that it can inform the public of the amount that these big oil companies and businessmen owe the government and what the government is doing to collect from them.

Rep. Cuenco further stated that the government cannot impose new taxes unless it would be able to convince the people that it was serious about collecting taxes from big businesses. He thereafter inquired on the identities of the people who owe the government huge amounts of taxes to enable the government to prosecute them.

In reply, Rep. Teves pointed out that the BIR and the DOF have not undertaken the collection of potential income taxes amounting to P180 billion on the estimated 4,400,000 Filipino families that ought to have been taxed. Only 740,000 families, he said, have been able to pay their taxes.

In his rejoinder, Rep. Cuenco stressed that he was not very much concerned about the marginalized sectors who owe the government meager sums of money, but about big businessmen who have to pay the government huge amounts in taxes. He cited that since the BIR has records regarding the collectible amounts of taxes from these big businessmen, then Rep. Teves could perhaps provide Congress with the amount of uncollected taxes and the names of these erring taxpayers.

Rep. Teves replied that the Tax Code contains a provision for secrecy and confidentiality, thus the BIR would not be able to divulge the names of these taxpayers and the amount of taxes that they still have to pay the government. He added that this is one of the provisions that he had requested to be deleted during the Eleventh and Twelfth Congresses but the same had not been acted upon by the Chamber.

Moreover, considering that the records of withdrawals pertaining to the collection of excise taxes on cigarettes are being kept by the BIR, Rep. Teves maintained that this record should be made available to Congress for the sake of transparency and likewise, to determine each and every individual and companies involved in the cigarette industry, including the corresponding amount of potential taxes that they still have to pay the government.

Subsequently, Rep. Cuenco inquired whether Rep. Teves would be willing to invite the BIR and the Customs Commissioners and other heads of all revenue-earning agencies of the government to a Congressional public hearing so that the required information can be provided to the Members and the same can be made public.

Rep. Teves agreed that this was the best option to take. He however stated that these government agencies, specifically the Bureau of Customs and the BIR, already know who the biggest tax evaders are but that they cannot go after them since some of their officials are also in cahoots in the tax scams themselves.

Rep. Cuenco stated that if this were the case, then Congress should bare to the public the amount of taxes that these big businessmen owe the government.

Agreeing therewith, Rep. Teves nonetheless stated that without the provision on transparency and without the deletion of the provision on confidentiality and secrecy under the Tax Code, Congress, may not be able to determine exactly the extent of taxes that these nefarious individuals have to pay the government.

Thereupon, Rep. Cuenco inquired on the status of the cases filed against the country's big business moguls.

Rep. Teves replied that it is only in the Philippines where these tax evaders do not bother about the BIR considering that certain tax cases can be settled with the government. He pointed out that in the United States, taxpayers are scared stiff of being prosecuted by the Internal Revenue Service.

Thereafter, Rep. Cuenco asked Rep. Teves to give at least three examples of major loopholes in the existing tax laws as he had mentioned in his speech.

In reply, Rep. Teves explained that for one, the BIR does not know exactly who the rich people are in each and every revenue district. It is only the National Statistics Office (NSO), he said, that has made a data compilation of the number of taxable rich people in every province and city of the country. He thereafter stated that he had given the BIR a copy of the NSO compilation about two years ago.

Rep. Teves likewise pointed out that another loophole is in the percentage tax of common carriers. He thereafter related to the Body that in the year 2003, the government had only collected P953,563,031 on water transportation. He pointed out that if the government will compute the number of ship passengers over a period of one year and this amounts to over 44 million passengers, the fare that would have been paid by each passenger would only amount to less than P50, a statistically improbable amount considering the cost of fare and volume of passengers.

Moreover, tax collections in land transportation only amounted to P312,700,000 which, according to Rep. Teves, was also statistically improbable considering that it assumes that the operators of trucks and jeepneys and taxis only pay an average of P40 in income tax per day. He subsequently cited the specifics of the amount of revenues and the corresponding taxes due regarding the land transportation industry.

In his rejoinder, Rep. Cuenco replied that he was glad that Rep. Teves had brought out these matters on the floor and that he had accepted his suggestion of summoning to Congress the BIR and the Customs Commissioners to answer questions regarding the collection of revenues and the imposition of taxes. He thereafter thanked Rep. Teves for answering his queries.

Whereupon, on motion of Rep. De Guzman, the Chair recognized Rep. Teodoro A. Casiño for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. CASIÑO

Rep. Casiño initially expressed his admiration for Rep. Teves, whose energy and sharp intellect matches that of any younger Member of the House of Representatives.

Noting Rep. Teves' three proposals to solve the budgetary deficit problem, Rep. Casiño inquired what exactly are these new tax measures.

In reply, Rep. Teves stated that one of the measures seeks to increase taxes on "sin products" and not on benchmarking because the latter only increases the sales of low-class cigarettes while the sales of the higher class of cigarettes are reduced. Thus, he pointed out that tax revenues from cigarettes have not increased since the sales were mainly concentrated on lower class cigarettes. However, he opined that by leveling off the imposed tax at P2 per pack of cigarettes, the government would then be able to generate revenues amounting to P20 billion from cigarettes alone. He stressed that a specific increase of imposed taxes per unit instead of a percentage increase on the so-called "sin products" would be beneficial to the government in the long term.

Noting a planned P2 across-the-board increase in specific taxes on petroleum products, Rep. Casiño inquired whether this proposed tax measure would still be necessary.

Rep. Teves replied that this particular measure was already made an Executive Order (EO) by President Macapagal-Arroyo. He pointed out that at the outset, he was apprehensive about the possible deleterious repercussions of the EO, but then a comparison of the prices of gasoline in all other countries show that the Philippines still has the lowest price per liter of gasoline.

With regard however to the possibility of increasing the value-added tax (VAT), Rep.

Casiño inquired whether Congress should consider this particular tax proposal.

In reply, Rep. Teves explained that two measures have been presented regarding VAT: one of which proposes to remove the VAT and institute instead a sales tax on gross sales and another, to increase the rate of VAT from 12% to 15%. He added that the issue about poor VAT collections cannot be attributed to the imposed rate but to the input VAT-anomalies. To illustrate his point, he cited that the input VAT is as high as 7% on soft drinks but the actual collection is only three percent; in telecommunications, the input VAT is over and above the output VAT so much so that telecommunications companies have not paid any VAT.

Rep. Teves thereafter pointed out that in this case, there are two kinds of input VAT that he would like to present: one as an operational expense and another as a capital expense. He explained that the input VAT as an operational expense must be segregated inasmuch as the BIR can identify the amount of expenses, including capital expense, in every industry that is considered subject to VAT. With this in mind, Rep. Teves stated that he will propose a measure that whenever the input VAT of capital goods will exceed 7%, the BIR should automatically collect 3% and the remaining balance of the input VAT will be carried over to the next fiscal year.

Noting the aforementioned arguments, Rep. Casiño inquired whether it was his impression that the matter of legislating new taxes seems to be the least in Rep. Teves' set of legislative priorities.

Rep. Teves replied in the affirmative.

In this regard, Rep. Casiño inquired whether they can expect that if Rep. Teves would be chosen to be elected as the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, he would continue to have this particular framework that new taxes will come after plugging the loopholes in the Tax Code, after investigating tax leakages and after ensuring that all taxes are properly collected.

Rep. Teves replied that even if he were not elected as the chairman, he would continue to pursue the same advocacy in improving the government's tax collection functions. He informed Rep. Casiño that he had been invited to attend the Legislative-Executive Development Advisory Council (LEDAC) on Tuesday and he would readily attend the same to make a presentation on how the government can improve its tax collection.

REMINDER FROM THE CHAIR

Whereupon, the Chair reminded Rep. Teves that his 10-minute extension had already expired.

Rep. Teves, in response, stated that he would only have to wind up his remarks, and stated that he was still uncertain whether he will have to contend for the chairmanship of the Committee on Ways and Means. He however reiterated that President Macapagal Arroyo had invited him over to make a presentation of his proposals in the LEDAC meeting so that his proposal can be considered by the Department Secretaries for implementation.

Thereupon, Rep. Casiño thanked Rep. Teves for answering his queries.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. De Guzman, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Additional Reference of Business.

Upon direction of Chair, the Secretary General read the title of House Concurrent Resolution No. 8 which was referred to the Committee on Rules, to wit:

"CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR FOR THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE THIRTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES"

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS

Thereupon, Rep. De Guzman acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the following guests:

1. Mayor Valentin Adolfo and Councilor Remy Geron of the Municipality of Mayorga, Leyte, who were guests of Rep. Trinidad "Ebbie" G. Apostol; and
2. Members of the German-Filipino Friends, who were guests of Reps. Beltran and Rafael V. Mariano.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. De Guzman, the Chair suspended the session at 5:58 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:59 p.m., the session was resumed.

Upon resumption of session, the Chair recognized Rep. Eulogio "Amang" R. Magsaysay on a question of personal and collective privilege.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE OF REP. MAGSAYSAY (E.)

Initially, Rep. Magsaysay noted that the Philippine educational system has indisputably been in total disorder or disarray for so many decades now and that no one seems to give enough attention to it. He expressed his dismay that the government agencies expected to put an end to this predicament seem to be out of touch from reality so much so that they even add burdens to this very significant yet perennially overlooked sector of the society.

Rep. Magsaysay recalled that in her recent State of the Nation Address (SONA), President Macapagal-Arroyo had expounded on her five reform packages, which listed education and youth opportunity as one of her primary priorities, thus acknowledging the importance of a better educated and patriotic workforce in establishing a strong Republic. He however stated that the President has yet to enlighten and orient her subordinates, specifically the local government units (LGUs), on some pointers to buoy the realization of her five reform packages which she plans to execute for the next six years.

He said that also in the same week when the President's SONA was delivered, several newspapers had questioned the motive behind the Pasig City government's decision to terminate 496 contractual teachers. Considering that the controversy involved educators as well as students -- the sectors which the Alliance of Volunteer Educators or AVE Party-List represents in the House of Representatives and where he belongs -- Rep. Magsaysay disclosed that his party-list AVE sought audience with Dr. Abella Macarandan, the Division Superintendent of the Division of Pasig and San Juan and concurrently the co-chair of the local school board of Pasig. He informed the Body that in said meeting, it was ascertained that for school year 2004-2005, Dr. Macarandan had requested the Pasig City School Board to hire an additional 619 contractual teachers to complete the faculty requirement of the city's elementary and secondary schools. He added that the request was approved by former Mayor Soledad Eusebio in her memorandum, dated May 25, 2004, in her capacity as chairperson of the Pasig City School Board. With the Mayor's approval, an additional 230 elementary and 266 secondary contractual teachers started to hold classes on June 7, 2004, he added.

Rep. Magsaysay thereafter pointed out that on June 23, 2004, Dr. Macarandan received another memorandum from Mayor Eusebio recalling her earlier decision to hire additional contractual teachers, which according to Dr. Macarandan was brought about by her failure to transfer to another city the two permanent employees of the Pasig

Division Office who were reportedly accused of supporting the candidacy of then Congressman Henry Lanot who lost against her husband, incumbent Mayor Vicente Eusebio. Rep. Magsaysay noted that permanent Department of Education (DepEd) employees are protected by Article 6 of Republic Act (RA) No. 4670, otherwise known as the Magna Carta for Public School Teachers, which stated that, "except for cause...no teacher shall be transferred without his/her consent from one station to another."

In addition, Rep. Magsaysay claimed that with the expiration of the term of Mayor Eusebio on June 30, 2004, and with the restoration of the mayoralty power of her husband, the situation in Pasig turned from bleak to gloomy. He reasoned out that the new Mayor had refused not only to renew the contract of the 496 contractual teachers but also announced that the city government will no longer shoulder the schools' electricity, water and telephone bills due to lack of funds brought about by a shortfall in real property/real estate tax collection. He averred that as much as he wished to understand the explanation given by the incumbent Pasig Mayor, he cannot agree with his course of action-that to solve his local government's problem of budget deficiency, 496 contractual teachers should be laid-off and the electric and water supplies of public schools in the city should be cut off.

Rep. Magsaysay then stressed that it is during these incidents of questionable budget management relative to education that the following provision of RA No. 7160, better known as the Local Government Code, should be emphasized: "The proceeds from the additional one percent (1%) tax on real property accruing to the Special Education Fund (SEF) shall be automatically released to the local school boards: provided, however, that the proceeds shall be allocated for the operation and maintenance of public schools, construction and repair of school buildings, facilities and equipment, educational research, purchase of books and periodicals, and sports development as determined and approved by the Local School Board." Instead of having the 496 teachers and the students as the sacrificial lambs, he suggested that a more vigorous campaign to collect real estate taxes and an intensive drive against tax evaders would be a more prudent course of action for the Pasig City government.

Rep. Magsaysay concluded that as a consequence of the arm-twisting of the political powers that be, it is not only the teachers, whose rights had been trampled upon, who were suffering. He stressed that the political "dog-and-pony" show victimize, with the same intensity, the innocent school pupils, whose constitutional right to basic education was unquestionably being compromised as well.

In this regard, Rep. Magsaysay lamented that the present sad scenario of the public schools in Pasig only demonstrates that the education system could be highly susceptible to the political vindictiveness of some local chief executives (LCEs) whose maneuverings, he claimed, reflect their disregard for the public whom they have sworn to serve and whom they have pledged to protect. He said that even though the Pasig City government had already announced that everything is under control and that it would resume paying the public schools' utility expenses and rehire 190 of the 496 contractual teachers, he underscored that the main issue is very far from over. He stated that the issue on education is a very serious matter and so exhaustive so much so that no privilege speech can ever discuss it fully.

Rep. Magsaysay then revealed that not only were the schools in Pasig undergoing such difficulties. This, as he cited the predicament of a certain school in Naga City where electricity had been cut off after the school had failed to pay its electricity bill amounting to P27,000 and the case of the Olongapo National High School where the students are said to be obliged to buy or bring their own school chairs before they are allowed to enter their respective classrooms, because of the school's lack of facilities. He inferred that the education-related case in Pasig is only but a microcosm of what might or is currently occurring in thousands of local school systems across the country. He surmised that if this could happen in a highly urbanized city like Pasig, the same could be worse in far-flung provinces. He bemoaned how the teachers and students at depressed, disadvantaged and underprivileged schools in the provinces suffer from the claims of budget

insufficiency or deficiency by their respective local governments.

In the light of the Constitutional mandate relative to education, Rep. Magsaysay emphasized that no budgetary crisis should ever sacrifice the quality education that every Filipino should acquire. He asserted that quality education should be protected by all means because this is the citadel and the zenith of the "Strong Republic" that the President aspires to achieve. Owing to the fact that the youth hold the future of the nation, Rep. Magsaysay observed that Congress has time and again legislated measures to protect their rights and guarantee their education. Corollary to this, he pointed out that Congress had likewise passed laws promoting the welfare of teachers whose hands mold the future of the nation. He however noted that even as these legislations are indeed filled with such noble intentions, these laws are only as good as their implementation. He then urged his colleagues to put some teeth to these laws-if not fangs.

He then took note of the preliminary findings of the Committee on Oversight on its survey of unimplemented and unfunded laws, which revealed that five education-related legislations remain partially, if not totally, unimplemented, with budgetary constraints made as a convenient excuse. He disclosed that said laws are the Magna Carta for Public School Teachers, Legal Education Reform Act, Commission on Higher Education Act, An Act Strengthening the Governance and Defining the Scope of the Philippine Science High School (PSHS) System, and An Act Promoting and Preserving the Science and Technology Resources of the Country and Establishing the Philippine Science Heritage Center.

Moreover, he stated that other LGUs could be protected from experiencing the predicament of public schools like in Pasig, Naga and Olongapo if only sufficient funding at the national level is provided, as mandated by law. If efficient and effective budget management for education will be implemented, he said that the national government can very well prevent misguided LCEs from holding hostage the education budget for any other political vendetta they may have or other selfish ends.

He underscored that the Members should expect the Executive Branch to allocate the biggest appropriations for education in its 2005 budget proposal if they are to fulfill paragraph 5, Section 5, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution, which mandates the State to "assign the highest budgetary priority to education and ensure that teaching will attract and retain its rightful share of the best available talents through adequate remuneration and other means to job satisfaction and fulfillment." Otherwise, he appealed to his colleagues to ensure that this constitutional mandate would be its utmost consideration in its deliberation of next year's budget proposal.

He asked that the students should not suffer from the non-implementation of the aforesaid laws and that the teachers' welfare should never be compromised. He reminded the local government officials that these teachers whom they are threatening to terminate, are the ones who shed sweat, if not blood, to teach their children not only the meaning of words but even the meaning of life. He added that these teachers were the ones who hardly slept during the elections just for the local government officials to be proclaimed winners. He considered these teachers to be the architects of the future of the country's hope or Gat Jose Rizal's "pag-asa ng bayan" -- the youth.

He maintained that if respect to one's individuality is the means to achieve peace, then teachers are peacemakers; and if education is the way to promote development, then teachers are the builders of tomorrow's world. He stressed that these teachers do not only teach the children how to read ABC and write 123, but likewise, teach them to be human, to follow the rules of the land, and to respect the dignity of others as well. If not for these teachers, he continued, the country will not have doctors, engineers, broadcasters, architects, and nurses, among others. He added that in the absence of these educators, there will be no Presidents--there will be no Members of the House.

He then manifested his plea to all the LGUs, considering the powers that they wield, to be extra guarded and extra sensitive with their decisions concerning Philippine education, especially concerning the teachers. He asked the LGUs never to victimize the nation's heroes -- the Filipino teachers and never to underestimate their role in promoting the people's rights because it is through teaching that these rights and freedoms, as well as duties and responsibilities, are understood and respected.

At this point, he read excerpts from an updated report on the case of Pasig City which mentioned that, among others, Division Superintendent Dr. Macarandan had been terminated.

Whereupon, he demanded that the education sector should be kept out of politics and that the SEF that is especially allotted to the education sector should be provided to said sector. He stressed that the Philippine education system is urgently in need of help, to say the least, and expressed hope that the President's "Edukasyon Para Sa Lahat" and the education and youth opportunity package will materialize very soon because those from the professional education sector have already had enough of lip service.

At this point, Rep. Magsaysay apprised the Body that as of the previous day, Dr. Macarandan had been terminated and that the latter had accused Mayor Vicente Eusebio of having orchestrated her dismissal. He added that according to Dr. Macarandan, a petition-letter requesting the DepEd to transfer her to another division was signed by 30 school principals and supported by utility workers.

REMINDER FROM THE CHAIR

Whereupon, the Chair reminded Rep. Magsaysay that his time had already expired and requested that he wind up his speech.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE OF REP. MAGSAYSAY (E.) (Continuation)

In ending his speech, Rep. Magsaysay stated that Dr. Macarandan was terminated on July 28, 2004. He then thanked the Body for accommodating his speech. Thereupon, Rep. De Guzman moved that the Chair recognize Rep. Nerissa Corazon Soon-Ruiz on a question of personal privilege.

REFERRAL OF REP. MAGSAYSAY'S (E.) SPEECH

Before the Chair could recognize Rep. Soon-Ruiz, on motion of Rep. Fred H. Castro, there being no objection, the Body referred the speech of Rep. Magsaysay to the appropriate Committee.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE OF REP. SOON-RUIZ

At the outset, Rep. Soon-Ruiz said that she will speak in behalf of those who still believe that President Macapagal-Arroyo cares--the concerned citizens, the advocates, the enlightened government functionaries, whose advocacy for many years must be addressed now or they might be too late.

Whereupon, Rep. Soon-Ruiz disclosed that population explosion is an enemy that cannot simply be ignored. She disclosed that many of the Members would probably know her only as a lady doctor from the province of Cebu, a second-term Member of the House of Representatives. She pointed out that some of her colleagues may also have known her as taking the last flight to marriage at the age of 34, bearing her first child at the age of 36, her second, two years later, and her third, also two years after.

Rep. Soon-Ruiz narrated that she knew then, as she still knows now, that every one of her pregnancies was high risk, but unlike many of her countrywomen, she was then

under very good medical care. She said that she knew then what and when to eat so that she would not put on so much weight, which could lead to eclampsia or high blood pressure and which could be life threatening. She said that she and her husband had thought about the need to space the births of their children, and they knew that her last pregnancy should be before she turned 40.

Rep. Soon-Ruiz said that she does not want to bore the Members with the tidbits of her personal life, but to underscore the importance of planning one's family both in terms of size and spacing.

She disclosed that the previous day, the country celebrated the National Family Planning Day and that the entire month of August had been designated as Family Planning Month. For the past days, she noted that every one would be drawn to the current talk of the town, a bill filed by a very brave friend from Albay, which has been labeled as the Two-Child Policy. As she watches from the sidelines, listening to the discordant voices for and against the Bill, she said that her mother's heart grieves for those women who did not have the same choices as she had.

