CALL TO ORDER

At 3:28 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Juan Ponce Enrile, called the session to order.

PRAYER

Sen. Franklin M. Drilon led the prayer, to wit:

Almighty God, we, Your humble servants, once again come before You to give You praise for the blessings You continuously shower upon us.

We thank You, Father, most especially for the gift of this new day. Help us use it for Your Honor and Glory.

As we face our daily challenges in life, grant us, Lord, we pray, the gift of wisdom that we may be wise in all the decisions that we make;

The gift of strength so that we may endure all the trials that beset us and fulfill all the tasks and responsibilities that we need to carry out;

The gift of faith to be reminded that You are always within us to steer us and help us stand whenever we fall;

The gift of love so that we may never be indifferent to the plight of Your people whom we are privileged to serve;

And finally, the gift of labor so that we may render faithful service to You who lives and reigns forever.

All these we ask in the Name of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, the session was suspended.

It was 3:30 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:34 p.m., the session was resumed.

ROLL CALL

Upon direction of the Chair, the Acting Secretary of the Senate, Atty. Edwin B. Bellen, called the roll, to which the following senators responded:

Arroyo, J. P.  Lacson, P. M.
Drilon, F. M.  Lapid, M. L. M.
Enrile, J. P.  Osmeña III, S. R.
Escudero, F. J. G.  Recto, R. G.
Estrada, J.  Revilla Jr., R. B.
Guingona III, T. L.  Sotto III, V. C.
Honasan, G. B.
With 13 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

Senators Angara, Pangilinan, Pimentel, Trillanes and Villar arrived after the roll call.

Senator Cayetano (P), who was on official mission, also arrived after the roll call.

Senator Legarda was on official mission abroad.

Senator Cayetano (A) was likewise on official mission.

Senator Defensor Santiago was on sickness leave.

Senator Marcos was absent.

DEFERMENT OF APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body deferred the consideration of the Journal of Session No. 51 (January 29, 2013) to a later day.

At this juncture, Senate President Enrile relinquished the Chair to Senate Pro Tempore Estrada.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

The Acting Secretary of the Senate read the following matters and the Chair made the corresponding referrals:

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Letter from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate that on 22 January 2013, the House of Representatives agreed to a conference and designated Representatives Tupas Jr., Relampagos, Tañada III, Golez, Angara, Nograles and Datumanong as its conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 4314 and Senate Bill No. 3286, both entitled

AN ACT DEFINING THE USE AND PROTECTION OF THE RED CROSS, RED CRESCENT, AND RED CRYSTAL EMBLEMS, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

To the Committee on Rules

AN ACT ENHANCING THE PHILIPPINE BASIC EDUCATION SYSTEM BY STRENGTHENING ITS CURRICULUM AND INCREASING THE NUMBER OF YEARS FOR BASIC EDUCATION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

To the Committee on Rules

Letter from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate that on 22 January 2013, the House of Representatives concurred with the amendments introduced by the Senate on House Bill No. 5717, entitled

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

To the Archives
Letters from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate that on 22 January 2013, the House of Representatives adopted Senate Bill No. 2539 as an amendment to House Bill No. 5742, entitled

AN ACT CREATING SIXTEEN (16) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND NINE (9) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN VARIOUS MUNICIPALITIES AND CITIES IN THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(E) AND SECTION 30 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980,” AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR,

and Senate Bill No. 3035 as an amendment to House Bill No. 5744, entitled

AN ACT CREATING TWELVE (12) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES TO BE STATIONED IN LAPU-LAPU CITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (H) AND SECTION 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980,” AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

To the Archives

Letter from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate that on 22 January 2013, the House of Representatives adopted Senate Bill No. 1198, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ABSENTEE VOTING BY THE MEMBERS OF MEDIA WHO ARE AWAY FROM THE PLACES OF THEIR REGISTRATION BY REASON OF OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS ON ELECTION DAY.

and Senate Bill No. 1198, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ABSENTEE VOTING BY THE MEMBERS OF MEDIA WHO ARE AWAY FROM THE PLACES OF THEIR REGISTRATION BY REASON OF OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS ON ELECTION DAY.

To the Archives

Letter from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate that on 23 January 2013, the House of Representatives requested for a conference and designated Representatives Barzaga Jr., Bichara, Bello, Batocabe, Rodriguez and Datumanong as its conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 6542, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9189, ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A SYSTEM OF OVERSEAS ABSENTEE VOTING BY QUALIFIED CITIZENS OF THE PHILIPPINES ABROAD, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,

and Senate Bill No. 3312, entitled


To the Committee on Rules

Letter from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate that on 23 January 2013, the House of Representatives agreed to a conference and designated Representatives Ocampo, Almario, Piamonte Jr. and Mercado-Revilla as its conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 6694, entitled

AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE AGE FROM ZERO (0) TO EIGHT (8) YEARS AS THE FIRST CRUCIAL STAGE OF EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND STRENGTHENING THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND
DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,

and Senate Bill No. 3206, entitled

AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE EARLY YEARS FROM ZERO (0) TO AGE EIGHT (8) AS THE FIRST CRUCIAL STAGE OF EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, STRENGTHENING THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, AND RENAMING THE DAY CARE CENTER AS CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

To the Archives

Letter from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate that on 23 January 2013, the House of Representatives approved the Conference Committee Report on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 6022, entitled

AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE TAXES ON INTERNATIONAL AIR CARRIERS OPERATING IN THE PHILIPPINES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 28(A)(3)(a), 108(B)(6) AND 118, ALL UNDER THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED,

and Senate Bill No. 3343, entitled

AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE PRINCIPLE OF RECIPROCITY AS BASIS FOR THE GRANT OF INCOME TAX EXEMPTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL AIR CARRIERS AND RATIONALIZING OTHER TAXES IMPOSED THEREON BY AMENDING SECTION 28(A)(3)(a), 109, AND 118 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

To the Archives

Letter from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate that on 28 January 2013, the House of Representatives passed House Bill No. 6767, entitled

AN ACT CREATING TWENTY-TWO (22) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURT IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT QUEZON CITY, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 27 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980,” AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR,

in which it requested the concurrence of the Senate.

To the Committee on Rules

Letters from the Office of the President of the Philippines, transmitting to the Senate two (2) original copies of:

Republic Act No. 10361, entitled AN ACT INSTITUTING POLICIES FOR THE PROTECTION AND WELFARE OF DOMESTIC WORKERS;

and Republic Act No. 10362, entitled AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURT BRANCH TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TRENTO, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (K) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980,” AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR,

which were signed by His Excellency, President Benigno S. Aquino III, on 18 and 23 January 2013, respectively.

To the Archives

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Report No. 708, prepared and submitted by the Committees on Science and Technology; Education, Arts and Culture; Government Corpora-
tions and Public Enterprises; and Finance, on Senate Bill No. 3400, with Senators Angara, Enrile, Villar, Recto and Drilon as authors thereof, entitled

AN ACT EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, STRENGTHENING THE TEACHING OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS BY PROVIDING INCENTIVES AND ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF FUNDING THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,

recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill No. 3279, taking into consideration Senate Bill Nos. 3074 and 1148.

Sponsors: Senators Angara, Recto and Drilon

To the Calendar for Ordinary Business

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS

At this juncture, Senator Sotto acknowledged the presence in the gallery of the following guests:

- Students from Holy Angel University headed by Professor Combis;
- Students from Cavite State University, Indang, Cavite, headed by Mr. Joel Nuestro;
- Mass Communication students from ICCT Colleges, Cainta, Rizal, headed by Dean Senti era;
- Students from University of La Salette, Santiago City, headed by Ms. Simangan and Ms. Natividad;
- DepEd Secretary Luistro with Under-secretary Muyot and other DepEd officials; and
- Members of the House of Representatives, namely, Representatives Valencia, Romarate, Matugas and Sema.

Senate President Pro Tempore Estrada welcomed the guests to the Senate.

APPROVAL OF SENATE BILL NO. 3006 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, Senate Bill No. 3006, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 20 OF EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL CHILDREN’S DAY.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Arroyo
Drilon
Enrile
Escudero
Estrada
Guingona
Honasan

Lacon
Lapid
Osmeña
Recto
Revilla
Sotto

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 13 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared Senate Bill No. 3006 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 2312 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 2312, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 13, 2013.
Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Satta, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE MOUNTAIN PROVINCE – IFUGAO ROAD VIA NATONIN – AGUINALDO SECTION INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Arroyo
Drilon
Enrile
Escudero
Estrada
Guingona
Honasan

Against
None

Abstention
None

With 13 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 2314 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 2314 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 2314, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE MOUNTAIN PROVINCE – BENGUET ROAD VIA GUINZADAN – MANKAYAN SECTION FROM A PROVINCIAL ROAD TO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Arroyo
Drilon
Enrile
Escudero
Estrada
Guingona
Honasan

Against
None

Abstention
None

With 14 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 2314 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 2315 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 2315, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE MABAAY – ABATAN ROAD FROM A PROVINCIAL ROAD TO A NATIONAL
ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Arroyo
Drilon
Enrile
Estrada
Escudero
Guingona
Honasan
Lacson
Lapid
Osmeña
Pangilinan
Recto
Revilla
Sotto

Against
None

Abstention
None

With 14 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 2315 approved on Third Reading.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR SOTTO

Senator Sotto stated that he will just read the numbers of the House bills for Third Reading in order for the Acting Secretary to proceed with the nominal voting or the roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 2316 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 2316, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE DANTAY - SAGADA - BESAO - QUIRINO ILOCOS SUR ROAD FROM A PROVINCIAL ROAD TO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Arroyo
Drilon
Enrile
Estrada
Escudero
Guingona
Honasan
Lacson
Lapid
Osmeña
Pangilinan
Recto
Revilla
Sotto

Against
None

Abstention
None

With 14 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 2316 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 1145 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 1145, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL ROAD CONNECTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF DATU PAGLAS, PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO AND THE MUNICIPALITIES OF
COLUMBIO AND LUTAYAN, PROVINCE OF SULTAN KUDARAT INTO A NATIONAL ROAD.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Arroyo             Lacson
Drilon             Lapid
Enrile             Osmeña
Escudero           Pangilinan
Estrada            Recto
Guingona           Revilla
Honasan            Sotto

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 14 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 1145 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 1145 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 1145, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL ROAD FROM BARANGAY POBLACION DUMALINAO, MUNICIPALITY OF DUMALINAO, PASSING THROUGH THE MUNICIPALITIES OF SAN PABLO, DINAS, DIMATALING, TABINA, PITOGO, VINCENZO

SAGUN AND MARGOSATUBIG, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR INTO A NATIONAL ROAD, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR COASTAL ROAD.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Arroyo             Lacson
Drilon             Lapid
Enrile             Osmeña
Escudero           Pangilinan
Estrada            Recto
Guingona           Revilla
Honasan            Sotto

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 14 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 1356 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 1356 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 1356, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE DOMOIT - BOCOHAN ROAD IN THE CITY OF LUCENA, PROVINCE OF QUEZON INTO A NATIONAL ROAD.
RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

**In favor**

Arroyo  
Drilon  
Enrile  
Escudero  
Estrada  
Guingona  
Honasan  
Lacson  
Lapid  
Osmeña  
Pangilinan  
Recto  
Revilla  
Sotto  
Villar

**Against**

None

**Abstention**

None

With 15 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 2229 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 2229 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 2229, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD WHICH STARTS AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF BASUD JUNCTION FROM DAANG MAHALIKA AT KILOMETER 347+312 GOING TO THE COASTAL BARANGAY OF MANGCAMAGONG, MUNICIPALITY OF BASUD AND CONTINUES TO OTHER COASTAL BARANGAYS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MERCEDES AND ENDS AT LANOT CREEK, BARANGAY LANOT, MUNICIPALITY OF MERCEDES, WHICH IS THE PROVINCIAL BOUNDARY BETWEEN CAMARINES NORTE - CAMARINES SUR INTO A NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

**In favor**

Arroyo  
Drilon  
Enrile  
Escudero  
Estrada  
Guingona  
Honasan  
Lacson  
Lapid  
Osmeña  
Pangilinan  
Recto  
Revilla  
Sotto  
Villar

**Against**

None

**Abstention**

None

With 15 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 2234 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 2234 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 2234, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE NINOY
RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

**In favor**
- Arroyo
- Drilon
- Enrile
- Escudero
- Estrada
- Guingona
- Honasan
- Lacson
- Lapid
- Osmeña
- Pangilinan
- Recto
- Revilla
- Sotto
- Villar

**Against**
- None

**Abstention**
- None

With 15 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 2234 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 2261 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 2261, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL ROAD FROM THE SAN LORENZO RUIZ JUNCTION WHICH STARTS AT THE MAHARLIKA HIGHWAY IN BARANGAY MAGANG, MUNICIPALITY OF DAET TRAVERSING BARANGAY CALASGASAN, MUNICIPALITY OF DAET TO BARANGAYS DACULANGBOLO, DAGOTDOTAN, MAMPUROG, MATACONG AND SAN ISIDRO, ALL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN LORENZO RUIZ, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES NORTE INTO A NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

**In favor**
- Arroyo
- Lapid
- Drilon
- Osmeña
- Enrile
- Pangilinan
- Escudero
- Recto
- Estrada
- Revilla
- Guingona
- Sotto
- Honasan
- Villar
- Lacson

**Against**
- None

**Abstention**
- None

With 15 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 2261 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 2864 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 2864, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there
being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE CAMARINES NORTE PROVINCIAL ROAD WHICH STARTS AT THE JUNCTION OF DAANG MAHALIKA KILOMETER 337+000 IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TALISAY TO THE JUNCTION OF DAANG MAHALIKA KILOMETER 327+800 ENCOMPASSING THE MUNICIPALITY OF VINZONS AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF LABO INTO A NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Arroyo
Drilon
Enrile
Escudero
Estrada
Guingona
Honasan
Lacson

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 15 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 2864 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 3804 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body, considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 3804, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE BACARRA-VINTAR-PIDDIG PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Arroyo
Drilon
Enrile
Escudero
Estrada
Guingona
Honasan
Lacson
Lapid
Osmeña
Pangilinan
Recto
Revilla
Sotto
Villar

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 15 senators voting in favor, none against and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 3804 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 3810 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body, considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 3810, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:
AN ACT CONVERTING THE PIDDIG-
ESTANCIA-CARASI PROVINCIAL
ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS
NORTE INTO A NATIONAL ROAD
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

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Against

None

Abstention

None

With 15 senators voting in favor, none against and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 3810 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 797 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 797, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67 of Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE PIDDIG-
estancia-Carasi Provincial Road In The Province Of Ilocos Norte Into A National Road and Appropriating Funds Therefor.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

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Against

None

Abstention

None

With 15 senators voting in favor, none against and no abstention, House Bill No. 797 was approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 2011 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 2011, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67 of Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE POBLACION-
PAWA ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PANAY, PROVINCE OF
CAPIZ INTO A NATIONAL ROAD
AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.
RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