Thereupon, she explained that she was speaking about the women who have lost their lives while they were pregnant or giving birth or have suffered from infection and other post-pregnancy complications because they had no access to good medical care before, during and after pregnancy. Moreover, she said that she grieves for the mothers pleading for the lives of their infants and other children as they become sick because they do not have the means to provide good food and health care and that she cries for the women who have become victims of violence because they had said no to sex with their partners for fear of becoming pregnant. She then asked why they do not have the same choices as she had. She further asked whether society has been so blind to the realities of life that there are some who view family planning as a scourge from the devil. She asked why can they not listen to those who will actually rear their children and why the moral values of those who are against family planning should be imposed on others who care enough to know that every child born into this world must be loved and taken good care of.

She disclosed that those for and against the very idea of family planning have seemingly drowned the cries for help of individuals and couples who would like to plan their families. She pointed out that the 2003 national demographic and health survey had shown that 20% of the population have an unmet need for family planning. In a country of more than 80 million where almost half are women, she explained that 20% translates to millions of women who have either no access to family planning methods or could not practice family planning because of various social, cultural, religious and legal barriers.

Rep. Soon-Ruiz said that she is not an economist and will not venture into macroeconomics and debates on whether the large population of the country has severely limited its economic development as a nation. Likewise she said that she will not also debate on whether their right to family planning and support of government for the means to do so is mandated or not by the Constitution. She said that her colleagues from the legal profession are quite numerous in the House but she is here as a medical doctor, a mother, a woman and a legislator who cares for the welfare of the women, men and young people of her district. She said that she would be proud as a peacock, if their quality of life would improve because they are healthier, more educated and with more opportunities. She underscored that family planning has far-reaching benefits for women and their families because women can plan the number and the timing of their children's births, enjoy improved health, experience pure and wanted pregnancies and births and have lower rates of induced and often unsafe abortions.

Rep. Soon-Ruiz pointed out that the risk of maternal deaths and illnesses also increases when women have births close together and there is insufficient time for them to regain their strength which affects women's health and survival as well as their infants. As a community leader, she said, she loves the strength and spirit of Rep. Edcel C. Lagman, who like the Man from La Mancha is tilting the windmills defending what he believes in. She however said that she knows that Rep. Lagman will

find space in his heart to listen to the different voices, soft or loud, strident or soothing as a common ground is reached not for their benefit but for the benefit of the people.

Moreover, Rep. Soon-Ruiz said that she lauds the commitment of the President to individual choice as the latter has stated that informed choice has her vote. She said that she wishes that one day the President would also find space in her heart to instruct the Department of Health (DOH), all other concerned officials in all levels, including the local chief executives and her fellow legislators, to put in place policies, programs and budgets which will provide access to information for all on family planning services to those who seek it.

Rep. Soon-Ruiz said that she commends most of all the very brave women, men and young people who have spent a lot of time making their voices heard on the issue of family planning and the interrelated issues of individual rights. She said that some of them were present in the gallery of the Session Hall, listening to what the Members have to say on the matter. She said that time may be running out on them, and as the President had said during her SONA, "Let's just do it."

Whereupon, Rep. Defensor moved that the Body recognize Rep. Lagman.

At this point, Rep. Emilio C. Macias II sought recognition to interpellate Rep. Soon-Ruiz.

The Chair inquired whether Rep. Soon-Ruiz wished to answer a few questions. Rep. Soon-Ruiz replied that Rep. Lagman will deliver a speech on almost the same topic.

The Chair said that Rep. Lagman will have to take his seat so that they can start.

Rep. Lagman said that he had previously made a reservation to speak.

Although she would like to answer a few questions from Rep. Macias, Rep. Soon-Ruiz stated anew that Rep. Lagman will speak on almost the same issue.

The Chair said that Rep. Lagman will have his time.

Rep. Macias inquired whether this means that Rep. Soon-Ruiz refuses to yield to some questions.

In fairness to Rep. Lagman and for the information of Rep. Macias, Rep. Defensor stated that when Rep. Soon-Ruiz had made a reservation to rise on a question of privilege, Rep. Lagman had also registered his willingness to interpellate thereon.

The Chair said that the time of Rep. Soon-Ruiz had expired.

EXTENSION OF THE TIME OF REP. SOON-RUIZ

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body extended the time of Rep. Soon-Ruiz by 10 minutes.

REMARKS OF REP. DEFENSOR (A.)

With the kind indulgence of Rep. Macias, Rep. Defensor moved that the Body recognize Rep. Lagman to interpellate.

MANIFESTATION OF REP. LAGMAN

Upon recognition by the Chair, Rep. Lagman said that he would defer to Rep. Macias despite the fact that he had first registered his right to interpellate Rep. Soon-Ruiz.

Rep. Lagman thereafter expressed his full support for the thesis of Rep. Soon-Ruiz' speech.

The Chair noted said manifestation.

Whereupon, the Chair recognized Rep. Macias for his interpellation. Before proceeding with the interpellation, Rep. Soon-Ruiz thanked Rep. Lagman for his support and expressed her support for the latter's bill on reproductive health.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. MACIAS

At the outset, Rep. Macias congratulated Rep. Soon-Ruiz for her courage in standing up on an issue that has always been a controversial one.

As to how she intends to attain the objective of birth spacing and whether this would include the natural or artificial family planning methods, Rep. Soon-Ruiz said that no bill has yet been filed in the House regarding the matter. She said that her speech was simply to encourage the government to include policies that will teach Filipino couples both artificial and natural methods of contraception. She maintained that the people should be given all access to information on these methods and that it will be their choice as to what methods they would be using.

Rep. Macias pointed out that it should not contravene the laws.

Rep. Soon-Ruiz replied that it should not definitely contravene the law, stressing that abortion is not one of the family planning methods.

On whether this would be something like a smorgasbord wherein one can choose depending on the couple's choice, Rep. Soon-Ruiz replied that it would be like that because there are many methods to choose from. She disclosed that there are even artificial methods of contraception for males and females and with the proper guidance and education, it does not matter because it would be the couple's choice. She however said that they should be given all the necessary education and access to information. She stated anew that abortion is not among the contraceptive methods.

Rep. Macias inquired what Rep. Soon-Ruiz thinks would be the most potent force that would prevent them from attaining this objective. This, as he noted that there was a strong objection regarding the matter in the previous Congress.

Rep. Soon-Ruiz said that she had read in the newspapers the big issue regarding House Bill No. 4110 during the previous Congress. She said that she was glad because Rep. Lagman had refiled it. She noted that it was the Catholic Church that had opposed the Bill. She pointed out that during the previous elections, Pulse Asia had conducted a survey showing that 80% of Filipinos wanted a population planning program.

She opined that there is still a need to inform the people, including the Church, of this matter. She however pointed out the need to fine-tune the Bill, adding that she could sit down again with the Catholic Church with the hope that they would see the urgent need to come up with a population policy program. She said that she was glad that the President has come out with a statement regarding informed choice and responsible parenthood, when in the previous years, the President had shown no support on the issue.

Being a physician and as one who has successfully practiced the method of birth spacing, Rep. Macias asked Rep. Soon-Ruiz whether the natural method would be sufficient to have an effect to population management.

Rep. Soon-Ruiz replied that as a physician, the rate of failure of the natural method of contraception is 80%. She averred that it is not wise to stick to the natural method because the rate of failure is very high. She said that it is best to present both the natural and artificial methods, but that it is really up to the couples to choose therefrom.

Rep. Soon-Ruiz said that she does not want to go into technicalities or to educate the Members with all the details of the terms and cycles of women. However, she said that the natural method has not been a very effective method of family planning.

Rep. Macias recalled that Rep. Soon-Ruiz has been successful in practicing the family planning method. She then inquired whether she followed the natural method.

Rep. Soon-Ruiz stated that she had been using the artificial method.

Rep. Macias informed Rep. Soon-Ruiz that his wife is an obstetrician and a Roman Catholic and that they have six children -- all mistakes of the natural method. However, oftentimes it was the mistake of the husband, he admitted.

Rep. Soon-Ruiz recalled an article in the previous day's newspaper that the best medicine to family planning is a sleeping pill which is given to the husband before he goes to bed. She then expressed hope that Rep. Macias would agree with her.

Rep. Macias thanked Rep. Soon-Ruiz for accommodating his questions. He expressed hope that when they discuss the nitty-gritty of population management, they should look at it from the viewpoint of the economy so that no one will be denied access to the different methods of family planning.

Thereafter, the Chair informed the Body that the time of Rep. Soon-Ruiz had expired.

REFERRAL OF REP. SOON-RUIZ' SPEECH

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body referred Rep. Soon-Ruiz' speech to the Committee on Population and Family Relations.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body elected the following Members to the Committee on Rules:

1. Rep. Fred H. Castro
2. Rep. Hussin U. Amin
3. Rep. Eduardo R. Gullas
4. Rep. Edcel C. Lagman
5. Rep. Antonio H. Cerilles
6. Rep. Antonio R. Floirendo Jr.
7. Rep. Joseph A. Santiago
8. Rep. Emmylou J. Taliño-Santos
9. Rep. Oscar L. Gozos
10. Rep. Danton Q. Bueser
11. Rep. Rodriguez D. Dadivas
12. Rep. Vincent J. Garcia
13. Rep. Juan Miguel M. Arroyo
14. Rep. Jesus Crispin C. Remulla
15. Rep. Ronaldo V. Puno
16. Rep. Matias V. Defensor Jr.
17. Rep. Anthony C. Miranda
18. Rep. Lorenzo R. Tanada III
19. Rep. Albert S. Garcia
20. Rep. Hermilando I. Mandanas
21. Rep. Benjamin Abalos Jr.
22. Rep. Bienvenido M. Abante Jr.
23. Rep. Alfredo D. Maraño III
24. Rep. Claude P. Bautista

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Subsequently, on motion of Rep. Defensor, the session was suspended at 6:42 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:46 p.m., the session was resumed.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8

Upon resumption of session, on motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body considered House Concurrent Resolution No. 8.

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

"CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR FOR THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE THIRTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES."

As copies of the Concurrent Resolution had been previously distributed to the Members, on motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the text of the Concurrent Resolution without prejudice to its insertion into the Record of the House.

ADOPTION OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body unanimously adopted House Concurrent Resolution No. 8.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Whereupon, Rep. Defensor acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Reps. Remedios L. Petilla and Carmen L. Cari.

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Chair recognized Rep. Crispin B. Beltran on a question of personal and collective privilege.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE OF REP. BELTRAN

Speaking in Filipino, Rep. Beltran took the floor to share his insights on the present situation of the Filipino people. While the House has been deliberating on the creation of various Committees, and the filing of proposed economic and political measures has begun, he maintained that it would be good for the Members to be aware of the present situation of the Filipino people.

He recalled that in her SONA on July 2001, President Macapagal-Arroyo had promised to provide decent and productive employment to every Filipino worker. Through this, he said, the President had envisioned an increase in the number of jobs, preservation of employment, improvement of jobs and easier access to employment. He noted, however, that three years had passed but in her SONA on July 28, 2004, while the President referred anew to the issue of employment and announced the creation of one million jobs each year, she likewise stated that a series of lay-offs of workers in the government service will soon be made. Furthermore, he cited that according to Budget Secretary Emilia Boncodin and Civil Service Commission Chairman (CSC) Karina David, the number of government workers who will be retrenched soon will reach up to 50,000. He claimed that jobs have not even been created but numerous workers stand to be removed from the service, further pushing up the unemployment rate.

Rep. Beltran then cited the following statistics:

1. At present, around 4.989 million Filipinos are jobless, and that according to the NSO, the unemployment rate of 12.2% in April 2003 increased to 13.7% in April 2004. In January 2004, 3.9 million Filipino were unemployed and within a few months alone, this figure increased to almost 5 million;
2. This computation does not include the 431,872 Filipinos who could not find

jobs in the country and have to risk working abroad as overseas Filipino workers (OFWs). Based on NSO figures, millions of OFWs have contractual contracts only and most of them are able to work only for five months each year. If the government has pegged the number of unemployed Filipinos at five million, this number should be multiplied three to four times more and the product will reflect the actual number of affected families. Add to this the six million underemployed workers, and the 16 to 19 million total represents the Filipinos who could not find jobs in the country at present, or almost 40% of the total workforce;

3. According to the Employers Confederation of the Philippines (ECOP), the Philippine economy is employment-distressed for the past four years, and that the livelihood of 31.52 million employed Filipinos remain at risk as their job security is continuously threatened by contractualization, casualization, reduction of benefits, retrenchment and low wages. In the meantime, the number of jobs created in the country had reached one million only and this means that even assuming that the number of those looking for jobs will not increase, it would take up to 20 years before the present number of unemployed Filipinos will be provided employment. The fact is, the labor force increases by 800,000 every year owing to the corresponding increase in birth rates;

4. Of the one million jobs created in the past three years, more than half is composed of own-account workers like vendors, laundry workers or pedicab drivers, and unpaid family workers such as those who man the sari-sari stores of their families and are not paid;

5. Employment in the industrial sector posted an increase of 34,000 only despite the fact that this should increase further if the economy is supposed to be industrializing. Employment in the manufacturing sector was reduced by 8,000. Furthermore, more than half of the total number of newly-created jobs are concentrated only in the four regions in the country - Southern Tagalog, National Capital Region, central Luzon and Eastern Visayas. However, these areas posted the highest unemployment rates because people from other regions come to them to look for jobs; and

6. Most farmers have been losing their livelihood because of the massive land use conversion (LUC) in these regions, except the NCR. This is why the number of farmers who are forced to leave their land has further caused the unemployment rate to increase. The concept of LUC is part of the government's efforts to lure the capitalist enclave to put up resorts and malls for the rich and those who could afford them even if the jobs these create are not adequate or decent as the experience in the export zones had shown - longer working hours, low wages, lack of job security and inhumane employment conditions.

Whereupon, Rep. Beltran inquired who was to blame for the unemployment problem. He noted that the boom-bust cycle had been partly blamed for this, and asked whether said cycle was not the result of the economic system the government had followed. This boom-bust cycle, he said, depends largely on the entry of foreign investments, expensive foreign goods and periodic exports of cheap goods and even labor. He added that the same cycle further worsens free market policies because through it, the people have been exposed to global instability and the economy has become more unstable.

He maintained that the problem of unemployment in the country cannot be resolved if the creation of jobs is left to the hands of foreign investors alone, and if the government caters only to the interests of the big capitalists and land owners in running the economy. The truth is, he said, the big number of jobless Filipinos is even more favorable to the capitalists because the workers are forced to scramble and compete for very few jobs even if they are only contractual in nature, they provide below-minimum wages and they violate their human rights. He concluded that this, of course, means hefty profits that are brought out of the country.

Rep. Beltran underscored that all over the world at present, doubts have been raised about the merits of free market fundamentalism which is being espoused by the

Philippine government. He cited the case of Argentina whose government had thrown out the International Monetary Fund-World Bank (IMF-WB) neo-liberal model of development more than a decade ago. The same had happened to Mexico, he said, when the economic plan of the Washington Consensus pushed by the IMF-WB had likewise failed.

Given the Philippine experience, he inquired whether free market fundamentalism has not caused enough damage to the economy and has not greatly affected the people. He said that it has been proven that after 30 years of an enclave export industry which is one of the recommendations of a free market, the labor problem has remained in a sad state.

He lamented that secondary issues like the growing population and poor public investment are being used to cover for the real culprits - the policies on globalization like liberalization, deregulation and privatization. He observed that the formulas being followed by the government as recommended by foreign multilateral financial agencies run counter to that being followed by countries that have been successful in their industrialization process. They have been successful because of their governments' economic protectionism and active direction of industrialization programs, he stressed. He noted that this has been the experience of true capitalist countries like the United States and Japan as well as the European countries in the early stages of their progress. He added that this has also been the experience of Taiwan and South Korea.

On the other hand, he observed that the government continues to blame the workers because of the unions that they organize and the campaigns that they pursue not only to defend their salaries, jobs and rights but also on other issues that affect the people.

He thereafter focused on the policy recommendations made by the IMF-WB that the government should avoid the destabilization caused by political upheavals by drawing substantive demands and competing demands within the orbit of constitutional democracy. He asked why the government considers as a problem the use by the people of their right to fight for their interests, including their call for changes in a rotten leadership.

He lamented that foreign forces and their local agents have been making calls to stop the democratic right of the people to express their protests and grievances against the policies and decisions of the government and its agencies allegedly for the sake of improving the economy.

As he asked why the people have been protesting and staging strikes, Rep. Beltran attributed said actions to the declining economy and lack of social justice. He said that it is wrong for the government to ask the people to just bear with the increases in the prices of basic commodities, electricity, water, toll fees as well as the cost of health, education and housing.

Moreover, Rep. Beltran emphasized that it is wrong for the government to ask the workers to simply accept their pitiful circumstances, meager salaries and long hours of unpaid work; the haggling for collective bargaining agreements; the stoppage of the formation of union organizations; and other forms of capitalistic repressions. He likewise condemned the recommendations to just let the workers adjust to work regulations that deprive them of their right to become regular employees and have security of tenure and enjoy flexible labor arrangements.

Thereafter, Rep. Beltran focused on the issue of wage increase, which greatly affects the workers. He surmised that majority of the Members are aware that it was in 1999 that increases in wages and salaries were granted to the workers. He said that from 1999 up to the present, the minimum wage in the National Capital Region (NCR) has been pegged at P250 per day. He pointed out that the amount is equivalent to the cost of a day's gasoline of a Ford Expedition or any other similar vehicle being used in the House.

As he remarked that the government expects every Filipino family of six to survive on P250 a day, he stressed that the cost of living in the NCR is now P550 a day. He

added that this is the amount needed by a family if only to survive, and does not include the cost of improving their situation in life and sustaining their health, minds and bodies.

Thereupon, he disclosed that in the province, the workers in the farm are paid only from P194 to P200 a day. He asked his colleagues whether they are surprised by the meagerness of the wages. He surmised that many Members are wondering how millions of Filipinos have managed to survive on such a small amount of money to pay for their house, rent, water and electricity as well as the cost of school and medical needs.

Rep. Beltran thereafter expressed his deep anger and resentment over the plight of the poor workers who despite hard labor have never enjoyed even small luxuries in their lives. He observed that while the workers have never received any meaningful and sufficient support from the government, they are still being continually deprived of social benefits and services like housing, utilities and education. He lamented that the government now even plans to impose upon these workers additional taxes and other forms of payments.

Rep. Beltran said that he represents the Anakpawis Partido Politikol, and that together with Rep. Rafael V. Mariano, they were elected to bring to Congress the agenda of the workers, fisherfolk, farmers and the urban poor. However, he stressed that based on what they have heard, seen and studied every day, it appears that hand in hand with the agenda that their party would like to pursue, there is also the urgent and difficult task for them to stop every agenda or program that the government aims to achieve in order to put down the already sad plight of the Partido Anakpawis.

He emphasized that the problems of the workers cannot be separated from the problems of the other sectors of society. He underscored that there is only one rotten and decaying system that has been causing the problems of the small and poor people, so that it is only through their joint efforts that these problems can be put to an end.

At the start of the Thirteenth Congress, Rep. Beltran disclosed that the members of the Partido Anakpawis had sworn that they would be watchful and vigilant in pursuing the interests of the poor which society has been denying them.

He said that he joins the other Members of the House in pursuing laws and measures that will ensure the well-being of the people. He enjoined his colleagues not to be afraid in objecting to or opposing programs or measures that will curtail the political, civil and human rights of the people.

In closing, Rep. Beltran said that he was making a personal as well as a political call. He expressed hope that Congress will prioritize the determination of the rights of the poor, and from there, enact measures that will truly help improve their lives. Finally, he asked that his speech be referred to the Committee on Labor and Employment for further discussion.

Thereupon, the Chair recognized Rep. Douglas RA. Cagas for his remarks.

REMARKS OF REP. CAGAS

Rep. Cagas stated that he would like to make a special request. He said that given his little understanding of the Filipino language, the Tagalog dialect in particular, he had tried to understand very well the speech delivered by Rep. Beltran as he was aware of its importance. However, he admitted that even after living in Manila for 20 years, he still could not speak Tagalog well. He stressed that thus, he could not make any interpellation on the speech because he did not fully understand it.

On the other hand, Rep. Cagas conceded that no Member can be stopped from speaking in Tagalog because Filipino is the country's national language. He requested that every time a Member speaks in Filipino, the Members should be provided with an English translation thereof like what is being done by other parliaments and even by the United Nations. He added that other Cebuanos like himself do not use their

dialect in plenary sessions because some of their colleagues would not understand them. He opined that he was making a fair request, as he was aware that Rep. Beltran would not have stood up unless the points that he had raised were not important to the Members. He reiterated his request that every time a language other than English is used on the floor, an English translation would be provided to the Members. He thereafter stressed the need for a translation especially when the Tagalog dialect is used. Moreover, he said that no Member can be stopped from speaking in Ilocano or Zamboangeño.