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With 15 senators voting in favor, none against and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 2011 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 2015 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 2015, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE STA. FE - CASANAYAN ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PILAR, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

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With 15 senators voting in favor, none against and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 2015 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 2150 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 2150, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE JUNCTION MSR — POBLACION — TUMBAGA I — CASTAÑAS PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SARIAYA, PROVINCE OF QUEZON INTO A NATIONAL ROAD.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.
RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Arroyo
Drilon
Enrile
Escudero
Estrada
Guingona
Honasan
Lacson
Lapid
Osmeña
Pangilinan
Recto
Revilla
Sotto
Villar

Against
None

Abstention
None

With 15 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 2150 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 3414 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 3414, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD FROM CARPENTERS BRIDGE TO DIVERSION ROAD AND FROM JALANDONI BRIDGE TO FORBES BRIDGE KNOWN AS EFRAIN B. TREÑAS BOULEVARD IN ILOILO CITY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Arroyo
Drilon
Enrile
Escudero
Estrada
Guingona
Honasan
Lacson
Lapid
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Pangilinan
Recto
Revilla
Sotto
Villar

Against
None

Abstention
None

With 15 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 3414 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 3875 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 3875, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE MAYANTOC-SAN CLEMENTE ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF MAYANTOC AND SAN CLEMENTE, PROVINCE OF TARLAC INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.
RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

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Against

None

Abstention

None

With 16 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 3875 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 3806 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 3806, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE PANSIAN-ADAMS PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

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Against

None

Abstention

None

With 16 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 3806 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 3994 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 3994, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:


Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.
RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Arroyo  Lapid
Drilon  Osmeña
Enrile  Pangilinan
Escudero  Pimentel
Estrada  Recto
Guingona  Revilla
Honasan  Sotto
Lacson  Villar

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 16 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 3994 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4299 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered on Third Reading, House Bill No. 4299, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE SILAY-PATAG ROAD IN THE CITY OF SILAY, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Arroyo  Lapid
Drilon  Osmeña
Enrile  Pangilinan
Escudero  Pimentel
Estrada  Recto
Guingona  Revilla
Honasan  Sotto
Lacson  Villar

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 16 senators voting in favor, none against and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 4299 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5798 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body, considered on Third Reading, House Bill No. 5798, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF CANUMAY TO BIGNAY ROAD IN THE CITY OF VALENZUELA, METRO MANILA INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.
RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Arroyo
Drilon
Enrile
Escudero
Estrada
Guingona
Honasan
Lacson
Lapid
Osmeña
Pangilinan
Pimentel
Recto
Revilla
Sotto
Villar

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 16 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 5798 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 2012 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 2012, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE HIPONA-CANAPIAN-QUINABONGLAN ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF PONTEVEDRA AND MAAYON, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.
RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

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    \begin{itemize}
      \item None
    \end{itemize}
  \item \textit{Abstention}:
    \begin{itemize}
      \item None
    \end{itemize}
\end{itemize}

With 16 senators voting in favor, none against and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 2013 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 2014 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 2014, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

\begin{verbatim}
AN ACT CONVERTING THE COGON - PONTEVEDRA ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF PANIT-AN AND PONTEVEDRA, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.
\end{verbatim}

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

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      \item Trillanes
      \item Villar
    \end{itemize}
  \item \textit{Against}:
    \begin{itemize}
      \item None
    \end{itemize}
  \item \textit{Abstention}:
    \begin{itemize}
      \item None
    \end{itemize}
\end{itemize}

With 17 senators voting in favor, none against and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 2014 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 2017 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 2017, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

\begin{verbatim}
AN ACT CONVERTING THE DUMULONG-GABUAN — MONGPONG — CULAJAO — BANICA ROAD IN ROXAS CITY, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR.
\end{verbatim}

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.
RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Arroyo
Drilon
Enrile
Escudero
Estrada
Guingona
Honasan
Lacson
Lapid

Osmeña
Pangilinan
Pimentel
Recto
Revilla
Sotto
Trillanes
Villar

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 17 senators voting in favor, none against and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 2017 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 2152 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 2152, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE JUNCTION MSR - PAIISA - CABAY - DEL ROSARIO PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TIAONG, PROVINCE OF QUEZON INTO A NATIONAL ROAD.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Arroyo
Drilon
Enrile
Escudero
Estrada
Guingona
Honasan
Lacson
Lapid

Osmeña
Pangilinan
Pimentel
Recto
Revilla
Sotto
Trillanes
Villar

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 16 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 2152 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 2232 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 2232, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE BADAYAN — BANGA — CAYAPAS — MANHOYOHOY ROAD TO BADAYAN — TOKING — MANHOYOHOY ROAD, PROVINCE OF BENGUET INTO A NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.
RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Arroyo
Drilon
Enrile
Escudero
Estrada
Guingona
Honasan
Lacson
Lapid
Osmeña
Pangilinan
Pimentel
Recto
Revilla
Sotto
Trillanes
Villar

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 17 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 2232 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 2233 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 2233, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE NATUBLENG – NABALICONG-PACSO – KABAYAN ROAD INTO A NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.
RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

**In favor**

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**Against**

None

**Abstention**

None

With 16 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 2330 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 2409 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 2409, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE BULUAN - DAGA - CATABBUGAN - PINUKPUK PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF APAYAO INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

**In favor**

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**Against**

None

**Abstention**

None

With 16 senators voting in favor, none against and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 2409 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 2865 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body, considered on Third Reading, House Bill No. 2865, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE SILOO - KALABUGAO - CROSSING DAMAY ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF MALITBOG AND SUMILAO, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.
RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor
Arroyo
Drilon
Enrile
Escudero
Estrada
Guingona
Honasan
Lacson
Lapid
Osmeña
Pangilinan
Pimentel
Revilla
Sotto
Trillanes
Villar

Against
None

Abstention
None

With 16 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 2865 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 3109 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 3109, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67 of Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Satta, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE JUNCTION ALAE-MANTIBUGAO-MINSORO-STA. ANA-TAGOLOAN ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MANOLO FORTICH, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON AND MUNICIPALITY OF TAGALOAN, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor
Arroyo
Drilon
Enrile
Escudero
Estrada
Guingona
Honasan
Lacson
Lapid
Osmeña
Pangilinan
Pimentel
Revilla
Sotto
Trillanes
Villar

Against
None

Abstention
None

With 16 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, House Bill No. 3109 was approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 3110 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 3110, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67 of Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE JUNCTION CABULA - SAN VICENTE ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAUNGON, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.
RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

**In favor**

- Arroyo
- Drilon
- Enrile
- Escudero
- Estrada
- Guingona
- Honasan
- Lacson
- Lapid
- Osmeña
- Pangilinan
- Pimentel
- Revilla
- Sotto
- Trillanes
- Villar

**Against**

- None

**Abstention**

- None

With 16 senators voting in favor, none against and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 3110 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 1629 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 1629, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

**AN ACT CONVERTING THE KIANGAN – TINOC – BUGUIAS PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF KIANGAN AND TINOC, PROVINCE OF IFUGAO AND MUNICIPALITY OF BUGUIAS, PROVINCE OF BENGUET INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.**

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

**In favor**

- Arroyo
- Drilon
- Enrile
- Escudero
- Estrada
- Guingona
- Honasan
- Lacson
- Lapid
- Osmeña
- Pangilinan
- Pimentel
- Revilla
- Sotto
- Trillanes
- Villar

**Against**

- None

**Abstention**

- None

With 16 senators voting in favor, none against and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 1629 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 3111 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 3111, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

**AN ACT CONVERTING THE JUNCTION CAMP 9 – NANGKA – IMBATUG ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF LIBONA AND BAUNGON, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.**

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.
RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Arroyo
Drilon
Enrile
Escudero
Estrada
Guingona
Honasan
Lacson

Lapid
Osmeña
Pangilinan
Pimentel
Revilla
Sotto
Trillanes
Villar

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 16 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 3111 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 3212 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 3212, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE SAN RAFAEL ROAD TO TABUCAN ROAD IN MANDURRIAQ, ILOILO CITY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Arroyo
Drilon
Enrile
Escudero
Estrada
Guingona
Honasan
Lacson

Lapid
Pangilinan
Pimentel
Revilla
Sotto
Trillanes
Villar

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 15 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 3212 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 3245 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 3245, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE JALANDONI STREET IN ILOILO CITY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.
RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Arroyo          Lapid
Drilon          Osmeña
Enrile          Pangilinan
Escudero        Pimentel
Estrada         Revilla
Guingona        Sotto
Honasan         Trillanes
Lacson          Villar

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 16 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 3245 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 3245 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 3245, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE YULO DRIVE IN AREVALO DISTRICT, ILOILO CITY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.
RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Arroyo Lapid
Drilon Osmeña
Enrile Pangilinan
Escudero Pimentel
Estrada Revilla
Guingona Sotto
Honasan Trillanes
Lacson Villar

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 16 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 3808 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 3830 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body, considered on Third Reading, House Bill No. 3830, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE VINTAR – MANARANG – BAGO – DAGUPAN – SARICAO PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Arroyo Lapid
Drilon Osmeña
Enrile Pangilinan
Escudero Pimentel
Estrada Revilla
Guingona Sotto
Honasan Trillanes
Lacson Villar

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 16 senators voting in favor, none against and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 3830 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 3831 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body, considered on Third Reading, House Bill No. 3831, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE PASUQUIN – CARATCAT – SARICAO PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.
RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Arroyo
Drilon
Enrile
Escudero
Estrada
Guingona
Honasan
Lacson
Lapid
Osmena
Pangilinan
Pimentel
Reylla
Sotto
Trillanes
Villar

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 16 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 3831 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 3874 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 3874, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE MONCADA – ANAO ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF MONCADA AND ANAO, PROVINCE OF TARLAC, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Arroyo
Drilon
Enrile
Escudero
Estrada
Guingona
Honasan
Lacson
Lapid
Osmena
Pangilinan
Pimentel
Reylla
Sotto
Trillanes
Villar

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 16 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, House Bill No. 3874 was approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4304 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 4304, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67 of Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE VINTAR-TAMDANGAN PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.
RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

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Against

None

Abstention

None

With 16 senators voting in favor, none against and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 4304 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5796 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 5796, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013:

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE CANUMAY WEST ROAD IN THE CITY OF VALENZUELA, METRO MANILA INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

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Against

None

Abstention

None

With 16 senators voting in favor, none against and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 5796 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5797 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 5797, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013:

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF LINGUAN TO LAWANG BATO ROAD IN THE CITY OF VALENZUELA, METRO MANILA INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.
RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Arroyo
Drilon
Enrile
Escudero
Estrada
Guingona
Honasan
Lacson

Lapid
Osmeña
Pangilinan
Pimentel
Revilla
Sotto
Trillanes
Villar

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 16 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 5797 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 2741 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 2741, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE PADADA - COLUMBIO PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL SUR INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Arroyo
Drilon
Enrile
Escudero
Estrada
Guingona
Honasan
Lacson

Lapid
Osmeña
Pangilinan
Pimentel
Revilla
Sotto
Trillanes
Villar

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 16 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 2741 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 3215 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 3215, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE CUBAY ROAD TO BALABAGO ROAD IN JARO, ILOILO CITY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.
RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Arroyo  Lapid
Drilon  Pangilinan
Enrile  Pimentel
Escudero  Revilla
Estrada  Sotto
Guingona  Trillanes
Honasan  Villar
Lacson

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 15 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 3215 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 3215 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 3215, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE STO. ROSARIO - DURAN ROAD IN ILOILO CITY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Arroyo  Lapid
Drilon  Pangilinan
Enrile  Pimentel
Escudero  Revilla
Estrada  Sotto
Guingona  Trillanes
Honasan  Villar
Lacson

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 15 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 3216 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 3216 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 3216, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE TACAS ROAD FROM QUINTIN SALAS TO PAVIA BOUNDARY IN ILOILO CITY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.
RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Arroyo
Drilon
Enrile
Escudero
Estrada
Guingona
Honasan
Lacson
Lapid
Pangilinan
Pimentel
Revilla
Sotto
Trillanes
Villar

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 15 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 3246 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 3348 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 3348, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE BONIFACIO DRIVE IN AREVALO, ILOILO CITY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Arroyo
Drilon
Enrile
Escudero
Estrada
Guingona
Honasan
Lacson
Lapid
Pangilinan
Pimentel
Revilla
Sotto
Trillanes
Villar

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 15 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 3348 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 3353 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 3353, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE STA. ELENA - CAPALONGA BYPASS COASTAL ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF CAMARINES NORTE INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.
RESULTS OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

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With 16 senators voting in favor, none against and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 3353 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 3829 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sota, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 3829, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sota, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE PALLAS - TANGAOAN PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.
RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

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Against

None

Abstention

None

With 15 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 2937 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 3347 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 3347, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE AREVALO SO-OC MANDURRIAO ROAD (GLORYVILLE TO SO-OC) IN ILOILO CITY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

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Against

None

Abstention

None

With 15 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 3347 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 3352 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 3352, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE CAPALO-NGA—JOSE PANGANIBAN BYPASS COASTAL ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF CAMARINES NORTE INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.
RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Arroyo  Lapid
Drilon  Osmeña
Enrile  Pimentel
Escudero  Revilla
Estrada  Sotto
Guingona  Trillanes
Honasan  Villar
Lacson

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 15 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 3352 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 3805 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 3805, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE BANGUI WINDMILL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BANGUI, ILOCOS NORTE INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Arroyo  Lapid
Drilon  Osmeña
Enrile  Pimentel
Escudero  Revilla
Estrada  Sotto
Guingona  Trillanes
Honasan  Villar
Lacson

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 15 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 3805 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 3395 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 3395, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING B.G. MOLINA STREET (FORMERLY LAPU-LAPU STREET) TRAVERSING BARANGAY PARANG IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, CITY OF MARIKINA INTO A NATIONAL ROAD.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.
RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Arroyo  Lapid
Drilon  Osmeña
Enrile  Pimentel
Escudero  Revilla
 Estrada  Sotto
 Guingona  Trillanes
 Honasan  Villar
 Lacson

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 15 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 3395 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 3807 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 3807, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE BACARRA — VINTAR — TADAO — BANGUI PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Arroyo  Lapid
Drilon  Osmeña
Enrile  Pimentel
Escudero  Revilla
 Estrada  Sotto
 Guingona  Trillanes
 Honasan  Villar
 Lacson

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 15 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 3807 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 3809 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 3809, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT CONVERTING THE BACARRA — TADAO — BANGUI PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF.

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.
The result of the voting was as follows:

**In favor**
- Arroyo
- Drilon
- Enrile
- Escudero
- Estrada
- Guingona
- Honasan
- Lacson
- Lapid
- Osmeña
- Pimentel
- Revilla
- Sotto
- Trillanes
- Villar

**Against**
- None

**Abstention**
- None

With 15 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 3809 approved on Third Reading.

### APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4013 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 4013, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on January 24, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Acting Secretary Bellen read only the title of the bill, to wit:

**AN ACT CONVERTING THE BAGUIO — BAUANG — IRISAN — BALENBen ROAD IN THE CITY OF BAGUIO INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR.**

Acting Secretary Bellen called the roll for nominal voting.