The Chair stated that according to the Rules of the House, only two languages can be used on the floor -- Filipino and English.

REMARKS OF REP. BELTRAN

Rep. Beltran agreed that Rep. Cagas' request was good; however, Filipino is the country's national language.

The Chair clarified that Tagalog and not Filipino is the national language, hence the Members can speak on the floor only in Filipino.

Rep. Beltran maintained that even with the knowledge of the English language, it is incumbent upon the Members to understand and be familiar with the country's national language. He said that when he interacts with a Japanese who speaks only in his language, then the latter has with him an interpreter. He said that he would not like to do this to his colleagues. He thereafter made a counter request that the Members learn and familiarize themselves with the Filipino language.

REMARKS OF REP. CAGAS

Rep. Cagas said that he would not like to begrudge Rep. Beltran if he would like to speak in Filipino. He admitted that he would also like to speak in Filipino; however he is already old and does not have the time to learn the language. He disclosed that after studying law in Manila some five decades ago, he still could not speak in Filipino. He thereupon clarified that his request was directed to the Chair and not to Rep. Beltran.

The Chair stated that later on, a translation could be provided.

Rep. Cagas clarified that he was not talking about the present situation because there was no more time to provide for a translation. He said that his point was that it should be incumbent upon the House to provide for an English translation whenever a Member speaks in Filipino, especially in the delivery of privilege speeches. As such, he said that the Body cannot stop a Cebuano from speaking in his dialect or an Ilocano in speaking in Ilocano.

The Chair stated that Rep. Cagas' request was being sought on the presumption that the speech was written ahead of the delivery. He asked how a translation can be provided when a speech is delivered extemporaneously.

Rep. Cagas, in reaction, said that even the stenographers cannot follow the content of the speech unless they are provided with an advance copy.

The Chair maintained that Rep. Cagas' request will depend on the situation.

Rep. Cagas countered that he had made a fair request.

REMARKS OF REP. DEFENSOR (A.)

Rep. Defensor stated that the matter can be settled and extensively discussed by the Committee of Rules so that it can come up with a process or mechanics on how to address Rep. Cagas' request.

The Chair noted the suggestion made by Rep. Defensor, and thereafter recognized Rep. Raul T. Gonzalez Jr..

REMARKS OF REP. GONZALEZ

Rep. Gonzalez, in reaction to Rep. Beltran's point of view, said that he is the Representative of Iloilo City but he can speak in Filipino. He disclosed that he grew up in Manila, but surmised that some of his colleagues from Metro Manila and the Tagalog region are aware that there are other Filipinos who are not Tagalogs. He asked the Members to recognize the fact that the Tagalog dialect is not the Filipino language, and to respect the dialects of their co-Filipinos who live in other parts of the country. He said that if the Filipino people have been against the imperialism of other countries, then the Members should respect the fact that Tagalog imperialism has long been felt by the other Filipinos living in the different parts of the country.

In closing, Rep. Gonzalez stressed that his knowledge of Tagalog, English and Ilonggo is sufficient. However, he appealed to Rep. Beltran to speak slowly because not everyone can speak Tagalog.

remarks OF REP. BELTRAN (Continuation)

Rep. Beltran, still speaking in Filipino, thanked Rep. Gonzalez for his manifestation.

Thereafter, Rep. Beltran said that he wanted to agree that a translation be made, especially considering that his speech seeks an increase in the salaries of laborers and focuses on other rights and of the poor. He said that if his speech would be translated into English, instead of understanding and voting properly, the people would just discard the same. He said that he is amenable to having his proposed resolution that will be taken up by the Committee on Labor and Employment, translated into English.

However, Rep. Beltran stated that he would leave it to the discretion of the Chair whether to make it mandatory that every Filipino word uttered in plenary session be translated into English.

Whereupon, the Chair informed the Body that Rep. Beltran is a Bicolano and not a Tagalog.

REFERRAL OF REP. BELTRAN'S SPEECH

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, Rep. Beltran's speech was referred to the appropriate Committee.

motion to ELECT MEMBERS TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES

At this juncture, Rep. Defensor (A.) moved for the election of Members to the following Committees:

1. Committee on Economic Affairs - Rep. Joey Sarte Salceda
2. Committee on Energy - Rep. Alipio "Tikbong" V. Badelles
3. Committee on Trade and Industry - Rep. Junie E. Cua
4. Committee on Cooperatives Development - Rep. Ernesto Dela Cruz Pablo
5. Committee on Ecology - Rep. J. R. Nereus O. Acosta
6. Committee on Housing and Urban Development - Rep. Eduardo C. Zialcita
7. Committee on Civil, Political and Human Rights - Rep. Loretta Ann P. Rosales

8. Committee on Constitutional Amendment - Rep. Constantino G. Jaraula
9. Committee on Games and Amusements - Rep. J. Mayo Z. Almario
10. Committee on Justice - Rep. Simeon A. Datumanong
11. Committee on Legislative Franchises - Rep. Juan Miguel F. Zubiri
12. Committee on Foreign Affairs - Rep. Antonio V. Cuenco
13. Committee on National Cultural Communities - Rep. Solomon R. Chungalao
14. Committee on National Defense - Rep. Roilo Golez
15. Committee on Public Order and Security - Rep. Amado T. Espino Jr.
16. Committee on Veterans Affairs - Rep. Tomas M. Dumpit
17. Committee on Agriculture, Food and Fisheries - Rep. Benasing O. Macarambon Jr.
18. Committee on Agrarian Reform - Rep. Gregorio T. Ipong
19. Committee on Health- Rep. Antonio P. Yapha Jr.
20. Committee on People's Participation - Rep. Ernesto "Banzai" Nieva
21. Oversight Committee - Rep. Danilo E. Suarez
22. Committee on Basic Education - Rep. Edmundo O. Reyes Jr.
23. Committee on Higher Education - Rep. Cynthia A. Villar
24. Committee on Revision of Laws - Rep. Orlando A. Fua Jr.
25. Committee on Rural Development - Rep. Arrel R. Olaño
26. Committee on East Asian Growth Area - Rep. Corazon N. Malanyaon
27. Committee on Dangerous Drugs - Rep. Roque R. Ablan Jr.

POINT OF ORDER OF REP. TEVES

Before the Body could act on the nomination of Members to various committees, Rep. Teves raised a point of order and questioned the quorum.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. Defensor, the Chair suspended the session.

It was 7:26 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 7:35 p.m., the session was resumed.

Upon resumption, Rep. Defensor moved that the session be suspended until four o'clock in the afternoon of the following day.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY OF REP. BARBERS

At this point, Rep. Ace S. Barbers said that his understanding was that there was a motion to adjourn made by Rep. Teves.

With the permission of the Chair, Rep. Defensor said that there was no motion to

adjourn but only an inquiry.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. Defensor (A.), the session was suspended at 7:36 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 7:37 p.m., the session was resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. Defensor, the session was suspended until four o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, August 4, 2004.

It was 7:37 p.m., Tuesday, August 3, 2004.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 4, 2004, the session was resumed with Deputy Speaker Espinosa presiding.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

On motion of Rep. Defensor (A.), there being no objection, the Body considered the Additional Reference of Business. Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read on First Reading the titles of the following Bills and Resolutions which were referred to the appropriate Committees hereunder indicated:

House Bill No. 1649, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING FIXED MONTHLY HONORARIA AND OTHER BENEFITS TO ACCREDITED BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 6 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7883, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS INCENTIVES AND BENEFITS ACT OF 1995"

By Representative Ermita-Buhain

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 1650, entitled:

"AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF THE DON MANUEL LOPEZ EMERGENCY HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALAYAN, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS"

By Representative Ermita-Buhain

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1651, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING THAT AREAS WITHIN THE DECLARED TOURIST ZONES SUITABLE FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES SHALL BE DECLARED ALIENABLE AND DISPOSABLE UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS"

By Representative Ermita-Buhain

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 1652, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF ENGLISH AS A MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION IN THE PHILIPPINE SCHOOLS"

By Representative Gullas

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

House Bill No. 1653, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BESAO, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE TO BE KNOWN AS THE TAMBOAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Dominguez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1654, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MOUNTAIN PROVINCE SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TADIAN, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Dominguez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1655, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SADANGA, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE TO BE KNOWN AS THE SACLIT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Dominguez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1656, entitled:

"AN ACT TO REGULATE FILIPINO LOTTERY, PROVIDING THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Dominguez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS

House Bill No. 1657, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY POBLACION, MUNICIPALITY OF COMPOSTELA, PROVINCE OF CEBU, TO BE KNOWN AS THE COMPOSTELA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Durano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1658, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CABONGA-AN, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN FRANCISCO, PROVINCE OF CEBU, TO BE KNOWN AS THE CABONGA-AN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Durano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1659, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY GUINSAY, DANAOK CITY, PROVINCE OF CEBU, TO BE KNOWN AS THE GUINSAY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Durano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1660, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CAHUMAYAN, CITY OF DANAOK, PROVINCE OF CEBU, TO BE KNOWN AS THE RAMON M. DURANO MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Durano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1661, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SUBA, CITY OF DANAOK, PROVINCE OF CEBU, TO BE KNOWN AS THE BEATRIZ D. DURANO MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Durano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1662, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MASABA, CITY OF DANAOK, PROVINCE OF CEBU, TO BE KNOWN AS THE ELPIDIO H. PEREZ MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Durano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1663, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CANAMUKAN, COMPOSTELA, PROVINCE OF CEBU, TO BE KNOWN AS THE COMPOSTELA SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Durano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1664, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PUERTOBELLO IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUDELA, PROVINCE OF CEBU, TO BE KNOWN AS THE PUERTOBELLO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Durano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1665, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY GUINSAY, CITY OF DANA'O, PROVINCE OF CEBU, TO BE KNOWN AS THE RAMON D. DURANO FOUNDATION FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Durano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1666, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE CAMARINES SUR STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE (CSSAC)-SIPOCOT CAMPUS (FORMERLY BICOL INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (BIST) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SIPOCOT, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, INTO A STATE COLLEGE TO BE KNOWN AS THE BICOL STATE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (BSCOST), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Andaya

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1667, entitled:

"AN ACT RENAMING CALIFORNIA AVENUE IN THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PROVINCE OF LA UNION, MAYOR LORENZO L. DACANAY AVENUE"

By Representative Ortega

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House Bill No. 1668, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RATTAN AND BAMBOO EXPERIMENTAL BREEDING STATION IN BARANGAY NUEVA VISTA, MUNICIPALITY OF DON VICTORIANO, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Ramiro

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FISHERIES AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1669, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY OZAMIZ (GUBA), MUNICIPALITY OF CLARIN, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE CONGRESSMAN HILARION J. RAMIRO, JR. MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Ramiro

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1670, entitled:

"AN ACT SYNCHRONIZING THE BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS WITH THE NATIONAL ELECTIONS AND CHANGING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN OFFICIALS FROM THREE (3) YEARS TO FIVE (5) YEARS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Real

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 1671, entitled:

"AN ACT DECLARING THE CONFERMENT OF A DOCTORATE DEGREE AS EQUIVALENT TO ENTRY LEVEL CAREER EXECUTIVE SERVICE OFFICER ELIGIBILITY IN THE CIVIL SERVICE"

By Representative Soon-Ruiz

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 1672, entitled:

"AN ACT DIVIDING THE SIXTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT, PROVINCE OF CEBU, INTO TWO LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS TO BE KNOWN AS THE SIXTH DISTRICT- COMPRISING MANDAUE CITY AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF CONSOLACION AND THE SEVENTH DISTRICT - COMPRISING LAPU-LAPU CITY AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF CORDOVA, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Soon-Ruiz

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 1673, entitled:

"AN ACT DECLARING THE CONFERMENT OF A MASTERAL DEGREE AS EQUIVALENT TO PROFESSIONAL ELIGIBILITY IN THE CIVIL SERVICE"

By Representative Soon-Ruiz

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 1674, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3134, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'AN ACT CREATING THE CITY OF LAPU-LAPU', LIKEWISE KNOWN AS THE 'CITY CHARTER OF LAPU-LAPU' "

By Representative Soon-Ruiz

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 1675, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BREAST CARE CENTERS IN EVERY REGION NATIONWIDE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Soon-Ruiz

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1676, entitled:

"AN ACT DECLARING APRIL 27 OF EACH YEAR AS A NONWORKING PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN THE CITIES OF LAPU-LAPU, MANDAUE AND CEBU, PROVINCE OF CEBU, AND ALL ITS COMPONENT CITIES, TO BE KNOWN AS 'KADAUGAN SA MAKTAN DAY' "

By Representative Soon-Ruiz

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 1677, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 447 AND 458 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE"

By Representative Soon-Ruiz

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 1678, entitled:

"AN ACT GIVING JUDICIAL DECREE OF LEGAL SEPARATION AND ANNULMENT OF MARRIAGE RETROACTIVE EFFECT AS FAR AS THE DISSOLUTION OF THE COMMON OR CONJUGAL PROPERTIES OF THE SPOUSES IS CONCERNED, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES' "

By Representative Soon-Ruiz

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 1679, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CATARMAN, MUNICIPALITY OF CORDOVA, PROVINCE OF CEBU, TO BE KNOWN AS THE CATARMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Soon-Ruiz

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1680, entitled:

"AN ACT SEPARATING THE CORDOVA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CORDOVA, CEBU FROM CABANGAHAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN CONSOLACION, CEBU, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT HIGH SCHOOL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Soon-Ruiz

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1681, entitled:

"AN ACT DECLARING THE FOREIGN NATIONALITY OF THE VICTIM OR OF THE OFFENDER AS AN AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCE IN CRIMES COMMITTED BY FILIPINO CITIZENS AGAINST FOREIGN NATIONALS AND VICE-VERSA"

By Representative Soon-Ruiz

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 1682, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE MANDAUE CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS INTO A REGIONAL SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS TO BE KNOWN AS THE CENTRAL VISAYAS SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Soon-Ruiz

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1683, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE PSYCHOLOGICAL AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR CHILD SOLDIERS, CREATING A SPECIAL TASK FORCE ON CHILD SOLDIERS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Soon-Ruiz

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1684, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING DISTRICT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS IN THE PROVINCE OF CEBU TO COVER THE CITIES OF MANDAUE AND LAPU-LAPU AND THE MUNICIPALITIES OF CONSOLACION AND CORDOVA TO BE KNOWN AS THE THIRD ENGINEERING DISTRICT"

By Representative Soon-Ruiz

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 1685, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING FIVE (5) ADDITIONAL REGIONAL AND MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT BRANCHES IN MANDAUE CITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Soon-Ruiz

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1686, entitled:

"AN ACT SEPARATING THE TIPOLO BARANGAY HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TIPOLO, MANDAUE CITY, CEBU FROM MANDAUE CITY COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (MCCNHS), CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE TIPOLO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Soon-Ruiz

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1687, entitled:

"AN ACT SEPARATING THE SUBANGDAKU BARANGAY HIGH SCHOOL IN SUBANGDAKU, MANDAUE CITY, CEBU FROM MANDAUE CITY COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (MCCNHS), CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE SUBANGDAKU NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Soon-Ruiz

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1688, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CARAPDAPAN, MUNICIPALITY OF ARTECHE, PROVINCE OF EASTERN SAMAR, TO BE KNOWN AS THE CARAPDAPAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL"

By Representative Libanan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1689, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CONCEPTION, MUNICIPALITY OF ARTECHE, PROVINCE OF EASTERN SAMAR, TO BE KNOWN AS THE CONCEPTION NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL"

By Representative Libanan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1690, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE HILABAAN PROVINCIAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DOLORES, PROVINCE OF EASTERN SAMAR, INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Libanan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
House Bill No. 1691, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL REGISTRATION OF ALL LANDS BEING OCCUPIED AS SCHOOL SITES UNDER THE NAME OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Libanan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1692, entitled:

"AN ACT SEPARATING THE ALUGAN SCHOOL OF CRAFTMANSHIP AND HOME INDUSTRIES (NENA ANNEX HIGH SCHOOL) IN BARANGAY NENA, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JULIAN, PROVINCE OF EASTERN SAMAR FROM THE ALUGAN SCHOOL OF CRAFTMANSHIP AND HOME INDUSTRIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN POLICARPO, AND CONVERTING IT INTO A SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE NENA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Libanan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1693, entitled:

"AN ACT RECLASSIFYING A PORTION OF TIMBERLAND, THE WHOLE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MASLOG, IN THE PROVINCE OF EASTERN SAMAR AND ITS BARANGAY-BARANGAY 1 AND BARANGAY 2 (POB.) BULAWAN, CARAYACAY, LIBERTAD, MALOBAGO, MAPUTI, SAN ROQUE AND SAN MIGUEL, AS AGRICULTURAL LAND OPEN TO DISPOSITION"

By Representative Libanan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
House Bill No. 1694, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING BANGKAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATANAO, DAVAO DEL SUR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF"

By Representative Cagas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1695, entitled:

"AN ACT ENSURING A HIGHER STANDARD OF PROTECTION AND PROMOTION OF THE WELFARE OF MIGRANT WORKERS BY AMENDING THE FIFTH PARAGRAPH OF SECTION 10 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8042, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'MIGRANT WORKERS AND OVERSEAS FILIPINO ACT OF 1995' "

By Representative Bautista

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 1696, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE JUNCTION (MALALAG - MALITA ROAD) - BULACAN - CABACUNGAN - MALALAG TUBIG - KADAATAN - STA. MARIA ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF MALALAG AND STA. MARIA, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL SUR INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Bautista

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1697, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE POBLACION - SANGAY - DEMOLOC - MALUNGON ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF MALITA AND MALUNGON, PROVINCES OF DAVAO DEL SUR AND SARANGANI INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Bautista

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1698, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE PADADA - KIBLAWAN - COLUMBIO - DATU PAGLAS ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF PADADA, KIBLAWAN AND DATU PAGLAS, PROVINCES OF DAVAO DEL SUR AND MAGUINDANAO INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Bautista

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1699, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE DEMOLOC - LITTLE BAGUIO - ALABEL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF MALITA AND ALABEL, PROVINCES OF DAVAO DEL SUR AND SARANGANI INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Bautista

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1700, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE PADADA - KIBLAWAN - TAGAYTAY - MALUNGON ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF PADADA, KIBLAWAN AND MALUNGON, PROVINCES OF DAVAO DEL SUR AND SARANGANI INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Bautista

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1701, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE JUNCTION (MALALAG - MALITA ROAD) TO MALALAG WHARF ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MALALAG, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL SUR INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Bautista

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1702, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE NUNG - SAN ISIDRO - QUIAPO - MOLMOL - MALAPATAN ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF JOSE ABAD SANTOS AND MALAPATAN, PROVINCES OF DAVAO DEL SUR AND

SARANGANI INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Bautista

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1703, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE POBLACION - PONGPONG - DATU INTAN - MALUNGON ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF STA. MARIA AND MALUNGON, PROVINCES OF DAVAO DEL SUR AND SARANGANI INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Bautista

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1704, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE JUNCTION (DIGOS - MAKAR ROAD) - TAGANSULE - LUBOG - LIDA - BULACAN (MALALAG - MALITA ROAD) ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MALALAG, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL SUR INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Bautista

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1705, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE WATERFALL - OSMENA - BALASIAO - MALUNGON ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF SULOP, KIBLAWAN AND MALUNGON, PROVINCES OF DAVAO DEL SUR AND SARANGANI INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Bautista

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1706, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE POBLACION - PONGPONG - SAN ANTONIO - SAN PEDRO - PINALPALAN - ALABEL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF STA. MARIA, MALITA AND ALABEL, PROVINCES OF DAVAO DEL SUR AND SARANGANI INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Bautista

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1707, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE SANGAY - MACOL - PANGALEON - DATU DANWATA - ALABEL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF MALITA AND ALABEL, PROVINCES OF DAVAO DEL SUR AND SARANGANI INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Bautista

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1708, entitled:

"AN ACT REPEALING THE PROVISIONS ON VAGRANCY AND AMENDING THE LAW ON PROSTITUTION AS DEFINED AND PENALIZED IN ARTICLE 202 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE"

By Representative Gozos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 1709, entitled:

"AN ACT INCREASING FURTHER THE INSURANCE BENEFITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6942, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Gozos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1710, entitled:

"AN ACT REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9103, GRANTING LAOAG INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES, INC. A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES"

By Representative Ablan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 1711, entitled:

"AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING PARAGRAPH (J) OF SECTION FOURTEEN OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1981, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representatives Jalosjos-Carreon, Barinaga and Jalosjos (C.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 1712, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE RIZAL TOWN COASTAL LOOP STARTING FROM THE RIZAL SHRINE IN DAPITAN CITY UP TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF RIZAL, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representatives Jalosjos-Carreon, Barinaga and Jalosjos (C.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1713, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE PINAN-MUTIA PROVINCIAL ROAD CONNECTING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF PIÑAN AND MUTIA, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representatives Jalosjos-Carreon, Barinaga and Jalosjos (C.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1714, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE POTUNGAN-SIBUTAD-LIBAY ROAD CONNECTING THE CITY OF DAPITAN AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF SIBUTAD OF THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representatives Jalosjos-Carreon, Barinaga and Jalosjos (C.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1715, entitled:

"AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING PREPARATORY EDUCATION AS COMPULSORY PART OF BASIC PRIMARY

EDUCATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Reyes (E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1716, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE DAHICAN-LAWIGAN ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL FROM A PROVINCIAL ROAD TO A NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD"

By Representative Almario

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1717, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MARAYAG, LUPON, PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE MARAYAG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Almario

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1718, entitled:

"AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN FAMILY BONDING BY PROVIDING MORE TIME AND OPPORTUNITY FOR TOGETHERNESS"

By Representative Malapitan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 1719, entitled:

"AN ACT MODIFYING THE DEFINITION OF A CONDOMINIUM UNIT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4726, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CONDOMINIUM LAW, TO APPLY TO INDUSTRIAL ESTATES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Barbers

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 1720, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SME) BUSINESS CENTERS (SMEBC) IN ALL REGIONAL AND PROVINCIAL CENTERS IN THE COUNTRY"

By Representative Barbers

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 1721, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A CEILING ON ALL PUBLIC DEBTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Magsaysay (E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1722, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE KORONADAL-TAMPAKAN-COLUMBIO PROVINCIAL ROAD INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representatives Antonino-Custodio and Pingoy

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1723, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SIBALOM, PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE SIBALOM NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Javier

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1724, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TIBIAO, PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE TARIO LIM NATIONAL MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Javier

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1725, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TUBUDAN, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN REMIGIO, PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE GOVERNOR EVELIO B. JAVIER MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Javier

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1726, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MARIA, MUNICIPALITY OF LAUA-AN, PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE EASTERN LAUA-AN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Javier

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1727, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 11 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9151, ENTITLED, 'AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE APICULTURE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER AT THE DON MARIANO MARCOS MEMORIAL STATE UNIVERSITY, MUNICIPALITY OF BACNOTAN, PROVINCE OF LA UNION, AND CREATE THE NATIONAL APICULTURE RESEARCH, TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE, AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATIONS OF FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Ortega

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1728, entitled:

"AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE MANDATORY ROADWORTHINESS INSPECTION OF VEHICLES TEN (10)

YEARS OLD AND ABOVE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Golez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS
House Bill No. 1729, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING TAX AND DUTY EXEMPTION PRIVILEGES FOR THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL
POLICE THRU ITS PNP SERVICE STORE SYSTEM"

By Representative Golez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 1730, entitled:

"AN ACT ENCOURAGING THE CONSTRUCTION, ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF PRIVATE PORTS
IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES"

By Representative Golez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

House Bill No. 1731, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE LOCAL MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM"

By Representative Golez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 1732, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE PHILIPPINE MERCHANT MARINE OFFICERS LAW"

By Representative Golez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 1733, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR BARANGAY EMPOWERMENT, AMENDING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT CODE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Golez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 1734, entitled:

"AN ACT PROHIBITING THE PRACTICE OF OFFERING, GIVING OR ATTEMPTING TO GIVE OR OFFER,
OR ACCEPTING A KICKBACK IN ANY KIND OF COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES"

By Representative Golez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 1735, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 20 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1638, AS AMENDED BY
PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1650, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES
RETIREMENT LAW"

By Representative Golez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE

House Bill No. 1736, entitled:

"AN ACT CURTAILING THE ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES OF RACKETEERS AND POWERFUL SYNDICATES IN THE PHILIPPINES"

By Representative Golez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 1737, entitled:

"AN ACT REDEFINING THE THIRD LEVEL POSITIONS IN THE CAREER CIVIL SERVICE"

By Representative Golez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 1738, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FREE MEDICAL SERVICES TO FILIPINO VETERANS AND RETIRED GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL IN GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND OPERATED HOSPITALS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Golez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 1739, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DRUG REHABILITATION CENTER IN THE PROVINCE OF BATAAN TO BE KNOWN AS THE BATAAN DRUG REHABILITATION CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF"

By Representative Garcia (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1740, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE BATAAN POLYTECHNIC STATE COLLEGE (FORMERLY THE MEDINA LACSON DE LEON SCHOOL OF ARTS AND TRADES), AND ITS DULY INTEGRATED CAMPUSES: THE BATAAN COMMUNITY COLLEGES, BOTH IN THE CITY OF BALANGA, AND THE BATAAN NATIONAL SCHOOL OF FILIPINO CRAFTSMAN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ORANI, ALL LOCATED IN THE PROVINCE OF BATAAN, INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF BATAAN (SUB), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Garcia (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1741, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ORION, PROVINCE OF BATAAN TO BE KNOWN AS THE 'ORION NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL', AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Garcia (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1742, entitled:

"AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE OFFICE OF THE SECOND HIGHWAY ENGINEERING DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF NORTHERN SAMAR TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF CATUBIG, NORTHERN SAMAR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 1 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8478"

By Representative Vicencio

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 1743, entitled:

"AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR THE KILLING, WOUNDING OR TAKING AWAY OF THE EAGLE AND/OR DESTROYING, DISTURBING OR TAKING AWAY OF THE BIRD'S NESTS OR EGGS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION FIVE OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED SIXTY-ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-SEVEN"

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 1744, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING ANOTHER LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT IN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS THE THIRD DISTRICT OF SURIGAO DEL SUR"

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 1745, entitled:

"AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DETAIL OR ASSIGNMENT OF MILITARY PERSONNEL IN CIVILIAN OFFICES AND PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF"

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE

House Bill No. 1746, entitled:

"AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION BY MAKING THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICER MANDATORY FOR PROVINCIAL, CITY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 484 (A) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991' "

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY AND THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 1747, entitled:

"AN ACT DECLARING SUBA CAVES IN BARANGAY TINA, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN MIGUEL, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR, AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESERVATION SITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1748, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM"

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 1749, entitled:

"AN ACT FURTHER STRENGTHENING VOLUNTARY ARBITRATION AS A PREFERENTIAL MODE OF LABOR DISPUTE SETTLEMENT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 260, 261, 262-A, 262-B AND 277 (F) OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED"

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 1750, entitled:

"AN ACT INCREASING THE BENEFITS OF RETIRED GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE COMMONWEALTH ACT NUMBERED ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX, AS AMENDED"

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 1751, entitled:

"AN ACT INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF INSURED BANK DEPOSITS FROM ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000.00) TO ONE MILLION PESOS (P1,000,000.00), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-ONE, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CHARTER OF THE PHILIPPINE DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION"

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 1752, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING TRI-SERVICE ACADEMIES FOR THE MAJOR SERVICES COMMAND OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF"

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1753, entitled:

"THE OMNIBUS HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2004"

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION, THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1754, entitled:

"AN ACT REDEFINING ILLEGAL RECRUITMENT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8042, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'MIGRANT WORKERS AND OVERSEAS FILIPINOS ACT OF 1995,' AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 1755, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING THAT SECURITY, INTELLIGENCE AND CONFIDENTIAL FUNDS BE SUBJECTED TO STANDARD AUDITING PROCEDURES, REQUIRING THE SUBMISSION OF THE AUDIT AND LIQUIDATION REPORTS ON SAID FUNDS TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF"

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1756, entitled:

"AN ACT IMPOSING A LAND CONVERSION TAX, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AS AMENDED"

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 1757, entitled:

"AN ACT ALLOCATING FIFTY PERCENT (50%) OF VALUE-ADDED TAX COLLECTIONS TO HEALTH AND EDUCATION SERVICES, AGRICULTURAL FACILITIES AND SERVICES, HOUSING, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, AND OTHER SOCIAL SERVICES THEREBY AMENDING THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AS AMENDED"

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1758, entitled:

"AN ACT INCLUDING LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS (LPG) IN THE LIST OF BASIC NECESSITIES AS DEFINED UNDER SECTION 3 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7581, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PRICE ACT OF THE PHILIPPINES"

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 1759, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 6, PARAGRAPH (1) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7581, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PRICE ACT"

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 1760, entitled:

"AN ACT MANDATING THE USE OF THE AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINE (ATM) TECHNOLOGY IN THE CONDUCT OF NATIONAL OR LOCAL ELECTORAL EXERCISES, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 1761, entitled:

"AN ACT DECLARING ALL IRRIGATED AND IRRIGABLE AGRICULTURAL LANDS AS PROTECTED AREAS FOR AGRICULTURE, PROHIBITING ITS CONVERSION FOR USES OTHER THAN AGRICULTURAL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 20 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991"

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FISHERIES

House Bill No. 1762, entitled:

"AN ACT INCREASING TO ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P1,500.00) THE MONTHLY PERSONNEL ECONOMIC RELIEF ALLOWANCE (PERA) GRANTED TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1763, entitled:

"AN ACT INCREASING THE TAX ON IDLE LANDS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 236 OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED SEVENTY-ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991"

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 1764, entitled:

"AN ACT REDEFINING THE CRIME OF PLUNDER THEREBY AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED SEVENTY HUNDRED AND EIGHTY, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED SEVENTY-SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY-NINE"

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 1765, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FLOATING MEDICAL CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE FLOATING MEDICAL CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1766, entitled:

"AN ACT EXEMPTING FROM INCOME TAXATION CERTAIN RENTALS ON RESIDENTIAL/APARTMENT OR OTHER DWELLING UNITS, ALLOWING THEM TO BE DEDUCTIBLE FROM TAXABLE FIXED INCOME OF THE TENANTS OR INDIVIDUALS WHO PAY SAID RENTALS"

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 1767, entitled:

"AN ACT BANNING THE ENTRY, SALE, PROCESSING, FIELD TESTING AND RELEASE OF PRODUCTS CONSISTING OF, CONTAINING OR DERIVED FROM GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS (GMOs) INTO

AND WITHIN THE COUNTRY AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF"

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FISHERIES

House Bill No. 1768, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LIANGA, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS THE LIANGA NATIONAL COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1769, entitled:

"AN ACT BANNING CHAIN DISTRIBUTION PLANS OR PYRAMID SALES SCHEMES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED SEVENTY-THREE HUNDRED AND NINETY-FOUR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 1770, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 450 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 1771, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR GREATER FISCAL AUTONOMY IN FAVOR OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) IN THE CHOICE OF DEPOSITORY BANKS, AMENDING SECTION 311 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991"

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 1772, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE BRANCH OF SURIGAO DEL SUR INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY IN BARANGAY PARANG, MUNICIPALITY OF CANTILAN, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS PARANG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1773, entitled:

"AN ACT REGULATING THE USE OF GOVERNMENT AMBULANCES, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Soon-Ruiz

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 1774, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 4 OF THE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7161, FURTHER AMENDING SECTION 71 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 705, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED FORESTRY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES' "

By Representative Apostol

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 1775, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE BURAUEN DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE INTO AN EXTENSION OF THE EASTERN VISAYAS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, FURTHER INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY TO THREE HUNDRED (300)-BED HOSPITAL UNDER THE CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, TO BE KNOWN AS THE BURAUEN MEDICAL CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Apostol

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1776, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE CARIGARA DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE INTO AN EXTENSION OF THE EASTERN VISAYAS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, FURTHER INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY TO TWO HUNDRED (200)-BED HOSPITAL UNDER THE CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, TO BE KNOWN AS THE CARIGARA GENERAL HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Apostol

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1777, entitled:

"AN ACT DECLARING THE 20TH DAY OF AUGUST OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DULAG, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, TO BE KNOWN AS MUNICIPAL FOUNDATION DAY"

By Representative Apostol

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 1778, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE BRANCH OF SURIGAO DEL SUR POLYTECHNIC STATE COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAYABAS, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE SOLOMON P. LOZADA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1779, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE BRANCH OF SURIGAO DEL SUR INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY IN BARANGAY PANIKIAN, MUNICIPALITY OF CARRASCAL, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE PANIKIAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1780, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE BRANCH OF SURIGAO DEL SUR POLYTECHNIC STATE COLLEGE-TARVIA GAMUT CAMPUS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGO, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR, INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE GAMUT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1781, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE SURIGAO DEL SUR POLYTECHNIC STATE COLLEGE (SSPSC) LIANGA CAMPUS IN BARANGAY STO. NIÑO, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN AGUSTIN, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE STO. NIÑO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1782, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CANTILAN, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS THE CANTILAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1783, entitled:

"AN ACT SEPARATING THE FELISBERTO VERANO HIGH SCHOOL - TIGAO ANNEX IN BARANGAY TIGAO, MUNICIPALITY OF CORTES, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR FROM THE FELISBERTO VERANO HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING THE SAME INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE TIGAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1784, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE BRANCH OF SURIGAO DEL SUR POLYTECHNIC STATE COLLEGE IN TARVIA, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN MIGUEL, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE SAN MIGUEL NATIONAL COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1785, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY QUEZON, MUNICIPALITY OF TANDAG, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS THE VICENTE L. PIMENTEL, SR. NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1786, entitled:

"AN ACT SEPARATING THE JACINTO P. ELPA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - BOLHOON ANNEX IN BARANGAY BOLHOON, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN MIGUEL, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR FROM THE JACINTO P. ELPA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING THE SAME INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE BOLHOON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1787, entitled:

"AN ACT SEPARATING THE CARMEN NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL - ESPERANZA ANNEX IN BARANGAY ESPERANZA, MUNICIPALITY OF CARMEN, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR FROM THE CARMEN NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING THE SAME INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE ESPERANZA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1788, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE SURIGAO DEL SUR INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY - LANUZA CAMPUS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LANUZA, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR, INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE FLORITA HERRERA IRIZARI NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1789, entitled:

"AN ACT UPGRADING THE MINIMUM SALARY GRADE LEVEL OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS IN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY LEVELS FROM SALARY GRADE 10 TO SALARY GRADE 18 AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1790, entitled:

"AN ACT INCREASING THE ALLOWANCES/HONORARIA OF AND GRANTING RETIREMENT BENEFITS TO ALL BARANGAY OFFICIALS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991' "

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1791, entitled:

"AN ACT PENALIZING THE UNLAWFUL IMPORTATION, POSSESSION AND SALE OF CHEMICALS USED AS INGREDIENTS IN THE MANUFACTURE OF EXPLOSIVES"

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 1792, entitled:

"AN ACT STRENGTHENING MEDICAL NEUTRALITY BY REPEALING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 169, AS AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 212, WHICH REQUIRES ANY ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OF ANY HOSPITAL, MEDICAL CLINIC, SANITARIUM OR OTHER MEDICAL ESTABLISHMENTS OR ANY MEDICAL PRACTITIONER WHO HAS TREATED ANY PERSON FOR SERIOUS OR LESS SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURIES TO REPORT THE FACT OF TREATMENT"

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 1793, entitled:

"AN ACT PRESCRIBING HIGHER AND SIMULTANEOUS PENALTIES OF PRISON TERM AND FINE FOR VIOLATIONS OF GAMBLING LAWS WHENEVER THE OFFENDER IS THE MAINTAINER, CONDUCTOR, BANKER OR GAMBLING LORD, AND ADDITIONAL PENALTY IF THE OFFENDER IS A POLICE OR MILITARY OFFICER OR PERSONNEL OR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 1 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1602"

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 1794, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE SURIGAO DEL SUR POLYTECHNIC STATE COLLEGE (SSPSC) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TANDAG, INCLUDING ITS DULY INTEGRATED CAMPUSES NAMELY: SSPSC-TAGBINA CAMPUS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGBINA, SSPSC-LIANGA CAMPUS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LIANGA, SSPSC-CAGWAIT CAMPUS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CAGWAIT, SSPSC-SAN MIGUEL CAMPUS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN MIGUEL AND SSPSC-CANTILAN CAMPUS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CANTILAN, ALL LOCATED IN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR, INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE SURIGAO DEL SUR STATE UNIVERSITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Pichay

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1795, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THREE (3) BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CABUYAO, LAGUNA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION FOURTEEN OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, AS AMENDED, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Chipeco

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1796, entitled:

"AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE BARANGAY INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT APPROACH FOR NUTRITION IMPROVEMENT (BIDANI) OF THE RURAL POOR AS A NETWORK PROGRAM OF PARTICIPATING STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Chipeco

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1797, entitled:

"AN ACT INCREASING PRIVILEGES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION FOUR OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'AN ACT TO MAXIMIZE THE CONTRIBUTION OF SENIOR CITIZENS TO NATION BUILDING, GRANT BENEFITS AND SPECIAL PRIVILEGES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' "

By Representative Chipeco

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 1798, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ONE (1) BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION FOURTEEN OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, AS AMENDED, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' "

By Representative Chipeco

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1799, entitled:

"AN ACT REGULATING HARBOR PILOTAGE SERVICES AND THE CONDUCT OF HARBOR PILOTS IN ALL PORTS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES"

By Representative Golez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

House Bill No. 1800, entitled:

"AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED THIRTY-EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE, ENTITLED 'AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CORPS IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF ITS OFFICERS AND ENLISTED PERSONNEL AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' "

By Representative Golez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE

House Bill No. 1801, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 25 (d) OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBERED SIXTEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE AFP MILITARY AND SEPARATION DECREE OF 1979 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Golez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 1802, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6981, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'WITNESS PROTECTION, SECURITY AND BENEFIT ACT', AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Golez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 1803, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 1 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1519, PROVIDING FOR THE

TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES IN PARAÑAQUE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Golez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 1804, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL SEAFARERS ADMINISTRATION, PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

By Representative Golez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 1805, entitled:

"AN ACT DECLARING JANUARY 23 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE COUNTRY"

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 1806, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8996, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE END TIME MISSION BROADCASTING SERVICE, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FOR RELIGIOUS, EDUCATIONAL AND NONCOMMERCIAL PURPOSES RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS ANYWHERE IN LUZON' "

By Representative De Guzman

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 1807, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE FORTUNATO F. HALILI NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA MARIA, PROVINCE OF BULACAN INTO A POLYTECHNIC STATE COLLEGE TO BE KNOWN AS THE SANTA MARIA POLYTECHNIC STATE COLLEGE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Nicolas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1808, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INTEGRATED POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT POLICY, STRENGTHENING ITS IMPLEMENTING MECHANISM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representatives Antonino-Custodio, Remulla (G.) and Acosta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 1809, entitled:

"AN ACT ALLOWING AN INTERNATIONAL CARGO VESSEL TO SHIFT CONTAINERS OF ANY FOREIGN LINES AND THE TRANSSHIPMENT OF CARGO HEADED TO AND FROM ANY PHILIPPINE OUTPORT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE 'THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES' "

By Representative Antonino-Custodio

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 1810, entitled:

"AN ACT SEPARATING THE STO. ROSARIO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX IN BARANGAY POBLACION, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JUAN, PROVINCE OF LA UNION, FROM THE STO. ROSARIO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE SAN JUAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Ortega

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1811, entitled:

"AN ACT SEPARATING THE ECLEO-MOLETA ANNEX HIGH SCHOOL-DINAGAT SCHOOL OF FISHERIES ANNEX IN BARANGAY CAB-ILAN, MUNICIPALITY OF DINAGAT, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE, FROM THE DINAGAT SCHOOL OF FISHERIES AND CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE CAB-ILAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Ecleo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1812, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY ROSITA, MUNICIPALITY OF LIBJO, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE ROSITA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Ecleo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1813, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SAN JOSE, MUNICIPALITY OF LIBJO, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE SAN JOSE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Ecleo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1814, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE PAMOSAINGAN ANNEX HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PAMOSAINGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF SOCORRO, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE, INTO AN INDEPENDENT HIGH SCHOOL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE PAMOSAINGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Ecleo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1815, entitled:

"THE MAGNA CARTA FOR PRIVATE SCHOOL TEACHERS"

By Representative Abayon

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

TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 1816, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY POLAHONGON, MUNICIPALITY OF MAHAPLAG, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, TO BE KNOWN AS POLAHONGON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Cari

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1817, entitled:

"AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF THE LEYTE STATE UNIVERSITY IN BARANGAY PANGASUGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF BAYBAY, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, TO VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY"

By Representatives Cari and Romualdo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 1818, entitled:

"AN ACT APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF EIGHT MILLION PESOS FOR THE INITIAL OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE SAN JOAQUIN MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOAQUIN, PROVINCE OF ILOILO"

By Representative Garin

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1819, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CLASS 'D' DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUIMBAL, PROVINCE OF ILOILO AND APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF TWO MILLION PESOS FOR THE PURPOSE"