The result of the voting was as follows:

**In favor**
- Arroyo
- Drilon
- Enrile
- Escudero
- Estrada
- Guingona
- Honasan
- Lacson
- Lapid
- Osmeña
- Pimentel
- Revilla
- Sotto
- Trillanes
- Villar

**Against**
- None

**Abstention**
- None

With 15 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 4013 approved on Third Reading.

### RECONSIDERATION OF THE APPROVAL OF EDUCATION BILLS ON SECOND READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body reconsidered the approval, on Second Reading, of the following Education bills:

1. Committee Report No. 586 on House Bill No. 799, entitled

   **AN ACT RENAMING THE SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES AGRl-BUSINESS AND MARINE AND AQUATIC SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY (SPAMAST) INTO DAVAO DEL SUR STATE COLLEGE (DSSC);**

2. Committee Report No. 587 on House Bill No. 2697, entitled

   **AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF LAZI NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TIGBAWAN, MUNICIPALITY OF LAZI, PROVINCE OF SIQUIOR INTO LAZI TECHNICAL INSTITUTE;**
3. Committee Report No. 588 on House Bill No. 4183, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATE COLLEGE IN THE CITY OF TALISAY, PROVINCE OF CEBU TO BE KNOWN AS THE TALISAY CITY STATE COLLEGE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;

4. Committee Report No. 589 on House Bill No. 4431, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE ILOILO STATE COLLEGE OF FISHERIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAROTAC NUEVO, PROVINCE OF ILOILO INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE ILOILO STATE UNIVERSITY OF FISHERIES, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, WITH CAMPUSES IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF SAN ENRIQUE, DINAG DUMANGAS, AND INTEGRATING THERewith THE BAROTAC NUEVO POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAROTAC NUEVO, ALL LOCATED IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;

5. Committee Report No. 590 on House Bill No. 4432, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE WESTERN VISAYAS COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (WVCST) IN THE CITY OF ILOILO INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE ILOILO STATE UNIVERSITY, WITH CAMPUSES IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF BAROTAC NUEVO, DUMANGAS, LEON AND MIAG-AO, ALL LOCATED IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;

6. Committee Report No. 591 on House Bill No. 4448, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE MINDORO STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VICTORIA, PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE ORIENTAL MINDORO STATE UNIVERSITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;

7. Committee Report No. 592 on House Bill No. 4449;

AN ACT CONVERTING THE MOUNTAIN PROVINCE STATE POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BONTOC, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE MOUNTAIN PROVINCE STATE UNIVERSITY, WITH CAMPUSES IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF TADJAN, BAKUO, PARACELIS, AND BARLIG, ALL LOCATED IN MOUNTAIN PROVINCE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;

8. Committee Report No. 593 on House Bill No. 4450, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE PAMPANGA AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE (PAC) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAGALANG, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE DIONISSIO MACAPAGAL AGRICULTURE AND SCIENCE STATE UNIVERSITY (DMASSU) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;

9. Committee Report No. 594 on House Bill No. 4453, entitled


10. Committee Report No. 595 on House Bill No. 4585, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE KALINGA-APAYAO STATE COLLEGE IN THE CITY OF TABUK, PROVINCE OF KALINGA INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE KALINGA STATE UNIVERSITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;

11. Committee Report No. 596 on House Bill No. 4586, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATE
Thereupon, the Chair recognized Senator Drilon for his individual amendment.

**DRILON AMENDMENTS**

As proposed by Senator Drilon, and accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body approved the deletion of the Section, entitled *Compliance with CHED Requirements* found in all 14 bills, and in lieu thereof, insert a new section, wherever appropriate in each of the bills, subject to style, to read as follows:

**SEC. _____. - COMPLIANCE WITH THE CHED REQUIREMENTS.** The provisions of this Act notwithstanding, the establishment or conversion of the institution into a state college or university, respectively, shall become effective only upon determination and declaration by the Commission on Higher Education, based on the recommendation of a panel of experts that the institution has complied with the requirements for a university status. The CHED, through its regional office, shall regularly provide technical assistance to the institution and monitor compliance with the requirements of the Commission.

The CHED shall designate a panel of experts who shall prepare a recommendation to the Chairperson of CHED on whether the institution has substantially complied with the requirements for the grant of university status.

The following are the operational requirements for a university:

1. **LEVEL III ACCREDITATION OR EQUIVALENT UNDER CHED POLICIES FOR AT LEAST FOUR (4) OF ITS UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS, ONE IN LIBERAL ARTS AND ONE IN THE SCIENCES, AND TWO (2) OF ITS GRADUATE PROGRAMS;**

2. **RATIO OF QUALIFIED FULL-TIME FACULTY WITH REQUISITE DEGREES TO NUMBER OF STUDENTS;**

3. **ADEQUATE LIBRARY AND LABORATORIES;**

4. **RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OUTPUT OF PRACTICAL AND COMMERCIAL APPLICATION TO THE COMMUNITY;**
5. RELEVANT LINKAGES AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS THAT ARE OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY; AND

6. RELEVANT ACADEMIC POLICIES, SYSTEMS AND PROCESSES.

THE INSTITUTION SHALL RETAIN ITS STATUS PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT, UNLESS IN THE MEANTIME IT IS ABLE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS PROVIDED HEREIN WITHIN A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING JANUARY 1, 2016.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INDIVIDUAL AMENDMENTS

There being no other individual amendment, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of individual amendments.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 799 ON SECOND READING

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, House Bill No. 799 was approved on Second Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 2697 ON SECOND READING

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, House Bill No. 2697 was approved on Second Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4183 ON SECOND READING

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, House Bill No. 4183 was approved on Second Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4431 ON SECOND READING

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, House Bill No. 4431 was approved on Second Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4432 ON SECOND READING

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, House Bill No. 4432 was approved on Second Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4448 ON SECOND READING

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, House Bill No. 4448 was approved on Second Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4449 ON SECOND READING

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, House Bill No. 4449 was approved on Second Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4450 ON SECOND READING

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, House Bill No. 4450 was approved on Second Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4453 ON SECOND READING

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, House Bill No. 4453 was approved on Second Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4585 ON SECOND READING

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, House Bill No. 4585 was approved on Second Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4586 ON SECOND READING

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, House Bill No. 4586 was approved on Second Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4641 ON SECOND READING

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, House Bill No. 4641 was approved on Second Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5913 ON SECOND READING

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection,
House Bill No. 5913 was approved on Second Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5914 ON SECOND READING

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, House Bill No. 5914 was approved on Second Reading.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF EDUCATION BILLS

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body suspended consideration of the House Bill Nos. 799, 2697, 4183, 4431, 4432, 4448, 4449, 4450, 4453, 4585, 4586, 4641, 5913 and 5914.

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 459 ON SENATE BILL NO. 3317

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration, on Second Reading, of Senate Bill No. 3317 (Committee Report No. 459), entitled

AN ACT PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Senator Sotto stated that the parliamentary status was the period of interpellations.

Thereupon, the Chair recognized Senator Escudero, sponsor of the measure.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

There being no interpellation, upon motion of Senator Escudero, the Body closed the period of interpellations and proceeded to the period of committee amendments.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

As proposed by Senator Escudero, there being no objection, the following committee amendments were approved by the Body, one after the other:

1. On page 8, lines 38 to 40, delete the entire

Section 16 and in lieu thereof, insert a new Section 16 to read as follows:

SEC. 16. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO IDPS: — WHERE THE OPERATIONS CONDUCTED BY THE MILITARY POLICE AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES CAUSE DAMAGE TO IDPS, THE NECESSARY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THEIR RETURN, RESETTLEMENT OR RE-INTEGRATION SHALL BE PROVIDED; and

2. On page 1, line 5, replace the number “2012” with 2013.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

There being no other committee amendment, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of committee amendments and proceeded to the period of individual amendments.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INDIVIDUAL AMENDMENTS

There being no individual amendment, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of individual amendments.

APPROVAL OF SENATE BILL NO. 3317 ON SECOND READING

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, Senate Bill No. 3317 was approved on Second Reading.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL NO. 3317

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body suspended consideration of the bill.

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 145 ON SENATE BILL NO. 3123

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration, on Second Reading, of Senate Bill No. 3123 (Committee Report No. 145), entitled

AN ACT FURTHER STRENGTHENING THE ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING
Senator Sotto stated that the parliamentary status was still the period of individual amendments.

Thereupon, the Chair recognized Senator Guingona, sponsor of the measure, and Senate President Enrile for his amendments.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF SENATE PRESIDENT ENRILE**

At the outset, Senate President Enrile stated that he would be introducing amendments to exclude casinos and internet casinos in the coverage of the bill because their inclusion would prejudice many people who have already invested huge amounts of money in establishing casinos in the country in the belief that the condition under which they started to plan their investment would not be altered.

On page 2, line 8, Senate President Enrile proposed to delete subparagraph (a).

Senator Guingona did not accept the amendment.

On page 2, line 8, Senate President Enrile proposed to replace the semicolon (;) with a colon (:)

**PROVIDED, THAT THE OBLIGATION TO REPORT TO THE ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING COUNCIL SHALL ONLY ARISE WHEN THERE IS KNOWLEDGE OR SUSPICION OF MONEY LAUNDERING NOTWITHSTANDING THE TRANSACTION BEING COVERED AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 3(B).**

Asked by Senator Guingona whether the amendment seeks to do away with covered transactions, Senate President Enrile replied that casinos and internet gaming will still be covered, but the reporting requirement will take place only when there is knowledge or suspicion of money laundering, in line with the principle of “Know Your Customer.”

Senator President Enrile pointed out that reporting such transactions, even without knowledge or suspicion, would be very tedious and would impede the competitiveness in the casino gaming market. He maintained that a threshold amount for mandatory reporting is irrelevant in addressing money laundering risk in casinos because casino operations deal with games of chances where transactions may not be strictly determined by a threshold amount. To illustrate, he said that a casino player may start with P1,000, accumulate P1 million within an hour, then lose everything in a minute. He stated that if mandatory reporting based on threshold amount is imposed by law, the reports would vary and it would be rendered unreliable. Since the operation of casino gaming reflects the principle of “Know Your Customers,” he said that casino operators would be in the position to determine acts that may be tantamount to money laundering and, at that point, their obligation to report would exist.

Senator Guingona maintained that an exception cannot be made for one entity and have other rules for the others. Senate President Enrile, however, pointed out that the nature of the gaming operation is different from the other covered institutions in the bill, and that their operations are authorized with the intention to attract huge foreign investments in the country. He said that President Aquino has, in fact, indicated his desire to promote such kind of business operation in the country, as evidenced by the increasing number of casinos being built in various locations, such as the Robinson-Okada project.

But Senator Guingona recalled the Secretary of Finance mentioning that the casino investors consider it an advantage for the casinos to be under the AMLC. Senate President Enrile, however, disclosed that it was the casino operators themselves who asked him to articulate their position. He expressed the need to prioritize the country’s interest over the need to comply with FATF. Senator Guingona said that if there are no covered transactions, then the financial intelligence unit or the AMLC would have no basis in looking for a pattern of illegally-acquired money. Senate President Enrile maintained that the casino operators would be able to determine suspicious activities, and that requiring them to report on every transaction in the range provided in the bill would be a waste of time and money.

Senator Guingona stated that he would stand by his position and would not be able to accommodate the amendment of Senate President Enrile.
MOTION TO DIVIDE THE HOUSE

Senate President Enrile moved for a division of the House.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Drilon, the session was suspended.

It was 4:36 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:42 p.m., the session was resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, the session was suspended.

It was 4:43 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:44 p.m., the session was resumed.

As an additional argument, Senate President Enrile pointed out that any substantial amount of money to be brought in the casino would have come from a bank or any financial institution which are already covered by the AMLA. As such, he pointed out that the casinos must be spared from the administrative requirement of reporting suspicious transactions since it would result in double reporting. He cautioned that imposing such conditions on business establishments in the country would, in effect, deprive people of their jobs.

INQUIRY OF SENATOR OSMEÑA

Senator Osmeña asked if there are studies that would support the earlier statement of Senate President Enrile that the casino investors would withdraw their investments if the casino gaming houses would be included in AMLA’s covered institutions. Senate President Enrile said that there was no need to present a study as he disclosed that the casino owners themselves requested him to present their position in the Chamber. Senator Osmeña remarked that nobody would want to be included among the covered transactions because it would involve additional workload. However, he refuted the casino owners’ claim that nobody would be interested anymore in investing as he pointed out that gaming houses in other countries like the U.S., Hong Kong, Singapore, England, Japan, Malaysia and Australia are covered by their respective AMLAs. He then suggested that the same regulations in those countries be applied in the Philippines as well.

But Senate President Enrile pointed out that the law in Macau requires a simplified reporting system based on knowledge or suspicion. Senator Osmeña said that such a law could be copied because the general requirement by the FATF is to include casinos among the covered institutions, and the manner by which they would be covered would be up to the lawmakers to decide. He believed that removing the casinos and internet gaming houses from coverage would go against the country’s commitments in the treaties on corruption, money laundering and terrorism.

Senator Osmeña expressed doubt that any casino operator would report any person with suspicious source of money. He said that as early as 40 years ago, any deposit or withdrawal of US$10,000 in the U.S. was automatically reported to the authorities. He said that if banks were given the discretion to report only if they have proof against a suspicious person, he doubted if any report would be done at all. Citing the Aman Futures scam, he stated that the tens of billions worth of transactions should have already triggered suspicion but the authorities never knew what was happening until people from Pagadian, Iligan and Cagayan de Oro started complaining. He then proposed to retain casinos but with a collatilla attached to it. He stated, however, that he would not go to the extent of granting casino operators the discretion to identify suspicious gamblers as most gamblers look suspicious.

Adverting to the case of Hong Kong–Shanghai Banking Corporation, Senator Osmeña pointed out that the bank was found guilty and fined US$1.4 billion by U.S. authorities because it only had two compliance officers in its Mexican branch even as Mexico is considered a hotbed for drug syndicates. He clarified that his only request was for the FATF to see the Philippines as a complying country in anticipation of an upgrade in its bond ratings by Fitch,
Moody's and Standard and Poor's. He said he was informed by BSP Governor Tetangco that the present total external debt is about US$60 billion, and that after the upgrade cost, ROP bonds would save one-half of one percent or 50 basis points, or about US$300 million a year, which, when multiplied by 10 years, would mean the country would be paying US$3 billion less than what it has paid had it not been for the upgrade. He stressed the need for government to continue to be seen as "Daang Matuwid," a concept that has brought the country to the forefront.

Senate President Enrile stated that while indeed the country must prevent money laundering especially by terrorists, criminal syndicates, illegal gamblers, smugglers and kidnappers, the bill would make AMLC a very powerful institution, a giant agency with almost unbridled power. He reminded the Body that casinos in the Philippines and other countries are governed by a regulatory body like PAGCOR which should regulate or supervise casinos. He said that PAGCOR's position is for it to be invested with the power to check suspected laundering activities in its area and to report it to AMLC instead of AMLC directly going to casinos. He clarified that he was not against curtailing money laundering, only that the country might regret it if AMLC is vested with so much power.