By Representative Garin

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1820, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FARM MACHINERIES MANUFACTURING PROGRAMS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Garin

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FISHERIES AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1821, entitled:

"AN ACT TO PROMOTE AND DEVELOP THE SEED INDUSTRIES OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND TO INSURE THE AVAILABIILITY OF HIGH QUALITY SEEDS OF SUPERIOR CROP VARIETIES FOR NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION"

By Representative Garin

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FISHERIES AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1822, entitled:

"AN ACT APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF TWO MILLION PESOS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A COOPERATIVE CENTER IN EVERY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF THE COUNTRY"

By Representative Garin

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 1823, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NEW QUEDAN SYSTEM IN THE MARKETING OF PALAY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Garin

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FISHERIES AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1824, entitled:

"AN ACT APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF EIGHT MILLION PESOS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TWO-STOREY SCHOOL BUILDING FOR THE GUIMBAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUIMBAL, PROVINCE OF ILOILO"

By Representative Garin

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1825, entitled:

"AN ACT EXEMPTING THE INCOME AND RECEIPTS FROM LOANS USED TO FINANCE AGRICULTURALLY BASED, RELATED AND/OR LOCATED ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESSES FROM TAXES"

By Representative Garin

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 1826, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SOLAR ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Garin

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1827, entitled:

"AN ACT APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF EIGHT MILLION PESOS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TWO-STOREY SCHOOL BUILDING FOR THE IGBARAS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF IGBARAS, PROVINCE OF ILOILO"

By Representative Garin

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE A AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1828, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUIMBAL, PROVINCE OF ILOILO TO BE KNOWN AS THE GUIMBAL POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Garin

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1829, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO REV. FR. ULRICH H. SCHLECHT, SVD"

By Representative Plaza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 1830, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE AGUSAN DEL SUR SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL IN PROSPERIDAD, AGUSAN DEL SUR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Plaza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1831, entitled:

"AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE MANUFACTURE, REPAIR, REQUALIFICATION, SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS (LPG) CYLINDERS, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Plaza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 1832, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURT BRANCH IN THE PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR WITH A SEAT AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF TRENTO, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1981', AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Plaza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1833, entitled:

"AN ACT ELEVATING THE PHILIPPINE NORMAL UNIVERSITY TO BECOME THE COUNTRY'S NATIONAL UNIVERSITY FOR TEACHER EDUCATION, ESTABLISHING A SYSTEM OF NATIONAL TEACHER TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Plaza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1834, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE CALAITAN BARANGAY HIGH SCHOOL LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAYUGAN, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS THE CALAITAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Plaza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1835, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MOUNT CARMEL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAYUGAN, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Plaza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1836, entitled:

"AN ACT SEPARATING THE AGUSAN DEL SUR NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - STA. MARIA EXTENSION IN BARANGAY STA. MARIA, MUNICIPALITY OF TRENTO, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR, FROM THE AGUSAN DEL SUR NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL LOCATED IN SAN FRANCISCO, AGUSAN DEL SUR, AND CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE STA. MARIA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Plaza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1837, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PROSRERIDAD, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS THE SAN VICENTE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Plaza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1838, entitled:

"AN ACT SEPARATING THE SIBAGAT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL OF HOME INDUSTRIES-MAGSAYSAY EXTENSION AT MAGSAYSAY, SIBAGAT, AGUSAN DEL SUR FROM THE SIBAGAT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL LOCATED IN SIBAGAT, AGUSAN DEL SUR AND CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE MAGSAYSAY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL OF HOME INDUSTRIES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Plaza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1839, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A HANDICRAFT AND COTTAGE INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTER IN THE PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Plaza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 1840, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE DATU LIPUS MACAPANDONG COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ROSARIO, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS THE DATU LIPUS MACAPANDONG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Plaza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1841, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTERED BY THE PARENT-TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION AT THE BARANGAY LA FORTUNA, MUNICIPALITY OF VERUELA, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR INTO A NATIONAL GOVERNMENT-FUNDED SECONDARY SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE LA FORTUNA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Plaza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1842, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CODIFICATION OF CRIMINAL LAWS IN THE PHILIPPINES, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Aquino (B.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 1843, entitled:

"AN ACT DECLARING APRIL NINETEEN OF EACH YEAR AS TARLAC CITY DAY, A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF TARLAC"

By Representative Aquino (B.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 1844, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 20 AND 31, TITLE IV OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 957, REGULATING THE SALE OF SUBDIVISION LOTS, CONDOMINIUMS, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF"

By Representative Bueser

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 1845, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 1801 OF THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES"

By Representative Bueser

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 1846 entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 41, PARAGRAPH 4 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4850 AS AMENDED BY SECTION 2, PARAGRAPH 2 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 927"

By Representative Bueser

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 1847, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA FOR BARANGAY TANODS"

By Representative Bueser

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 1848, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FISHERIES SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CARAPDAPAN, MUNICIPALITY OF ARTECHE, PROVINCE OF EASTERN SAMAR, TO BE KNOWN AS THE CARAPDAPAN SCHOOL OF FISHERIES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Libanan

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

House Bill No. 1849, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE NICASIO ALVAREZ MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SAN EDUARDO, MUNICIPALITY OF ORAS, PROVINCE OF EASTERN SAMAR, INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE NICASIO ALVAREZ NATIONAL MEMORIAL SCHOOL OF ARTS AND TRADE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Libanan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1850, entitled:

"THE PHILIPPINE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION ACT OF 2004"

By Representative Libanan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 1851, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE ABANON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN SAN CARLOS CITY, INTO A SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE SAN CARLOS CITY SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Tulagan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1852, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CALABAYAN, OZAMIZ CITY, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE CALABAYAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Ramiro

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1853, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE CENTRO NAPU-CABOL-ANONAN-NAILON CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUDELA, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Ramiro

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 66, entitled:

"RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A JOINT INVESTIGATION OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SECURITY ON THE ALLEGED ENCOUNTER BETWEEN THE MILITARY AND SUSPECTED NEW PEOPLE'S ARMY (NPA) REBELS IN BARANGAY TUGHAN, JUBAN, SORSOGON THAT RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF TWO (2) NPA CASUALTIES, WHO COULD ALSO BE, ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPER REPORTS, JUETENG OPERATORS"

By Representative Solis

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 67, entitled:

"RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS TO RE-NUMBER THE THREE (3) ENGINEERING DISTRICTS IN THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE TO CONFORM TO THE CHRONOLOGICAL IDENTIFICATION OF THE THREE (3) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS"

By Representatives Jalosjos-Carreon, Barinaga and Jalosjos (C.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Resolution No. 68, entitled:

"RESOLUTION ENJOINING ALL MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SUPPORT THE PROPAGATION OF THE GAWAD KALINGA PROGRAM THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AS A DOABLE, SUSTAINABLE AND REPLICABLE STRATEGY OF ALLEVIATING THE PLIGHT OF THE POOR SECTOR OF OUR SOCIETY WITH THE END GOAL OF REBUILDING THE NATION"

By Representative Escudero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Resolution No. 69, entitled:

"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TO IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT HEARINGS AND INVESTIGATIONS, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE ADVISABILITY OF IMPOSING TAXES ON SHORT MESSAGE SERVICES (SMS) OR TEXT MESSAGING AND DETERMINE THE POSSIBLE HIGHLY NEGATIVE IMPACT ON CONSUMERS AND THE PUBLIC AND MAKE OFFICIAL RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE MATTER"

By Representatives Beltran and Mariano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 70, entitled:

"RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PHILIPPINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES' UNITY WITH THE YOUNG CHRISTIAN WORKERS PHILIPPINE DELEGATION AS THEY PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERNATIONAL YOUNG CHRISTIAN WORKERS' (IYCW) CONFERENCE IN VENEZUELA AS THEY APPROVE AND LAUNCH THEIR CAMPAIGN FOR SECURE AND DECENT EMPLOYMENT FOR YOUNG WORKERS ALL OVER THE WORLD ON AUGUST 15, 2004"

By Representative Beltran

TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Resolution No. 71, entitled:

"RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INQUIRY, INTO THE ISSUES AND PROBLEMS IN THE ISSUANCE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 5 ON THE MEDICAL REFERRAL

DECKING SYSTEM ALLEGEDLY TO THE ULTIMATE DISADVANTAGE OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS WITH THE ENDVIEW TO COME UP WITH MEASURES TO RESOLVE SUCH ISSUES TO THE SATISFACTION OF ALL PARTIES CONCERNED"

By Representative Cerilles

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Resolution of Both Houses 1, entitled:

"RESOLUTION OF BOTH HOUSES CALLING A CONVENTION TO PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO, OR REVISION OF, THE 1987 CONSTITUTION"

By Representative Cuenco

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

With the permission of the Chair, the following Members were made coauthors of the following Bills and Resolution hereunder indicated:

Rep. Edgar M. Chatto for House Bills No. 1, 2, 41, 42, 68 and 70;

Rep. Trinidad "Ebbie" G. Apostol for House Bill No. 41;

Rep. Antonio P. Yapha Jr. for House Bill No. 41, 42 and 48;

Reps. Hermilando I. Mandanas and Luis R. Villafuerte for House Bill No. 43;

Rep. Oscar G. Malapitan for House Bill No. 45;

Reps. Roilo Golez for House Bills No. 191, 192, 193, 1096, 1147 and 1150;

Rep. Suharto "Teng" T. Mangudadatu for House Bill No. 551;

Rep. Rene M. Velarde for House Bills No. 653, 654, 1003, 1123, 1124 and 1189;

Rep. Eufrocino M. Codilla Sr. for House Bills No. 121, 129, 130, 181, 184, 190, 191, 192, 193, 195, 198, 199, 200, 201, 209, 210, 215, 217, 222, 223, 228, 229, 243, 247, 259, 266 and 268;

Rep. Eulogio "Amang" R. Magsaysay, Ph. D. for House Bill No. 320;

Rep. Jose G. Solis for House Bills No. 1404, 1405, 1414, 1415, 1422, 1427, 1649, 1728, 1738, 1758, 1762 and 1790;

Rep. Vicky Hernandez Reyes for House Bills No. 1404, 1405, 1407, 1422, 1427, 1430, 1443, 1455, 1473, 1486, 1488, 1489, 1068, 1073, 1084, 1100, 1188, 1189, 1206, 1213, 1225, 1527, 1543, 1675, 1709, 1715, 1720 and 1738;

Rep. Alfonso V. Umali, Jr. for House Bills No. 1527, 1543, 1675, 1709, 1715, 1720 and 1738;

Rep. Florencio L. Vargas for House Bills No. 1404, 1405, 1414, 1415, 1422, 1427, 1649, 1728, 1738, 1758, 1762 and 1790;

Rep. Faysah Maniri Racman Dumarpa for House Bills No. 1416, 1422, 1441 and 1473;

Rep. Arrel R. Olaño for House Bills No. 221, 1321 and 552;

Reps Mario "Mayong" Joyo Aguja, Loretta Ann P. Rosales and Ana Theresia "Risa" Hontiveros-Baraquel for House Resolution No. 44; and

Rep. Juan C. Ponce Enrile Jr. for House Bill No. 16.

On motion of Rep. Defensor, the Chair then recognized Rep. Edcel C. Lagman on a question of personal and collective privilege.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE
OF REP. LAGMAN

Saying that he wished to clarify some muddled issues in the raging debate relative to House Bill No. 16 or the proposed Reproductive Health Act of 2004, Rep. Lagman first of all stressed that the "two-child policy" is not the centerpiece or the heart and soul of said measure. Nevertheless, he thanked tri-media for impressing on the public consciousness the gravity of the overpopulation problem and igniting a continuing public discourse across the nation on this overriding issue despite selectively focusing on a solitary section -- which is only one of 26 sections of the measure -- on the encouragement by the government of an ideal family size of two children. He added that the raging debate has attained his initial objective of reopening the public discussion on reproductive health in relation to population management and human development. Then saying that his next objective is the enactment of House Bill No. 16, which is attainable, Rep. Lagman lamented the fact that the debate has spawned a number of disturbing misinformation and disinformation by critics who have not read the Bill and have already articulated their opposition as spontaneous reaction, errant misconception or dogmatic position. He admitted, however, that some of the opposition could have been serious counter-advocacy or attempts in good faith to cleanse the proposed policy of perceived defects.

Rep. Lagman whereupon discussed some points which he said have to be rebutted and clarified, to wit:

1. It is charged that the "two-child policy" is compulsory and punitive. This is alien from the truth, as it is voluntary and not compulsory, suggestive and not coercive, and incentive-based and not punitive. Section 13 of the Bill in fact succinctly and unequivocally provides that "In order to attain the desired population growth rate, the State shall encourage two children as the ideal family size. Children from these families shall have preference in the grant of scholarships at the tertiary level."

The underlying philosophy of the Bill is freedom of an informed choice. The measure clearly states in the Declaration of Policy that "The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive policy on reproductive health that values the dignity of every human person and affords full protection to people's rights." This rights-based policy declaration is reinforced by the guiding principles that "freedom of choice, which is central to the exercise of any right, must be fully guaranteed by the State like the right itself;" and that the "number and spacing of children are left to the sound judgment of parents and couples based on their personal convictions and religious beliefs."

2. It is also claimed that the "two-child policy" is a definitive precursor to the legalization of abortion and will result in more incidence of abortion. The abovestated arguments are baseless and a misreading of the measure. House Bill No. 16 reiterates to the point of superfluity that abortion is prohibited and remains a criminal act punishable under the Revised Penal Code and is not one of the recommended family planning methods.

He opined that it is the lack of access to reproductive health care information and services and to the various family planning methods and commodities which drive women to terminate unplanned, mistimed and unwanted pregnancies. He pointed out that the induced abortion incidence in the country is estimated to be 400,00 annually. He stated that the Philippines has even a higher abortion rate than Japan where abortion is legal and covered by health insurance. He stated that the major reasons for the high rate of abortion are crippling poverty that makes an additional child more burdensome and pregnancies which are unplanned, mistimed and unwanted.

He disclosed that the National Demographic and Health Survey in 1998 revealed that

45% of the pregnancies in that year were unplanned, 27% were mistimed and 18% were unwanted for a combined total of 90%, with only 10% planned and wanted. He stressed that the principal reason for this is the absence or lack of timely, adequate and sustained access to reproductive health care services and commodities. Moreover, he stated that since the "two-child policy" is not punitive, there is no reason for a couple or a woman to resort to abortion to eliminate a third or subsequent child.

He stressed that it is also posited that overpopulation is a "myth." He pointed out that it is not an argument in desperation because it is as myopic and feeble as it is futile and denies the reality of a ballooning population which may burst on the country's face sooner than later. He stated that it needs emphasis that 50% of the present population or 41.3 million Filipinos were born during the last 20 years. He said that with four babies born every minute, the population of the Philippines is expected to hit 160 million in the year 2038. As President Macapagal-Arroyo had said in her SONA to "Let's just do it," he emphasized that Congress must address the population problem with alacrity and resoluteness.

3. It is likewise claimed that the "two-child policy" intrudes into the family as a basic natural unit. But more than a natural nucleus, the family is a social institution whose protection and development is impressed with public interest. It is for this reason that the government in the exercise of its police power has the authority to enact laws relative to the family which is not untouchable by legislation.

4. Others allege that the "two-child policy" is undemocratic because it infringes on the right of women to solely determine the number, timing and spacing of their children. But no right is absolute and it is axiomatic that a right is always subject to reasonable limitations and restrictions which may be imposed by the government through its police power for the general welfare of the people. Police power is one of the three inherent powers of the government which is most awesome and could even be coercive. The "two-child policy" is not even coercive and merely sets an ideal family size and compliance with it is voluntary and based on freedom of choice. Women still retain their right to decide on the number of their children anchored on their personal convictions and religious beliefs.

5. It is contended that the accompanying incentives of the "two-child policy" affect the free will of couples. The incentives do not affect or negate free will because the policy is not coercive or punitive. Any woman or couple is free not to subscribe to the ideal without fear of sanctions. Incentives are provided only as aid to ensure the success of the policy. In a way, it is akin to a discount as an advertising strategy to sell a product and the prospective customer has the untrammelled choice to buy or not to buy.

6. The "two-child policy" is depicted rather maliciously as a "policy of desperation." The encouragement by the government of an ideal family size of only two children is a responsible and responsive policy to contain the burgeoning population which unduly constricts limited resources and is one of the major causes of mass poverty. Almost 40% of the people or 32.96 million Filipinos are submerged below the poverty threshold and almost invariably, the poorest of the poor belong to huge families.

7. It is even advanced that the "two-child policy" demeans the people as human capital. The citizens must be empowered, educated, healthy, productive and self-reliant to be considered as constructive assets. These qualities of human capital are imperiled and impaired by overpopulation and resultant poverty. The "more the merrier" is not an appropriate adage for an exploding population.

Rep. Lagman stressed that the "two-child policy" has rhyme and reason because it approximates the women's desired number of 2.7 children. However, he pointed out that the prevailing documented fertility rate of Filipino women is 3.7 which requires government to address women's unmet need for family planning. He then urged the critics of House Bill No. 16 to read the bill in its entirety and comprehend what they read with an open mind. He stated that he welcomes and appreciates

differing views as this is the very essence of the democratic process. However, he cautioned that let there be conscientious objectors and not dogmatic oppositors.

Rep. Lagman pointed out that what has been unfortunately overlooked is the very core of House Bill No. 16 which is to provide couples, women of reproductive age as well as men and the young, access to timely, adequate and sustained information and services on reproductive health, together with a whole range of family planning methods and techniques from the traditional or natural to the modern that are fully complemented by legal and medically safe contraceptive commodities and devices.

Rep. Lagman then enumerated the following salient features of House Bill No. 16:

1. Creation of a Reproductive Health and Population Council with the Secretary of Health and the Director General of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) as co-chairpersons with local government unit (LGU) and non-government organization (NGO) representation;
2. Active participation of the LGUs in the implementation of the measure;
3. Provision of mobile health care services in every congressional district, the operation of which shall be funded from the Priority Development Assistance Fund of each congressional district;
4. Mandatory reproductive health and sexuality education from Grade V to fourth year high school with a common curriculum for both public and private schools;
5. Capability building for barangay health workers;
6. Tax incentives for manufacturers and importers of reproductive health commodities;
7. Employers' responsibilities, like non-discrimination against women and the inclusion of free delivery of reproductive health care services which shall be incorporated in all collective bargaining agreements;
8. Private practitioners' assistance to indigent patients; and
9. Tax deductible donations to the Reproductive Health Program.

Rep. Lagman stressed that the promotion of reproductive health in relation to population management and human development is a national concern which should be addressed by an integrated and comprehensive national policy to be enacted by Congress. He pointed out that the government's response should not be left to the varying approaches and prejudices of the LGUs who may tend to impose their preferences to the extent of depriving their constituents access to other methods of family planning and the full range of reproductive health commodities. Doing so, he opined, would stifle freedom of choice.

Rep. Lagman stated that various surveys validate the increasing receptiveness of couples to family planning methods other than the traditional or natural. He disclosed that the national contraceptive unmet need of poor married women is 26.4% and 17% for non-poor women. Likewise, he continued, surveys and studies both internationally and locally, invariably confirm that religion is a non-factor in family planning and avoidance of contraceptives. He further disclosed that based on the 2002 Family Planning survey conducted by the NSO, religion was ranked only 11th of 16 reasons cited by respondents for the non-use of contraceptives.

Rep. Lagman informed the Body that a Pulse Asia survey conducted in February 2004 showed that 97% of the respondents favored freedom of choice in determining the number, timing and spacing of their children. The same survey, he continued, documented that 71% of the respondents were in favor of electing candidates who endorsed family planning. He then assumed that the overwhelming majority of the respondents are Catholics and that he respects the position of the Catholic Church even as he called on the church to uphold the precept on free will by respecting the

preferences of its flock.

Thereupon, Rep. Lagman pointed out that the problem is not the dogmatic opposition of the Catholic hierarchy to any and all measures proposing family planning methods other than the natural ones. He stressed that the problem is the lack of political will of policymakers because of fear of reprisal from the Catholic hierarchy at the polls.

In conclusion, Rep. Lagman enjoined his colleagues not to default the legislation of the measure because of fear which in the first place may be unfounded. He stressed that the sword of Damocles has never fallen and would never fall upon well-meaning and intrepid advocates. He further enjoined his colleagues to formulate policies as a solemn duty in fealty to their mandates and oaths of office.

At this point, Reps. Erico Basilio A. Fabian, Eduardo C. Firmalo and Christian M. Señeres simultaneously sought recognition from the Chair.

Thereafter, the Chair recognized Rep. Señeres for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. SEÑERES

Rep. Señeres inquired whether Rep. Lagman could explain to the Body his basis for alleging that the country is overpopulated. He also asked on the formula which will empirically establish the country as overpopulated and such alleged overpopulation is the cause of the country's poverty problem.