INQUIRY OF SENATOR LACSON

Senator Lacson asked if the transaction of a gambling lord who brings to the casino P50 million, for instance, and goes to the cashier 50 times encashing P1 million per transaction would be covered by AMLA. Replying in the affirmative, Senate President Enrile believed that casino operators are not ignorant who the high-stakes gamblers are in the country.

Asked how they would be covered if casino encashments or winnings are excluded in the bill, Senate President Enrile said that casinos are required to make a report of such suspicious transactions regardless of the amount.

Senator Guingona, however, argued that if such transactions are not covered, the financial intelligence unit would not be able to establish patterns which they use as their basis in making conclusions.

Senate President Enrile stated that precisely, he was proposing a proviso allowing the AMLC to field its intelligence officers in casinos to watch the activities on the floor.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Lacson, the session was suspended.

It was 5:01 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:19 p.m., the session was resumed.

WITHDRAWAL OF MOTION

Upon resumption, Senate President Enrile withdrew his motion for the Body to vote on his original amendment and agreed to retain subparagaph (a) but with a proviso.

ENRILE AMENDMENT

On page 2, line 2, as proposed by Senate President Enrile and accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body approved to replace the semicolon (;) with a colon (:) and to insert the following: PROVIDED THAT THE OBLIGATION TO REPORT TO THE ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING COUNCIL SHALL ONLY ARISE WHEN THERE IS KNOWLEDGE OR SUSPICION OF MONEY LAUNDERING NOTWITHSTANDING THE TRANSACTION BEING COVERED AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION III (B).

He explained that the requirement on the casinos to report a transaction with an amount of at least P500,000 would be immaterial because under the proviso, any suspicious transaction would be covered already and must be reported immediately.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF SENATOR RECTO

On page 2, line 9, Senator Recto proposed the deletion of item (5) of subsection (a), considering the possibility of double reporting of transactions.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Guingona, the session was suspended.

It was 5:24 p.m.
RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:33 p.m., the session was resumed.

Senator Guingona said that he cannot accept the proposed amendment.

Senator Recto moved to divide the House.

APPROVAL OF THE RECTO AMENDMENT

Thereupon, the Chair called for a division of the House as it requested those in favor of deleting item (5) on line 9, page 2 to raise their hands and, thereafter, requested those against to do the same.

With eight senators voting in favor, three against, and one abstention, the motion of Senator Recto to delete line 9 on page 2 was carried.

DISCLOSURE OF SENATOR VILLAR

Senator Villar manifested for the record that his family has an interest in the real estate business.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF SENATOR RECTO

On page 2, lines 10 to 13, Senator Recto proposed to delete “(6) DEALERS IN PRECIOUS METALS, WHO, AS A BUSINESS, TRADE IN PRECIOUS METALS; and (7) DEALERS IN PRECIOUS STONES.”

Senator Recto feared that inclusion of these dealers would entail additional costs of doing business in jewelry — whether big or small — and Filipinos might instead opt to purchase those items abroad.

But Senator Guingona pointed out that several countries, such as Hong Kong, are already covered by FATF and they are required to report.

Senator Recto maintained that once jewellers are restricted, Filipinos might rather buy jewelry abroad. He said that even under existing laws, fiscal incentives are given to jewelry stores to promote the industry.

Senator Guingona did not accept the proposed amendment and moved to divide the House.

Senator Recto withdrew his proposed amendment.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF SENATOR RECTO

On page 3, line 9, Senator Recto proposed to delete subsection “a” on the buying and selling of real estate.

Senator Guingona said that the amendment was not acceptable. Thereafter, he moved to divide the House.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF SENATOR OSMEÑA

Senator Osmeña proposed to modify Senator Recto’s proposed amendment by providing for a higher cut-off or threshold amount of about P20 million to P30 million.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Guingona, the session was suspended.

It was 5:39 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:41 p.m., the session was resumed.

APPROVAL OF THE RECTO AMENDMENT AS AMENDED

On the Recto amendment, as proposed by Senator Osmeña and accepted by Senator Recto and the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body approved to replace on page 3, line 9 with the following: (A.) BUYING AND SELLING OF REAL ESTATE OF AT LEAST P25 MILLION.

INQUÍRINA OF SENATOR RECTO

Adverting to paragraph 9(b) “managing of client money, securities or other assets” and 9(c) “management of bank, savings or securities accounts,” Senator Recto asked if the provisions would not cause double reporting since the banks already report to AMLC.

Senator Guingona explained that the particular provisions apply to the persons who manage the accounts of others through an informal arrangement.
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INQUIRY OF SENATOR CAYETANO (P)

Similar to the cap put on real estate, Senator Cayetano (P) assumed that the cap on jewelry is set at reasonable levels to avoid cumbersome reporting. She said that even as she does not buy herself expensive jewelry, she prefers something seriously good if someone were to give her jewelry. However, she expressed concern as to how the transaction would affect a public official like her because it is as if she is being told to limit herself to a jewelry below P500,000. Thus, she asked the Sponsor to review the threshold amount on jewelries.

Senator Guingona clarified that it is just reporting and not preventing the person to give jewelry.

Senator Cayetano said that the threshold amount should be reconsidered because she knew people who receive engagement rings worth definitely more than P500,000.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF SENATOR RECTO

On page 2, line 11, after the words “precious metals,” Senator Recto proposed to add the phrase OF AT LEAST FIVE MILLION, and on the same page, line 13, after the words “precious stones,” to add the phrase OF AT LEAST FIVE MILLION.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Guingona, the session was suspended.

It was 5:51 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:00 p.m., the session was resumed.

WITHDRAWAL OF AMENDMENT

Upon resumption, Senator Recto withdrew his proposed amendment.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF SENATOR RECTO

On page 13, line 4, Senator Recto proposed to insert the following:

SECTION 10 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9160
AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10167
IS HEREBY FURTHER AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 7. -- FREEZING OF MONETARY INSTRUMENT OR PROPERTY. — UPON VERIFIED EX PARTE PETITION BY THE AMLC, AND AFTER DETERMINATION THAT PROBABLE CAUSE EXISTS THAT ANY MONETARY INSTRUMENT OR PROPERTY IS IN ANY WAY RELATED TO AN UNLAWFUL ACTIVITY AS DEFINED IN SECTION 3 (I) HEREOF, THE COURT OF APPEALS MAY ISSUE A FREEZE ORDER WHICH SHALL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. THE FREEZE ORDER SHALL BE FOR A PERIOD OF THIRTY (30) DAYS UNLESS EXTENDED BY THE COURT: PROVIDED, THAT THE COURT MAY ISSUE ONLY ONE EXTENSION ORDER NOT EXCEEDING THIRTY (30) DAYS: PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT IF THERE IS NO CASE FILED AGAINST THE PERSON WHOSE ACCOUNT HAS BEEN FROZEN WITHIN THE SIXTY (60)-DAY PERIOD, THE FREEZE ORDER SHALL BE DEEMED IPSO FACTO LIFTED; PROVIDED, FINALLY, THAT FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS, THE PERSON WHOSE ACCOUNT HAS BEEN FROZEN MAY BE ALLOWED TO WITHDRAW A REASONABLE AMOUNT TO COVER HIS FAMILY’S LIVING AND LITIGATION EXPENSES AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY LAW.