Rep. Lagman replied that with two babies born every one minute, with a projected population of 160 million by year 2038 and with the present population of 62.6 million making the Philippines the twelfth most populous country in the world, the data would show that the country is indeed overpopulated. He pointed out that it is the finding of all international agencies including the United Nations and that Congress should not play blind to the acute population problem and should address the problem immediately. He stressed that if there are two overriding problems of the country today, one is overpopulation and the other is the huge debt service, both of which constrict the limited resources of the country. He stated that if Congress spreads thinly the limited resources to reach the multitude, what would happen is that the appropriations would be grossly inadequate and practically meaningless. He said that he is not saying that overpopulation is the only cause of poverty but it is one of the major causes which aggravates poverty.

To illustrate the relationship between quality of life, poverty and size of the family, Rep. Lagman cited as an example, the case of two workers both of whom are minimum wage earners where one has only two children and the other has six. He stressed that the Body could fully understand that the minimum wage worker with only two children is a better candidate for a better quality of life while the other worker with six children would be a very possible candidate to live below the poverty threshold because he is tormented on how to address the needs of his six children with only a minimum wage earning.

Rep. Señeres then cited Section 11 of the measure which provides that "Mandatory reproductive health and sexuality education in an age-appropriate manner shall be taught by adequately trained teachers starting from Grade V up."

Rep. Señeres thereafter informed the Body that he had the opportunity of having his high school, college and post-graduate studies in the United States and he knows for a fact that in that country, sex education is optional in both public and private schools. Moreover, sex education in the U.S. can never be taught to students without the consent of their parents or guardians, he said. He then inquired how Rep. Lagman can justify this very controversial and draconian measure that most Filipino families find objectionable or even repugnant.

Rep. Lagman replied that it was hyperbolic to say that a mandatory curriculum on sexuality education was draconian. He explained that the proposed measure was based on studies and surveys made by the United Nations that show that in countries where the youth are taught reproductive health and sexuality education at an early stage,

the same had beneficial results to the young populace. He thereafter enumerated these beneficent results, to wit:

1. Delayed entry to sexual activity among the young;
2. Increased incidence of abstinence from premarital sex before marriage;
3. Less sexual partners among the teenagers who undertook sexuality education;
4. Prepared the teenagers on the issue of safe sex and the ill-effects of sexually-transmitted diseases; and
5. High awareness for responsible parenthood, specifically in limiting the number of children in a family.

Rep. Lagman explained that whether sexuality education should be compulsory or optional could be debated upon endlessly. What was important regarding this matter, he said, is that there should be a prescription on sexuality education and reproductive health at an early stage. He thereafter suggested that such education commence from Grade V up to 4th year high school.

REMINDER FROM THE CHAIR

Thereupon, the Chair reminded Rep. Lagman that his time had already expired.

REMARKS OF REP. FIRMALO

At this point, Rep. Firmalo sought the recognition of the Chair in order to interpellate Rep. Lagman. He pointed out that being a trained obstetrician, he has very important information to contribute to the points raised by Rep. Lagman.

The Chair however informed him that the time of Rep. Lagman had already expired.

EXTENSION OF the TIME OF REP. LAGMAN

Whereupon, on motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Chair extended the time of Rep. Lagman for another ten minutes. Subsequently, the Chair recognized Rep. Señeres to continue with his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. SEÑERES (Continuation)

In continuing his interpellation, Rep. Señeres pointed out that Rep. Soon-Ruiz yesterday admitted that the proposed measure was a reincarnation of House Bill No. 4110 which, he said, had been defeated and remained unacted upon in the Twelfth Congress. He added that this was the same measure which the President referred to as the bill which will smolder abortion. He added that in countries where abortion used to be illegal, the moment that they instituted their own reproductive health laws, the moral fabric of the societies were corrupted and abortion was soon legalized. In light of these historical trends, he inquired whether Rep. Lagman would still consider that pursuing a reproductive health program will be the first step towards legalizing abortion in the country.

In response, Rep. Lagman stated that if Rep. Señeres was already a Member of the Twelfth Congress, then he would have known that the precursor measure filed by Reps. Bellaflor J. Angara-Castillo and Cielo Krisel Lagman-Luistro and the other Members of the Committee on Health had not been defeated in the Chamber. As a matter of fact, he stressed that the measure had been passed for plenary discussion, however because of time constraints, the Twelfth Congress failed to enact the measure.

On the issue that the present measure was a reincarnated bill, Rep. Lagman opined that it is only the dead that can be reincarnated. He maintained that the measure

never died, although technically, it suffered that fate in the legislative mill. Moreover, he stated that the proposed measure was not an unexpurgated version of the original bill considering that there are many other salient and innovative provisions that have now been included in House Bill No. 16.

Rep. Lagman stated that he cannot comprehend why the oppositors to the Bill would see the measure as leading to abortion. He underscored that there was nothing in the measure that would justify such apprehension. He reiterated that the Bill was against abortion since this is illegal and punishable under the Revised Penal Code. Moreover, he clarified that abortion is not one of the recommended legal and medically safe methods of family planning.

In closing, Rep. Señeres explained that in her SONA last year, President Macapagal Arroyo declared that she will have to veto this particular measure. He opined that the battle lines have been drawn in the House of Representatives regarding the Bill and he believed that the culture of death will be defeated.

Thereupon, the Chair recognized Rep. Firmalo for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. FIRMALO

At the outset, Rep. Firmalo asked Rep. Lagman to give a short summary of the proposed measure.

In response thereto, Rep. Lagman stated that the Bill primarily seeks to reopen the debate regarding the gravity of the problem of overpopulation in relation to human development and the state of the economy. Another reason, he said, was to bring to the fore that such a problem exists and that this was a national concern which Congress should address through the enactment of a national policy.

Likewise, Rep. Lagman disclosed that the Bill seeks to address the needs of couples, women and children and the youth for a maximized, sustained, adequate and timely information on the various reproductive health care services coupled by the various methods of family planning, contraceptive devices and techniques. Added thereto, he said, is the need to empower women and appreciate their right with respect to their reproductive health. It is only through empowering women that they will have an informed choice on how many children their family would have to raise.

Furthermore, Rep. Lagman stated that no public policy can take off or be successful without adequate funding. This is what the proponents of the measure are seeking from Congress, he added.

Rep. Firmalo, in his rejoinder, underscored that the failure of spreading reproductive health and population management, particularly in the far-flung and thickly populated areas, can be attributed to the lack of reproductive information and inaccessible health care facilities. Because of poverty, health facilities are not able to reach the mothers, he noted.

Furthermore, Rep. Firmalo explained that for birth deliveries in the country from 1996 up to the 2000, only 35% can be attributed to medical doctors while those by midwives account for 28% and by birth attendants, 35%. He underscored that culture and tradition had allowed such crude birth deliveries inasmuch as available medical help cannot reach a clientele that are mired in poverty, are illiterate, and living in the rural areas.

Rep. Firmalo subsequently underscored that if the government has to sufficiently address the reproductive health concerns of Filipinos, it should not look beyond the people living in the rural areas. Likewise, the government should also undertake the training of traditional "hilots" and teach prospective mothers the essence of family planning.

He underscored that no matter how much Congress works hard in addressing the people's reproductive health concerns, if the government will not provide adequate

medical attention and facilities to reach prospective mothers in the far-flung areas, then the country will continue to be bedevilled by a walloping population growth. He likewise pointed out that these women must also be given access to health care and livelihood projects to improve their economic conditions and thus alleviate poverty and ignorance.

In his rejoinder, Rep. Lagman stated that the proposed measure contains a retraining and capability-building component for barangay health workers being the frontier providers of reproductive health care in the rural areas. He added that after the barangay health workers have completed their retraining, their allowances will be increased by ten percent, he said.

ROLL CALL

At this point, upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General called the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abalos	Amante
Abante	Amatong
Abaya Amin	
Abayon	Angara
Ablan Antonino	
Agarao	Apostol
Agbayani	Aquino (A.)
Aguja Aquino	(B.)
Alfelor	Aquino (J.)
Almario	Arroyo (I.)
Alvarez (A.)	Arroyo (J.)
Asistio	Fabian
Bacani	Falcon
Baculio	Figueroa
Badelles	Firmalo
Banaag	Floirendo
Barbers	Fua
Baterina	Garcia (A.)
Beltran	Garcia (V.)
Bersamin	Garin
Biazon	Gidaya
Biron Golez	
Bondoc	Gonzalez
Bravo Guingona	
Cabilao	Gullas
Cagas Hataman	
Cajes Hontiveros-Baraquel	
Cari Ipong	
Carlos	Jala
Carmona	Jaraula
Casiño	Jaworski
Castelo Daza	Javier
Castro	Joaquin
Cayetano	Kintanar
Celeste	Lacson
Chatto	Lagbas
Chiongbian	Lagman
Chipeco	Lapus
Chungalao	Locsin
Codilla	Lopez (J.)
Crisologo	Macarambon
Cua (G.)	Macias
Cua (J.)	Madamba
Cuenco	Magsaysay (M.)
Dadivas	Magtubo
Dangwa	Malapitan

Datumanong	Mamba
De Guzman	Mandanas
De Venecia	Mangudadatu
Defensor (A.)	Marañon
Defensor (M.)	Marcoleta
Del Mar	Mariano
Diaz	Martinez
Dilangalen	Mercado
Dimaporo	Miraflores
Dominguez	Miranda
Domogan	Mitra
Dumarpa	Nantes
Dumpit	Nieva
Durano	Noel
Ermita-Buhain	Nograles
Escudero	Ocampo
Espina	Olaño
Espino	Ortega
Espinosa (Edgar)	Pablo
Espinosa (Emilio)	Pancho
Estrella	Paras
Petilla	Sy-Alvarado
Ponce Enrile	Tañada
Puentevella	Teves
Puno	Tomawis
Ramiro	Tulagan
Real Umali	(Alfonso)
Reyes (E.)	Unico
Reyes (V.)	Uy (R.)
Roces	Valdez
Rodriguez	Valencia
Roman	Vargas
Romualdo	Velarde
Rosales	Veloso
Salapuddin	Vicencio
Salceda	Villafuerte
Sandoval	Villanueva
Santiago	Villar
Señeres	Villarosa
Serapio	Virador
Silverio	Wacnang
Solis	Yapha
Soon-Ruiz	Zamora (M.)
Suarez	Zamora (R.)
Sumulong	Zialcita
Suplico	Zubiri
Susano	

With 185 Members present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix I)

The following Members appeared after the Roll Call:

Alcala	Joson
Andaya	Libanan
Barinaga	Pichay
Bautista	Pingoy
Bueser	Remulla (J.)
Cojuangco (M.)	Singson
Dy (F.)	Uy (E.)
Fuentebella	

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Whereupon, Rep. Defensor (A.) acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the following guests:

1. The United Barangay Coordinators and leaders of Pasig City, who were guests of Rep. Robert Vincent Jude B. Jaworski;
2. College students from the College of Forestry and Natural Resources of the University of the Philippines in Los Baños (UPLB), headed by their professors: Dr. Juan Pulhin, Dr. Felix Eslava Jr. and Dr. Lenie Camacho; and
3. Undergraduate students of Education and Social Work from UP Diliman, who were guests of Reps. Rosales and Hontiveros-Baraquel.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Defensor, the Chair recognized Rep. Jaworski on a question of privilege.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE OF REP. JAWORSKI

At the outset, Rep. Jaworski recalled the prevalent persecution and ethnic exodus of the Jewish race by the Nazis of Adolf Hitler more than 60 years ago. He stated that after the conduct of the May 2004 local elections in Pasig City, many teachers lost their jobs because their contracts were not renewed.

Rep. Jaworski disclosed that on July 8, 2004, the incumbent Mayor of Pasig City, who is also the co-chairman of the Pasig City Local School Board, caused the non-renewal of contracts of 496 contractual teaching personnel on the excuse that the city is facing a budget deficit and must therefore undertake austerity measures. He disputed the veracity of the mayor's allegation by stating that the deliberate failure of the Pasig City government to renew the contracts was a pure case of benign neglect and a blatant refusal to prioritize a government program. He cited the timing of the incident in view of an apparent crisis insofar as responding to various educational needs is concerned. This, he attributed to the lack of resources, on one hand, exacerbated by political maneuverings on the other, which he said was the topic of his speech.

Rep. Jaworski alleged that at no time in the nation's history did an LGU put education into the back seat. Even as there had been previous reports pointing to the same direction, he said that the instant case deserves legislative consideration, either for academic or policy formulation purposes, if not outright intervention. He noted that the act of the Pasig City government implies bad faith and results in far-reaching implications for the impoverished sectors, particularly the public school students of Pasig City. He revealed that the 496 teachers represented almost 20% of the total number of teaching personnel in the City and removing them meant depriving more than 100,000 students of their hope to get decent quality educational services. He noted that in the absence of adequate manpower to steer the ship, the city could not provide its students with quality education even if they are provided with sufficient textbooks and state-of-the-art facilities.

Rep. Jaworski expressed his disappointment over the seeming ignorance of city officials as to the implications of their actions. He maintained that the officials' act of insensitivity would jeopardize educational pursuits because they act on their whims regardless of the consequences to the public. He opined that these officials should be removed from office for their incompetence.

Rep. Jaworski underscored that education should receive the highest budget priority from the government. He maintained that quality education has a big impact on nation-building and added that education has always been the heart and soul of public service. He however claimed that seemingly unmindful of a Filipino's constitutional right to quality education, the Pasig City government proceeded to demolish whatever those in government have achieved in terms of their pursuit of quality education. He then inquired into the motive behind this move of the City government, to which he attributed that "It is all about politics."

Thereupon, Rep. Jaworski informed his colleagues that previously, the former city mayor of Pasig, who is the wife of the incumbent, allegedly ordered and/or requested the transfer of two teaching personnel assigned in Pasig City, namely: Atty. Benjamin Jacusalem, the head administrative officer for the division of Pasig and San Juan, and Ms. Nancy de Guzman, a teacher at Rizal High School, Sagad Annex, allegedly due to commission of election-related offenses. He disclosed that however, the superintendent of the Division of City Schools for Pasig and San Juan, Dr. Abella Macarandan, "correctly and legally refused to fulfill the said request."

In view thereof, Rep. Jaworski stated that the then city mayor, in what he deemed an arrogant show of political clout, through a letter dated June 23, 2004, addressed to Dr. Macarandan, declared that because of the latter's inaction to transfer the two teaching personnel, the former mayor could not act favorably on the latter's request to renew the contracts of 496 contractual teachers in Pasig City. Rep. Jaworski revealed that the former mayor further added that such failure to honor her request is "a clear manifestation of your (Dr. Macarandan's) indifference towards this administration." He also said that all teaching personnel who were allegedly identified to uphold their duty to be non-partisan during the last elections are also at present being victimized by unlawful harassment through the filing of fabricated charges in the Commission on Elections (Comelec), as in the case of Ms. Liza J. Santiago, a teacher of 18 years at Rizal High School, whose monthly allowance was inadvertently stripped since June and who now faces a case of unlawful electioneering which was filed only in July. He claimed that these were clear manifestations of political vendetta.

Rep. Jaworski further underscored that aside from the foregoing incidents, the former mayor did not allow the release of funds needed for the operation and maintenance of the City's public schools, including but not limited to, electric and water bills and salaries of teachers. He alleged that the current mayor of Pasig likewise stopped the release of teachers' monthly allowances of P2,000.00 per month starting July. He added that as of the moment, the incumbent mayor is now asking for the head of district superintendent Dr. Macarandan, only because she refuses to be cowed by a series of illegal orders from the supposed honorable mayor.

Attributing the root of the problem to politics, Rep. Jaworski wondered how a city mayor who prides himself of a record of more than one billion-peso surplus for 2003 could explain the mass non-renewal of contracts of 496 public school teachers assigned therein on the ground that the City's finances is in great deficit. He inquired what could have happened to the surplus if, indeed, there is a shortfall in the City's tax collection. He urged "the conjugal dictatorship of Pasig City" to explain where the money went. He asserted that the city of Pasig reported an ending cash balance of P1,095,900,000 for the fiscal year 2003, as well as an estimated tax and other revenues of P3.65 billion and an estimated expenditure of P2.94 billion for fiscal year 2004.

Even assuming that there is a shortfall in tax collection, Rep. Jaworski pointed out that the cash surplus of the City should be more than enough to compensate it. He maintained that the salaries and allowances of the 496 teaching personnel would only amount to P15 million annually, when computed at P10,000 a month per teacher for ten months, the amount he was talking about was P1 billion and P50 million. He then asked how the monarchs of Pasig City could explain the Special Education Fund (SEF) as stipulated in the Local Government Code (LGC) to subsidize the country's public school system. He however said that in Pasig City, the LGC does not prevail but the whims and caprices of the honorable mayor reign supreme. Speaking in Filipino, he said that once the mayor gets angry, it does not matter to him whether the children hold classes in the dark, with no water, no electricity and no teachers. He said that he cannot fathom how this man can allow the children to suffer in darkness, collect rain water to be used in the school bathrooms and let the student's learning be hampered all because of politics. He averred that this situation is deplorable and shameful. He said that this action smacks of unconstitutionality, illegality, arbitrariness and capriciousness unworthy of any adulation or glorification. He said that this is unbecoming of a public servant particularly and most especially of the

city's highest local executive head. Such vendetta for political and personal gain has no place in a civilized word, he added.

Rep. Jaworski noted that the case of budgetary constraints is merely the tip of the iceberg and what seems to be an all innocuous move necessitated by lack of choice is deeply seated as it is rooted at the heart of everything that the people in governance detest and find despicable.

Rep. Jaworski then speaking in Filipino, said that he is appealing to the officials of the City of Pasig to stop politicking and instead enact constructive measures that will be beneficial to the people of Pasig. He added that there are countless problems that need immediate action and if the present city officials cannot undertake this noble task, then there are others who can do the job better. He said that these are the people who will never waver but shall overcome and deliver.

In this connection, Rep. Jaworski urged the Committee on Good Government to hear the plight of the people of Pasig City. He asked that the Committee Members give priority or importance to House Resolution No. 51 which he had filed and together let them fight tyranny in the country. He likewise urged the Body to look seriously and critically into the matter. He underscored that education is the bedrock ideal of a thriving nation and that any move to undermine the same has no place and should be responded to with righteous indignation.

In ending his speech, Rep. Jaworski pointed out that like the Jews, these teachers were being persecuted and discriminated against not for their faults. He said that it is up for the Members to assist them in their fight for Pasig City's Hitler a.k.a. Mayor Vicente "Enteng" Eusebio's political exodus.

At this point, the Chair reminded the people from the gallery to refrain from clapping.

Whereupon, Rep. Loretta Ann P. Rosales sought recognition from the Chair.

However, Rep. De Guzman moved that the Body recognize Rep. Benjamin Abalos Jr. for his interpellation.

Before the Body could proceed, the Chair moved that the Body proceed to the Additional Reference of Business.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. De Guzman, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Additional Reference of Business.

RESOLUTION

House Resolution No. 97, entitled:

"RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCE AND DEEP SENSE OF SYMPATHY OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEMISE OF THE HONORABLE ARTURO M. TOLENTINO, FORMER MEMBER OF THE CONGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES"

By Representative De Venecia

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Whereupon, on motion of Rep. De Guzman, the Chair recognized Rep. Abalos for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. ABALOS

Rep. Abalos inquired on the student-teacher-classroom ratio in Pasig City before Mayor Eusebio terminated the services of the teachers.

In response, Rep. Jaworski said that prior to the non-renewal of the contractual teachers, the student ratio was 50 to 55 students per classroom.

On whether this means one teacher for every 55 students, Rep. Jaworski explained that since almost 20% of the total number of teachers were not renewed, the 20% should be added to achieve a ratio which stands at one teacher for about 60 to 65 students.

Rep. Abalos inquired further on the present ratio, to which Rep. Jaworski explained that the report states that certain classrooms have to accommodate 80 students to one classroom so that the students will not go home without gaining new knowledge in school.

On whether the situation is still one teacher for every 80 students, Rep. Jaworski said that this depends on the location of the school. He said that certain schools, either elementary or high school, had more contractual teachers that were removed.

On whether these schools still lack electricity and water, Rep. Jaworski replied that public school students are forced to study by candlelight in this age of high technology and computers. Moreover, he said that they are forced to collect rainwater, using pails to flush the toilets.

As to the average number of years that these teachers have been employed as contractual employees in the City of Pasig, Rep. Jaworski said that contractual teachers have remained contractual for the past five or six years while others have just been newly assigned in Pasig.

On whether it is true, that there is one case wherein a certain teacher has been a contractual one for 18 years, Rep. Jaworski clarified that said teacher now has a regular plantilla position in the DepEd.

On whether he has any knowledge of the usual duration or term provided in the contract of employment of these teachers, Rep. Jaworski replied that the contracts are renewed yearly.

On whether it would be better if the contractual teachers would be given permanent status, Rep. Jaworski replied in the affirmative. However, he expressed regret that although the Divisions of Pasig City and San Juan are getting P537 million from the national government per year, P508 million or almost P509 million go to the budget for personal services and only 5% goes to maintenance and other operating expenses. He disclosed that sometimes only 10, 15 or 20 new additional teaching personnel items are added to the budget of the Division of Pasig City every year, not enough to fill the 496 or even 620 teaching positions which was the original request for the needed teaching personnel for Pasig City.

On whether this means that the City of Pasig has enough funds to employ these contractual teachers as permanent employees of the city, Rep. Jaworski expressed belief that the City of Pasig has more than enough funds to give these contractual teachers regular plantilla positions. He pointed out that this is one of the reasons why he would like to request the Committee on Basic Education and Culture to investigate the case not only of Pasig City but of the different schools in the cities and provinces throughout the nation wherein the contracts of the different school teachers are renewed year after year and none of them or only a small number of them have been given plantilla items. Thus, these teachers who are considered modern day heroes, are not given the much needed benefits and employment security that they need, he stressed.

On what steps would he propose in order to protect teachers who, like the teachers of Pasig City, are similarly situated, Rep. Jaworski urged the Members, particularly the Committee on Basic Education and Culture, to help come up with a better piece of legislation so that the contractual teachers from the LGUs, or the national government of the DepEd will be given a chance to have regular plantilla positions.

On whether he intends to file any administrative or criminal action against the officials of the city, Rep. Jaworski said that the administrative head of the division has presently filed a graft charge in the Office of the Ombudsman. He said that he intends to do the same to fully support Atty. Benjamin Jacosalem whom he praised for his courage in fighting the tyranny in Pasig City.

Rep. Abalos noted that the Rizal National High School which is the largest national public high school in Asia is in Pasig City. He then asked whether it will be safe to assume that Pasig City is getting sufficient support from the national government.

Rep. Jaworski explained that 95% of the support coming from the DepEd for the Division of Pasig City and San Juan go to personal services and only 5% to the maintenance of schools. This, he underscored, is not enough. However, he pointed out that the situation is not intrinsic to Pasig City but is happening in all the cities, provinces and municipalities throughout the country. He pointed out that under the LGC, the special education fund should subsidize the needs of the country's public school system.

As to the position of the DepEd regarding the matter, Rep. Jaworski said that the Division Head of Pasig City and San Juan, Dr. Abella Macarandan, who is directly under the supervision of the DepEd, is now being harassed by the Mayor of Pasig who has tasked certain personnel to obtain signatures so that Dr. Macarandan can be replaced because she had refused to follow an illegal order to transfer these two personnel. He expressed hope that the DECS will foster justice and leave politics out of the story.

In ending his interpellation, Rep. Abalos asked whether there was no action yet from the DepEd, to which Rep. Jaworski replied in the affirmative.

Thereupon, Rep. De Guzman moved that the Body recognize Rep. Eduardo C. Zialcita for his interpellation.

At this point, Rep. Paras sought recognition to interpellate Rep. Jaworski.

After Rep. Zialcita said that he will yield to Rep. Paras, the latter however said that he will give way to Rep. Zialcita who is his senior brother in the Upsilon fraternity.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Rep. De Guzman acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the following guests: Hon. Ramon Alonso Media, Ambassador of Cuba; Hon. Claudio Lyra, Ambassador of Brazil; Hon. Enrique Hubbard, Ambassador of Mexico; Hon. Mario Schuf, Ambassador of Argentina; Hon. Jorge Montero, Ambassador of Chile; and Hon. Jose Clavijo, Charge d'Affairs of Venezuela.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. De Guzman, the session was suspended at 5:37 p.m. to allow the Members to greet the guests.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:41 p.m., the session was resumed.

Upon resumption of session, on motion of Rep. De Guzman, the Chair recognized Rep. Paras for his interpellation.

MANIFESTATION OF REP. ROSALES

At this juncture, Rep. Rosales manifested her intent to interpellate Rep. Jaworski.

Rep. Paras however stated that he had the floor at that time.

Rep. Rosales claimed that she had made a reservation earlier to be the next interpellator but she will yield to Rep. Paras if the latter's interpellation will only be brief.

Rep. Paras stated that he will ask only three questions.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. PARAS

Upon recognition by the Chair, Rep. Paras said that he normally does not ask parochial questions because these concern local issues. However, he added that inasmuch as he is not only from Negros Oriental but also resides in Pasig, he was interested to raise questions concerning Pasig City.

He then inquired whether the issues Rep. Jaworski had raised need congressional interference such that the latter's speech need to be referred to a Committee. He inquired on the pertinent Rule of the House that applies to the issue.

Rep. Jaworski underscored that Congress has the oversight power to look at the actions of erring Members or other branches of government. As a duly elected Representative of the Lone District of Pasig, he stressed that he was asking the support of his colleagues in the House who believe that there could be no room for tyranny in the government. He then asked the Members to support the cause of the teachers and the students in Pasig City.

Thereupon, Rep. Paras noted that the Supreme Court had ruled that Internal Revenue Allotments (IRAs) could not be touched even by Congress through its power of appropriation. He inquired whether the issue affecting Pasig City involves the national budget or the local school board fund which is discretionary and is under the powers of the mayor and the members of the local school board, but not of Congress.

Rep. Jaworski replied that in the year 2002, the local school board of Pasig City had appropriated the amount of P405 million. However, he said that he has not received a copy of the resolution of the local school board of Pasig City on the matter. Nonetheless, he surmised that the budget of the local school board of Pasig City, through the SEF, had been increased considering that the City's P2.7 billion budget in 2002 had been increased to P3.1 billion in 2004. This, as he observed that even if it was not even half of the fiscal year, the city government of Pasig automatically claims that it has no more funds to pay for the needs of the teachers and the students.

Rep. Paras inquired whether this matter is within the powers of the mayor and the local school board and that disbursements or decisions affecting the SEF do not involve the House.

Rep. Jaworski replied that the government of Pasig City had acted unilaterally and the mayor had acted outside the powers of the local school board. He added that the mayor had sent memoranda informing the heads of the schools that the local government could no longer grant any subsidy. He then inquired why said subsidy for the teachers and the students could no longer be granted when this has been a practice for the past 12 years since the implementation of the LGC. He further asked why the subsidy is being stopped all of a sudden after the 2004 elections, and after a letter stating that unless two individual personnel were transferred from the Division in Pasig and San Juan to another division, the Pasig City government will not renew the contracts of the teachers or give any funding for the schools to pay for their utilities.

Rep. Paras inquired whether the Secretary of Interior and Local Government has the power to oversee and resolve the matter.

Rep. Jaworski replied that such matters transpire today because of certain policy flaws in existing laws. He added that he decided to bring the issue into the halls of Congress so the Body could pass legislation that could prevent situations like this from happening again.

Rep. Paras averred that it was not within the mandate of Congress to look into the discretionary powers of mayors as well as petty matters because the Legislature should be involved in such matters as taxation, poverty alleviation and increasing food production. He opined that disagreements between a mayor and a congressman should be limited, and inquired whether Rep. Jaworski has plans of running for mayor instead so he can solve the problem when he has gained control of the local government units in Pasig City.

Rep. Jaworski replied that he has no plans of running for mayor at present as he stressed that he had been elected by the people of Pasig City to uphold their interest. He maintained that if Rep. Paras believes that it is petty for a hundred thousand students to suffer along with 500 teachers, the Members have to redefine their priorities as government officials.

Thereupon, Rep. Paras stated that he took the floor because Rep. Jaworski had raised a question of privilege which, he however believes, may not be a privilege at all. He inquired what party Rep. Jaworski belongs to.

Rep. Jaworski replied that he has no idea as to how his party affiliation was related to his question of privilege. Nonetheless, he stated that he belongs to the Lakas-CMD party.

Rep. Paras noted that the mayor of Pasig City also belongs to the Administration and observed that the people in the Administration cannot seem to get their act together.

Rep. Jaworski advised Rep. Paras to look into the records clearly because the information he was divulging was very wrong.

Rep. Paras inquired whether the new mayor of Pasig City did not support President Macapagal-Arroyo in the last election.

Rep. Jaworski replied that the Lakas mayoralty bet in the 2004 elections was Mr. Henry Lanot, a former Congressman, and not incumbent Mayor Vicente Eusebio.

Rep. Paras apologized to Rep. Jaworski, saying that he had always thought the latter belonged to the Administration party. He then asked whether the matter could be resolved through administrative means instead of raising it in the House.

Rep. Jaworski replied that as Rep. Paras had said before, local governments are autonomous. An administrative matter, he added, could not be dealt with considering the very rough political differences the people of Pasig City are already encountering, and given the fact that it is very difficult to talk to a man who does not believe in logic or reason. He then appealed to his colleagues to help him alleviate the plight of the teachers and students in Pasig City.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. ROSALES

Upon recognition by the Chair, Rep. Rosales stated that while she appreciates the issues raised by Rep. Paras, she does not believe that the problem of school teachers is local because it is also national in scope. She underscored that the problem of underpaid and overworked public school teachers is a historic phenomenon since time immemorial. She added that she was once a teacher so she knows what she was talking about.

She then inquired whether Rep. Jaworski had stated that of the existing P4 billion budget, P3 billion is allotted for taxes, leaving a balance of P1 million. Rep. Jaworski affirmed this point.

On whether the money the government owes the public school teachers amounts only to P50 million, Rep. Jaworski replied that this is so given P10,000 a month for 500 teachers for a period of ten months.

Rep. Rosales inquired how much allocation should be given to education for Pasig City given the fact that such allocation will come from the Special Education Fund.

Rep. Jaworski restated that in the year 2002, the City of Pasig had appropriated the amount of P405 million for the SEF through the local school board. Unfortunately, he said that most of the SEF was assigned to infrastructure projects instead of the payment for teachers or for their regularization in service.

Rep. Rosales inquired whether there have been any efforts to investigate the matter. He noted Rep. Jaworski's claim that the head of a division under the DepEd is being harassed by the Mayor of the Pasig City and inquired whether the latter had made any representation to ascertain the situation in Pasig City.

Rep. Jaworski replied that the head of said office in DepED was present in the Session Hall and had asked for help to put an end to the politicking in Pasig City. He maintained that the situation was not only disturbing administrative matters in Pasig City but was affecting the teachers and the education of students in the elementary and high school levels therein.

On further queries of Rep. Rosales, Rep. Jaworski pointed out that there are 496 contractual teachers and 2,000 regular teaching personnel in the Division of Pasig and San Juan. He added that in the previous years, the City had 500 contractual employees whose appointments were renewed every year. Moreover, he cited that the City had requested for 620 additional teachers, but only 496 were approved prior to the opening of the school year. He said that the funds for this purpose have never arrived, and albeit a memoranda have been released, stating that the DepEd could no longer afford to fund the hiring of additional teachers.

Rep. Rosales opined that this was a gross violation of the constitutional rights of teachers.

Rep. Rosales thereafter inquired on the number of years required before a contractual teacher is given a regular item.

Rep. Jaworski answered that it takes about five years of service before a contractual teacher is given a regular position. However, he said that in the absence of open items in the DepEd, and with only the local government subsidizing the needs of the teaching personnel, then it is almost impossible to give a contractual teacher a regular item. Hence, he stressed that Congress should look into the policies of the government with regard to the plight of these teachers.

Rep. Rosales commented that the issue is not only a parochial but a national concern as well, and stressed the need to have it immediately investigated. She said that according to the Magna Carta for Public School Teachers, the required number of years for public school teachers to become regular after rendering a good performance is not five years but about only a couple of years. She said that the same rule also applies to private school teachers. She opined that there is no reason to hold the teachers as contractuels; moreover, the problem could not be due to budgetary constraint because of the surplus in the budget of Pasig City. She asked why the mayor of Pasig City seems to be acting arbitrarily.

Rep. Jaworski answered that as he had earlier stated, it was quite difficult for him to fathom the actions of Mayor Eusebio. He surmised that the latter's thinking might have been blurred by the recent conduct of elections. He expressed hope that the mayor will gain his sense and logic so that the people of Pasig City can continue with their normal lives.

Rep. Rosales said that she will support a resolution that may be filed by Rep.

Jaworski calling for an immediate inquiry on the matter. She concluded that Rep. Jaworski's concern is a gross violation of the constitutional rights of the public school teachers in Pasig City.

REMINDER FROM THE CHAIR

Whereupon, the Chair reminded Rep. Jaworski that his time had already expired.

At this point however, Rep. Douglas RA. Cagas inquired whether Rep. Jaworski would still be willing to answer his interpellation.

The Chair restated that the time of Rep. Jaworski had already expired.

EXTENSION OF REP. JAWORSKI'S TIME

On motion of Rep. De Guzman, there being no objection, the Body extended the time of Rep. Jaworski by five minutes.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. CAGAS

Rep. Cagas initially stated that the plight of the teachers is quite touching because this is true all over the country, and is even worse in the provinces. He said that when local officials are confronted by the problem of lack of teachers, the LGUs provide contractual teachers by paying them with mere allowances. He disclosed that volunteer teachers who offer their services to newly-established elementary and secondary schools are receiving only P2,000 to P2,500 a month.

Rep. Jaworski thanked Rep. Cagas for the information, and admitted that he was not aware of the predicament of the teachers in the provinces. He disclosed that contractual teachers in Pasig City are receiving around P8,000 as basic salary and an additional P2,000 as allowance. He affirmed that these teachers have been doing their jobs for over several years.

Thereupon, Rep. Cagas further disclosed that in the case of contractual teachers in the provinces, most of them are not even given any contracts, but are merely provided with allowances taken from the discretionary funds of the mayor. On the other hand, he said that those teachers who are under contract are given only a term of six months and are replaced thereafter. He said that this is the situation that has been happening in the provinces all over the country because of political situations. He pointed out that a mayor or a governor has to respond to the needs of so many applicants especially those who supported him in his campaign. He said that he was imparting this information if only to console Rep. Jaworski from the grief that he is suffering.

Rep. Jaworski, after thanking Rep. Cagas, expressed belief that the power of the DepEd has not been devolved to the LGUs with regard to hiring contractual teachers and personnel. He said that he took the floor to bring the City of Pasig into the public eye so that the House can come up with measures to address the issue, not only for the benefit of the Pasig City teachers but also of the teachers in the entire country, particularly in the far-flung and poor areas.

On the matter of possibly giving the teachers regular items, especially those who have offered their services for so many years like the case of those in Pasig City, Rep. Cagas disclosed that last year, the House had passed a measure providing for the creation of 10,000 teaching as well as non-teaching items. He lamented that while the House had recognized the problem and unanimously approved the measure, the Senate to which Rep. Jaworski's father then belonged, did not act on it. He expressed hope that this time, Congress will speedily approve the same items or even add more items. He said that early in the day, he had read that actually, 50,000 teaching items are needed for the year 2005 alone. He likewise expressed hope that the Senate will now concur with the House' proposed 10,000 teaching items so that Rep. Jaworski's concern will be minimized, and his trouble with Mayor Eusebio will be abated.

Rep. Jaworski said that had his father, former Senator Robert Jaworski, been the chairman of the Senate Committee on Education, then said House measure would have been approved in the Senate. However, he said that as he still has friends in the Senate, then he will be one of the first to approach them and ask for their support with regard to the passage of said bill.

At this point, Rep. Mauricio G. Domogan sought recognition from the Chair.

REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

The Chair stated that the time of Rep. Jaworski had already expired.
EXTENSION OF REP. JAWORSKI'S TIME

On motion of Rep. Domogan, the time of Rep. Jaworski was extended by five minutes.

INTERPELLATION OF REP. DOMOGAN

Rep. Domogan, based on the information from Rep. Jaworski that Pasig City has a surplus of P1.095 billion, inquired on the amount of its educational fund.

For the year 2004, Rep. Jaworski clarified that he had failed to get the Pasig City school board resolution that appropriated the funds for the purpose. However, he said that based on its 2002 resolution, P405 million was appropriated as the share of the school board. He said that the amount was taken from the proceeds of the one percent additional real property tax of that year when the budget of the City at that time was P2.7 billion. He stressed that to date, its budget is almost P3.1 billion, and surmised that the increase is more than P405 million.

Rep. Domogan presumed that the amount is only part of the school educational fund and not the total amount as included in the P3.1 billion budget of the City.

Rep. Jaworski explained that the special division fund of P405 million for 2002 represents only the share of the local government, notwithstanding the amounts given by the national government through the DepEd, and the Division of Schools of Pasig City and San Juan. He affirmed that from this amount, Mayor Eusebio had appointed casual teachers numbering 496 only to augment the permanently-appointed teachers in the elementary and secondary schools of Pasig City.

Rep. Domogan enjoined Rep. Jaworski to introduce an amendment to the Local Government Code, specifically on the utilization of the school educational fund in order to prioritize the use thereof and address the salary needs of casual teachers, especially given the situation where the national government cannot provide for teachers needed in the elementary and high schools.

Rep. Jaworski answered that he would be honored to affix his signature on such a momentous bill.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Thereupon, Rep. De Guzman acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the following guests:

1. Dr. Hiroko Hara, Dr. Makiko Nakayama and Ms. Miho Watanabe from Tokyo, Japan, who were guests of Rep. Josefina M. Josen; and
2. Barangay Captain Celso P. Galvez and Barangay Kagawad Cesar Calaminos, who were guests of Rep. Vincent "Bingbong" P. Crisologo.

MOTION OF REP. DEFENSOR (A.)

Thereupon, Rep. Defensor reiterated a previous motion for the election of 27 Members to 27 committees of the House.

The Chair suggested that the memberships to the various Committees be approved on a per Committee basis.

ELECTION OF REP. SALCEDA TO THE
COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body elected Rep. Joey Sarte Salceda to the Committee on Economic Affairs.

ELECTION OF REP. BADELLES TO THE
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body elected Rep. Alipio "Tikbong" V. Badelles to the Committee on Economic Affairs.

ELECTION OF REP. CUA TO THE
COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body elected Rep. Junie E. Cua to the Committee on Trade and Industry.

ELECTION OF REP. PABLO TO THE COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body elected Rep. Ernesto Dela Cruz Pablo to the Committee on Cooperative Development.

ELECTION OF REP. ACOSTA TO THE
COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body elected Rep. J.R. Nereus O. Acosta to the Committee on Ecology.

ELECTION OF REP. ZIALCITA TO THE
COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body elected Rep. Eduardo C. Zialcita to the Committee on Housing and Urban Development.

ELECTION OF REP. ROSALES TO THE
COMMITTEE ON CIVIL, POLITICAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body elected Rep. Loretta Ann P. Rosales to the Committee on Civil, Political and Human Rights.

ELECTION OF REP. JARAULA TO THE
COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body elected Rep. Constantino G. Jaraula to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

MOTION OF REP. DEFENSOR

Thereupon, Rep. Defensor moved for the election of Rep. J. Mayo Z. Almario to the Committee on Games and Amusements.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY
OF REP. MIRANDA

At this point, Rep. Anthony C. Miranda inquired whether the Body still had a quorum.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair motu proprio suspended the session at 6:17 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:26 p.m., the session was resumed.

WITHDRAWAL OF rep. miranda's
inquiry

Upon recognition by the Chair, Rep. Miranda stated that he was withdrawing his earlier question of quorum, considering that there was a substantial number of Members present.

Parliamentary Inquiry
OF REP. ZAMORA (R.)

Upon recognition by the Chair, Rep. Ronaldo B. Zamora inquired as to why the Committee on Rules is proposing names to be elected as chairmen of committees without the members thereof also being named. He asked if there was a new way by which committees are supposed to be functioning in the House of Representatives. Furthermore, he asked if chairmen were supposed to act independently of their members.

Replying thereto, Rep. Defensor stated that it was never the intent of the Committee on Rules to nominate only the chairmen of the different committees. He said that they were rushing the composition of the different committees and the leadership is finalizing the list of the members at the earliest possible time. He added that the Committee on Rules will immediately submit and nominate for election the members of the different committees.

Thereafter, Rep. Zamora pointed out that this is the first time the Body is naming individuals as chairmen without naming individuals to act as members of the committee. He said that the whole reason for naming individuals was so that committees could function. Noting that the Majority may be having problems within their ranks, Rep. Zamora suggested that they sit down and work out all of the committee memberships before they take the time of the House in determining their internal ranks. Adding that the Majority should take their work seriously, he said that this was already the second week without any committees functioning.

Whereupon, Rep. Zamora suggested that the leadership of the House pay some attention to this matter. He then averred that if Rep. Miranda would not pursue the matter of quorum, he would be the one to challenge it.

In reply, Rep. Defensor stated that there was a quorum since a Roll had just been made.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Rep. Paras moved to adjourn the session.

OBJECTION OF REP. DEFENSOR (A.)

Rep. Defensor objected to the motion to adjourn.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended upon Rep. Defensor's motion.

It was 6:31 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:35 p.m., the session was resumed.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY
OF REP. ZAMORA (R.)
(Continuation)

Upon resumption of session, Rep. Zamora stated that upon the request of the Majority Leader, he will not pursue the question of quorum. He then reminded the Majority that it is not their responsibility to question the quorum as they have been doing for the past three days. He said that it was the responsibility of the Minority to do so, to which Rep. Defensor agreed.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY
OF REP. CAYETANO

Upon recognition by the Chair, Rep. Cayetano inquired as to why the Majority Leader was reading the chairmen of the committees if there were no members being read as well. He stated that the committees cannot function unless there were members being identified or being appointed to the committees, or being elected. He then informed the first-termers that they were just wondering since traditionally in former Congresses, the first name that is read is the chairman, the second, the vice-chairman, then down to the members and then the Minority reads the names of their own members. He mentioned that Rep. Escudero was ready to make a manifestation about the membership of the Minority.

Thereafter, Rep. Cayetano reiterated his query as to the purpose of reading the names of the would-be elected chairmen if they have no members, since they cannot function anyway. Why not finish first the whole membership so that the time on the floor will not be wasted, he asked. He then added that there were several Members who wanted to give privilege speeches and who have important bills and who want to make productive use of the time on the floor.

Rep. Cayetano said that unless the Majority Leader can give a reason why it is urgent to name the chairmen and only the chairmen to non-functional committees, it was his position that the entire committee membership be formed.

In reply thereto, Rep. Defensor stated that in naming the number one member of the committee, it was never the intent of the Committee on Rules that the committee will function with only one member. He said that it was decided that the first member should be nominated first to help the leadership fast-track the composition of the different committees. He said that they hoped to finish it by early next week, including the composition of all the committees, knowing that the Minority was ready to nominate their own contingent.

Rep. Cayetano thereafter stated that he will not argue since he was only making a parliamentary inquiry. Whereupon, he said that by way of suggestion, even if the Members were not named as chairmen yet, they can already assist in the choosing of the membership.

Thereafter, Rep. Cayetano mentioned that he had read in the previous week's newspapers and had seen in television that Speaker De Venecia had said that the chairmanships will be chosen or will be elected based on seniority.

Rep. Cayetano pointed out, however, that some have stood up during the last two days to question the real party membership of each Congressman. He said that according to the Minority, it is important to know the number of members a party has before members can be appointed to constitutional bodies such as the Commission on Appointments as well as to the chairmanships of the House committees. He asked whether chairmanships would be based on seniority or party affiliation.

Rep. Defensor explained that the Speaker and House leadership had considered several factors before deciding on whom to nominate as chairmen, vice chairmen and members. Remarking that there is no hard-and-fast rule and that there are some parliamentary traditions thereon, he opined that the Speaker has a lot of discretion and takes the

position of the Majority into consideration in deciding on the matter.
Rep. Cayetano declared that the Minority is ready to take the challenge of the President to start working on urgent bills in the committees, and to do its work.

Rep. Defensor, at this point, asked that he be allowed to continue with the nominations.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY OF REP. PARAS

Upon recognition by the Chair, Rep. Paras asked what the parliamentary situation was. After Rep. Defensor said that the Body was about to resume the nominations, he pointed out that his motion to adjourn had not yet been resolved.

QUERY OF THE CHAIR

The Chair asked whether there was such a motion.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. Defensor, the Chair suspended the session at 6:42 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:43 p.m., the session was resumed.

REMARKS OF REP. PARAS

Rep. Paras said that he would withdraw his motion to adjourn subject to the calling of the Roll.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. Defensor, the Chair suspended the session at 6:43 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:43 p.m., the session was resumed.

WITHDRAWAL OF REP. PARAS' MOTION

Rep. Paras, upon recognition by the Chair, acknowledged the presence of a quorum, saying that he wanted to give the Members of the Majority a chance to continue with their infighting. He added that he hoped that no other Member of the Majority would stand up and raise a question of quorum.

Thereupon, Rep. Paras withdrew his motion to adjourn; and the Chair allowed Rep. Defensor to continue with the nomination of Committee chairmen.

NOMINATION OF members to COMMITTEES

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body approved the nomination of the following Members to the Committees hereunder indicated:

1. Rep. Joel Mayo Z. Almario - Committee on Games and Amusements;
2. Rep. Simeon A. Datumanong - Committee on Justice;
3. Rep. Juan Miguel F. Zubiri - Committee on Legislative Franchises;
4. Rep. Antonio V. Cuenco - Committee on Foreign Affairs;

5. Rep. Solomon R. Chungalao - Committee on National Cultural Communities;
6. Rep. Roilo Golez - Committee on National Defense; and
7. Rep. Amado T. Espino Jr. - Committee on Public Order and Security;

QUERY OF REP. MITRA

Upon recognition by the Chair, Rep. Abraham Kahlil B. Mitra asked on the status of the sheets of paper which the Secretary General had given out and in which the Members should have listed their party affiliations. He stressed that it is useless to distribute the same if the results are not announced and said that he wanted to know the number of members of the different parties.

The Chair inquired whether the same is relevant to the motion under consideration. After Rep. Mitra said that he was making a request, the Chair asked him to show the relevance thereof.

Rep. Mitra said that he was requesting the results in the spirit of proportional representation in the Committees.

The Chair said that Rep. Mitra could present his objection thereto. The latter clarified that he was not making an objection but merely a personal request to be informed of the status of the aforementioned sheets of paper that were distributed.

The Chair stated that the matter could be put forward and considered after the voting.

Thereupon, Rep. Mitra stated that the Speaker was thus not giving in to his personal request.

The Chair subsequently allowed Rep. Defensor to continue with the nomination of Committee Chairmen.

NOMINATION OF members to COMMITTEES

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body approved the nomination of the following to the Committees hereunder indicated:

1. Rep. Tomas M. Dumpit - Committee on Veterans Affairs; and
2. Rep. Benasing O. Macarambon Jr.- Committee on Agriculture Food and Fisheries

MOTION OF REP. BIAZON

Before acting on the nomination of copy Rep. Ipong, the chair recognized Rep. Rozzano Rufino B. Biazon who expressed support for Rep. Mitra's request and moved that the Body be provided with a list of the Members' party affiliations.

The Chair stated that the election of the chairmanships of the committees cannot be interrupted by any motion; and that Rep. Biazon is free to present his motion after the elections are terminated.

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION

Upon recognition by the Chair, Rep. Agapito A. Aquino proposed that the Body proceed with the committees that do not require proportional representation and hold in abeyance those that so require.

QUERY OF REP. BIAZON

Rep. Biazon asked when the results of the aforementioned signature sheets would be made available.

MANIFESTATION OF REPS. BATERINA
AND BARBERS

At this point, Reps. Baterina and Barbers manifested their desire to raise points of order.

REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

The Chair asked that the Body be given a chance to finish its pending business after which questions can be raised.

POINT OF ORDER OF REP. BARBERS

Upon recognition by the Chair, Rep. Barbers stated that the Body was in the process of nominating and electing members of the different House committees and that under the Rules, any plenary election cannot be interrupted. He asked whether the Chamber was still in the process of election or was listening to inquiries or several points of order.

RULING OF THE CHAIR

The Chair ruled that the Body was nominating as well as electing members, which was why he was asking if there were any objections thereto.

REMARKS OF REP. BARBERS

Rep. Barbers asked that the Body continue with and finish the process of election before considering other issues or motions, which he said were all valid.

QUERY OF REP. BIAZON
(Continuation)

Rep. Biazon subsequently asked when the list of party affiliations would be distributed. He also requested a timetable, inquiring whether the Body was speaking of the elections of members to all the Committees already.

The Chair pointed out that the Body was only electing the chairman of each committee and that it was in the midst of the election process.

Rep. Biazon then inquired on the status of his previous motion.

At this point, the Chair allowed Rep. Defensor to continue with the nomination of members to Committees.

NOMINATION OF members to
COMMITTEES

On motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Body approved the nomination of the following to the Committees hereunder:

1. Rep. Antonio P. Yapha Jr. - Committee on Health;
2. Rep. Ernesto "Banzai" A. Nieva - Committee on People's Participation; and
3. Rep. Danilo O. Suarez - Committee on Oversight.

MANIFESTATION OF REP. BATERINA

Rep. Baterina manifested his desire to raise a parliamentary inquiry.

POINT OF ORDER OF REP. SUPLICO

Upon recognition by the Chair, Rep. Suplico raised a point of order and asked

whether the Body was electing members of the committees.

The Chair replied in the affirmative.

Rep. Suplico then asked whether the Chair was approving the nominations of Rep. Defensor.

The Chair replied that the Body was approving nominations and at the same time, elections.

Rep. Suplico said that he did not hear the Chair say, "Those in favor, say 'Aye'" and that the Chair was merely saying "Approved."

The Chair pointed out that he had been asking, "Is there any objection?"

Rep. Suplico stressed that he did not hear the Chair say that the Members will elect the members of the committees. He added that he heard the Speaker say "Approved" to Rep. Defensor's nominations. He concluded that all of the nominations were void because it was the Chair who was approving them and the Members were not speaking out their approval.

The Chair inquired whether Rep. Defensor was nominating members, which observation the latter affirmed.

Reiterating that the nominations were approved by the Chair, Rep. Suplico stressed that the latter has no business choosing the members of the committees and that his business is to ask the House to vote on the names nominated on the floor by the Majority Leader.

The Chair explained that this was precisely why he was saying "Is there any objection to the nomination? There being none..."

Rep. Suplico stressed that what the Chair was thus asking for was any objection to the nomination, and not to the election, of members to the committees.

Subsequently, Rep. Suplico asked whether the Body had already elected single individuals as members of the committees and whether the Chair had already approved the nominations of Rep. Defensor.

MANIFESTATION OF REP. BATERINA

Rep. Baterina again manifested his desire to raise a point of order.

REMARKS OF REP. DEFENSOR

Upon recognition by the Chair, Rep. Defensor explained that what happened was just a change of words and that he had been interchangeably using the words "nomination" and "election". He said that the Rules speak of election and provide that the House shall not divide insofar as election to the different committees are concerned. He added that to obviate the objection, there had been only one nomination to the Committees and there is no need for the House to vote thereon. He concluded that nominations to the committee in the absence of any objection thereto, would already mean election to said committee.

POINT OF ORDER OF REP. BATERINA

Observing that there were nominations, Rep. Baterina stressed that the latter needs a seconding motion, and there had been none.

REMARKS OF REP. SUPLICO

Rep. Suplico stated that in any event, all of the nominations made were void.

REMARKS OF REP. DEFENSOR (A.)

Rep. Defensor said that to obviate the objection, he would ask that the word "nomination" be withdrawn in all the instances it was used by him and stated that he would now use the word "election."

REMARKS OF REP. BATERINA

Rep. Bateria remarked that the action was already done.

MOTION OF REP. SUPPLICO

Rep. Suplico, at this point, moved that the Body suspend the session to wait for the stenographic notes on what had transpired.

MOTION OF REP. DEFENSOR (A.)

Rep. Defensor then moved that the word "nomination" that he used in previous instances, be substituted by the word "election."

REMARKS OF REP. BATERINA

Rep. Bateria said that the motion was too late.

OBJECTION OF REP. PARAS

Rep. Paras objected thereto, asking how the aforecited Members could have been elected if they were not properly nominated.

RULING OF THE CHAIR

After the Chair remarked that he had not recognized Rep. Paras to speak, he read Section 30 of the Rules: "Membership in each standing committee shall be by election of the House upon nomination by the Majority and Minority Leaders which shall not be subject to a division of the House."

QUERY OF REP. SUPPLICO

Rep. Suplico thereafter asked whether the Body was electing members of the different committees.

The Chair replied that it was electing the chairmen as of that moment.

Thereupon, Rep. Suplico opined that the correct provision that should apply is Rule XVII on "Voting" because the Body was about to vote on the members of the committees.

The Chair clarified that what the Body was nominating and electing were the chairmen of the committees, which process is controlled by Section 30 of the House Rules.

Rep. Suplico stressed that nomination and election of members are two different things and that one should be distinguished from the other.

The Chair asked Rep. Defensor to discuss the same as he is not supposed to do so. The latter said that parliamentary practice will sustain his opinion that the word "nomination" can be interchangeably used insofar as election to the different committees is concerned. He said that as long as there is no objection after the nomination had been made, then it means the same thing as "election". The only problem in this instance, he said, is that there was an objection.

Rep. Defensor then asked that he be allowed to proceed with the nominations.

REMARKS OF REP. MARTINEZ

Upon recognition by the Chair, Rep. Clavel A. Martinez observed that some kind of

meaning was being given to a particular word, which meaning is not found in any dictionary. She emphasized that when one talks of a nomination, one does not talk of an election; and sought clarification thereon. Mentioning Section 30 of the Rules which the Chair had cited, she asked how one can conceive of an election without a division of the House or based on a mere nomination.

The Chair replied that this is so provided in Section 30.

Rep. Defensor stressed that the provision of the Rules of the House on Section 30 is clear, as it states that "Membership in each standing committee shall be by election of the House upon nomination by the Majority and Minority Leaders which shall not be subject to a division of the House." He pointed out that when a Member is nominated and the Chair asks if there is an objection, and there is no objection, then the person nominated is deemed and considered elected to that particular committee. He stated that the crucial words in the nomination are "Is there any objection?" and when the Chair hears none, then the nomination translates into election to that particular committee to which that particular Member was nominated. He added that the Body cannot vote in that instance.

Disagreeing with the interpretation of Rep. Defensor, Rep. Martinez pointed out that the nomination is not subject to a division of the House, but there must be an election.

The Chair stated that when the nomination is not subject to a division of the House, it means that it is already the result of an election.

Rep. Martinez disagreed therewith.

Subsequently, the Chair recognized Minority Leader Rep. Francis G. Escudero.

REMARKS OF REP. ESCUDERO

At the outset, Rep. Escudero informed the Body that he was the chairman of the Rules Rewriting Committee which drafted the Rules of the House in the last Congress. He further informed the Body that the phrase related to the fact that it should not be subject to a division of the House was written in the Rules and that it refers only to nominations, on the theory that the Minority should get its act together, and not argue or debate on the floor regarding their respective nominations. He stressed that the Majority should not bring their differences and arguments on the floor and waste the time of the Body. He further maintained that the election of the Members is quite different as he pointed out that Rep. Martinez was correct when the latter stated that nowhere in the Rules could election be defined as equivalent to a mere nomination. The only reason, he added, why it is not put to a vote is because the Majority have already agreed amongst themselves who would be part of a particular committee.

As regards the points raised by Reps. Zamora (R.), Miranda and Paras pertaining to what was going on in the discussions, Rep. Escudero pointed out that it is for the Majority to get its act together and not bring their differences on the floor and waste the time of the Minority, of the Body and of the Filipino people. He expressed hope that when the Majority have organized themselves, it would be the time that they would begin reading the memberships and the chairmanships of the various committees.

On the part of the Minority, Rep. Escudero explained that they are ready to nominate their memberships in the various committees. However, he lamented that they could not do so because they have to wait for the Majority to nominate their chairpersons and vice-chairpersons.

Rep. Escudero then appealed to the Majority to get their act together first because it is quite embarrassing, both on the part of the Majority and the Minority, for the quorum to be questioned each time the Majority attempts to nominate a member in the various committees.

Thereafter, the Chair recognized Rep. Defensor (A.) for his manifestation.

MANIFESTATION OF REP. DEFENSOR (A.)

With due respect to Rep. Escudero, Rep. Defensor reiterated his previous manifestation that the Majority still submits that when there is a nomination made for membership to a particular committee and when the Chair calls for any objection and there is none, then the nomination would translate into the election of that nominee to the particular committee. He pointed out that if there is an objection, then it would translate into another matter. He stressed that with respect to the nomination made by the Majority, they were not nominating the chairmen but only the members to the different committees. He then suggested that the Body terminate the debates on the particular matter.

REMARKS OF REP. MARTINEZ

Disagreeing with the manifestation of Rep. Defensor (A.), Rep. Martinez pointed out that if the Majority is merely nominating memberships in the various committees, then the Body should defer making such nominations. She explained that under Section 30, there is a requirement that all the other Members should also be mentioned to determine the representation of the rest of the membership of the House in the particular committee. She stressed that the Minority could thus not agree with the statements of Rep. Defensor (A.) as the basis for the election and would ignore the provisions of Section 30 of the Rules of the House.

MOTION OF REP. MARTINEZ

Thereafter, Rep. Martinez moved that the Body defer the nominations.

OBJECTION OF REP. DEFENSOR (A.)

Rep. Defensor objected to the motion to defer the nominations.

SECONDING MOTION OF REP. PARAS

Rep. Paras seconded the motion to defer the nominations.

MOTION OF REP. DEFENSOR (A.)

At this point, Rep. Defensor (A.) moved for a ruling of the Chair.

MOTION OF REP. MARTINEZ

Thereafter, Rep. Martinez moved for a division of the House.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Subsequently, the Chair motu proprio suspended the session.

It was 7:06 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 7:15 p.m., the session was resumed.

Upon resumption of session, the Chair recognized Rep. Defensor (A.).

REMARKS OF REP. DEFENSOR (A.)

Rep. Defensor informed the Body that the parliamentary status was that Rep. Martinez has moved for a division of the House and that he registered his objection to the motion. He then requested the Chair to make a ruling.

RULING OF THE CHAIR

The Chair ruled that the request for a division of the House was not well taken.

QUERY OF REP. MARTINEZ

Thereupon, Rep. Martinez inquired why her request was not well taken when there were two contending issues that the Body had to decide upon.

With the permission of the Chair, Rep. Defensor replied that the Rules of the House are clear that the nomination and election of a member to a particular committee is not subject to a division of the House. He pointed out that it is parliamentary practice that there is always only one nominee from the Majority and only one nominee from the Minority. He stated that when a nomination is made and there is no objection, then the person nominated by the Majority or the Minority, as the case may be, is deemed elected. He said that the House had never practised to vote for or against the nomination of a Member who was the only sole nominee.

Rep. Martinez pointed out that her motion for deferment is not based on the issue that Rep. Defensor had explained but rather on the nominations which were being made. She stressed that she moved to defer consideration of the nominations until further study can be made and until such time that the Majority can get its act together.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Defensor (A.), the Chair suspended the session.

It was 7:19 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 7:22 p.m., the session was resumed.

Upon resumption of session, Rep. Defensor reapprised the Members that Rep. Martinez had filed a motion to defer the nomination of the chairmanships of certain committees. He likewise stated that Rep. Martinez had subsequently moved for a division of the House.

Whereupon, Rep. Martinez stated that before the Members proceed with the division of the House, the Body should first ascertain the number of Members present in the Session Hall. She thereafter asked that a Roll Call be made.

ROLL CALL

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General called the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abalos	Bersamin
Abante	Biron
Agarao	Cabilao
Agbayani	Cagas
Aguja Cajés	
Alcala	Cari
Alfelor	Carmona
Alvarez (A.)	Casiño
Andaya	Castro
Angara	Cayetano
Antonino	Chatto
Apostol	Codilla
Aquino (A.)	Cojuangco (M.)
Aquino (B.)	Crisologo
Aquino (J.)	Cua (J.)

Arroyo (J.)	Dadivas
Badelles	De Guzman
Banaag	Defensor (A.)
Barbers	Del Mar
Barinaga	Dilangalen
Baterina	Domogan
Beltran	Dumarpa
Dy (C.)	Miranda
Dy (F.)	Mitra
Ermita-Buhain	Nantes
Escudero	Nieva
Espino	Nograles
Espinosa (Emilio)	Ocampo
Estrella	Olaño
Falcon	Ortega
Fua	Pablo
Garin	Pancho
Gidaya	Paras
Golez	Petilla
Gonzalez	Puentevella
Gullas	Ramiro
Hataman	Remulla (J.)
Hontiveros-Baraquel	Reyes (E.)
Ipong	Roces
Jala	Rodriguez
Jaraula	Romualdo
Jaworski	Rosales
Joson	Salceda
Kintanar	Señeres
Lagbas	Solis
Lagman	Soon-Ruiz
Lapus	Tomawis
Libanan	Unico
Lopez (J.)	Uy (E.)
Macarambon	Valdez
Macias	Valencia
Madamba	Velarde
Magsaysay (M.)	Villafuerte
Magtubo	Virador
Mandanas	Yapha
Mariano	Zamora (R.)
Martinez	Zialcita
Mercado	Zubiri

With 116 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the absence of a quorum.
 ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Whereupon, on motion of Rep. Defensor, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until four o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, August 9, 2004.

It was 7:37 p.m., Wednesday, August 4, 2004.

 I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

(Sgd.) ROBERTO P. NAZARENO
 Secretary General

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