Senator Recto said that he was proposing to extend the freeze order from 20 to 30 days, after which, the court may call both parties and may extend the period for thirty (30) more days to allow the Ombudsman or the DOJ to file the case in court, instead of allowing the court to extend it for six (6) months, as provided under the Rules of Court, or even indefinitely, as the law is silent on the duration of the freeze order. He added that without such provision, too much power is given to the State in deciding how long to freeze a person’s accounts even in the absence of any case filed against him.

Responding thereto, Senator Guingona said that the proposed amendment might tie the hands of the AMLC, considering that it has to get all the voluminous records and the accounts from the banks as in the Aman Futures Group involving more than
500 bank accounts. He expressed doubt that an investigation can be finished within the period of time contemplated by Senator Recto, and suggested that the present period be retained. Senator Recto reiterated that there is no time frame provided under the existing law; on the other hand, the rules issued by the Supreme Court provides for six months, but that can change because the law is silent.

Asked by Senator Guingona if he would be amenable to six months, Senator Recto insisted on his proposal of sixty (60) days, or two months.

At this juncture, Senate President Pro Tempore Estrada relinquished the Chair to Senator Honasan.

INQUIRY OF SENATOR DRILON

Senator Drilon opined that the length of time of the preliminary and injunction period is a matter that, under the Constitution, is a rule of procedure which the Supreme Court alone can promulgate. Senator Guingona agreed with Senator Drilon and he requested Senator Recto to withdraw his proposed amendment.

Senator Recto requested that the matter be brought to the floor. He said that absent a prescriptive period under the law, the Supreme Court had to come up with an en banc resolution providing for six (6) months to address the defect. He pointed out that even with the Rules providing for six (6) months and twenty (20) days, it is possible that within that period no charges will be filed against an alleged money launderer and his bank accounts would remain frozen.

Senator Guingona rejected the proposed amendment as he expressed agreement to the view of Senator Drilon that the proposed amendment is a matter of procedure that is best left to the Supreme Court. He added that, in fact, no person has yet complained that his bank account has been indefinitely frozen for over six months.

Thereupon, Senator Guingona moved for a division of the House on the proposed Recto amendment.

Senator Recto reiterated his amendments to wit:

SEC. 7. FREEZING OF MONETARY INSTRUMENT OR PROPERTY. — UPON VERIFIED EX PARTE PETITION BY THE AMLC AND AFTER DETERMINATION THAT PROBABLE CAUSE EXISTS THAT ANY MONETARY INSTRUMENT OR PROPERTY IS IN ANY WAY RELATED TO AN UNLAWFUL ACTIVITY AS DEFINED IN SECTION 3 (1) HEREOF, THE COURT OF APPEALS MAY ISSUE A FREEZE ORDER WHICH SHALL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. THE FREEZE ORDER SHALL BE FOR A PERIOD OF THIRTY (30) DAYS UNLESS EXTENDED BY THE COURT; PROVIDED, THAT THE COURT MAY ISSUE ONLY ONE EXTENSION ORDER FOR A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING THIRTY (30) DAYS. PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT IF THERE IS NO CASE FILED AGAINST THE PERSON WHOSE ACCOUNT HAS BEEN FROZEN WITHIN THE SIXTY-DAY PERIOD, THE FREEZE ORDER SHALL BE DEEMED IPSO FACTO LIFTED. PROVIDED, FINALLY, THAT FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS, A PERSON WHOSE ACCOUNT HAS BEEN FROZEN MAY BE ALLOWED TO WITHDRAW A REASONABLE AMOUNT TO COVER HIS FAMILY LIVING AND LITIGATION EXPENSES AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE COURT.

Asked by Senator Drilon what will happen if the amendment will be passed and there is a freeze order that has already lasted for 30 days, Senator Recto replied that, ex parte, the AMLC and the court can freeze the account for 20 days subject to an extension of six months.

Supposing the extension is on the 31st day or on the 35th day, Senator Drilon asked whether the freeze order will be lifted automatically if the amendment is passed. Senator Recto replied that the intent of the provision is to have the freeze order lifted if no case is filed. Senator Drilon doubted the constitutionality of the provision, as he pointed out that only the courts have the exclusive right to issue the rules of procedure, and that provision amounts to an intervention by the Chamber in the process of the court.

Senator Recto asked if the provision could be crafted in such a way that it is not effective immediately, as he maintained that 20 days plus six months is too long and that nothing prevents Congress from defining in the law the power of the state as regards the extension, whether it is less than or more than six months. However, Senator Drilon reiterated that insofar as the rules of procedure is concerned, Congress cannot interfere with the Supreme Court. Senator Recto clarified that he was not proposing to amend the rules of procedure but was only looking for a way to protect individuals from potential abuse. He stressed that he was only thinking prospectively on what could be done to improve the law.
Senate President Enrile asked whether Congress, as a matter of right, in enacting a law and putting the limitations and restrictions on certain acts, can mandate that the freeze order should not be more than a certain period. Senator Drilon stated that he was raising the issue as to whether or not such kind of a law is a matter of procedure which under the Constitution is lodged in the Supreme Court.

Senate President Enrile stated that the issue is highly debatable because it is in the nature of a sanction or something that might affect the rights of the people. He believed that it is within the power of Congress to limit the curtailment of the right of persons. Senator Drilon, however, recalled Senator Guingona's arguments that the Supreme Court has adopted a rule of procedure that such injunction should have a life of six months. But Senate President Enrile pointed out that the cited rule was not an injunctive but a relief intended to hold the asset for a period of time for purposes of verification. He added that he would rather lean in favor of protecting the rights of the people and allow the court to decide whether or not Congress has the power to extend such period, rather than doing nothing at all. He reiterated his belief that freezing a person's account indefinitely is unwarranted, and that it is within the power of Congress to determine how long the freeze is unless otherwise shown that indeed the man is a money launderer.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

Upon motion of Senator Drilon, the session was suspended.

*It was 6:19 p.m.*

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

At 6:34 p.m., the session was resumed.

Upon resumption, Senator Guingona reiterated that he was not accepting the proposed amendment of Senator Recto. He then asked for a division of the House.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, the session was suspended.

*It was 6:34 p.m.*
Supreme Court has ruled, particularly in the case of General Garcia, that a case need not be filed. He further explained that the purpose of a freeze order is to preserve the status quo so that the AMLC could conduct the necessary investigation within a 20-day period, extendable up to a maximum of six (6) months. Within that period, he said, the respondent could not, at any time, go to the court to ask for relief. He also pointed out that the freeze order is not unilaterally imposed by AMLC upon the person but by a third party, which is the court. He added that the respondent can file a motion to unfreeze anytime, and it is the court that will decide on it.

PROPOSED ENRILE AMENDMENT TO THE RECTO AMENDMENT

Senate President Enrile asked Senator Recto if the intent of his amendment was to affect the existing freeze orders. Senator Recto replied that it would apply prospectively. He clarified that within the 60-day period, a case must be filed.

Senate President Enrile suggested that the operating agency be given reasonable time to perform its investigative function in order to enforce the law, and the determination of such reasonable time could be left to the courts.

Senate President Enrile proposed, subject to style, that any freeze order shall not exceed six (6) months depending upon the circumstances of the case. He explained that the intent of the proposed amendment was to allow the courts to assess, based on the facts of the case, the necessary length of time for AMLC to conduct investigation, but in no case shall a freeze order exceed six (6) months.

Senator Recto asked if the case would automatically be lifted if no case would be filed within the six-month period. Senate President Enrile answered in the affirmative.

Senator Recto believed that the proposed amendment is a reasonable treatment of the issue as it would be left to the court's discretion to determine the length of time of the freeze order depending upon the circumstances attendant to the case. For instance, he stated that if a particular case had 100 bank accounts, the court could give the AMLC six months; however, if the case includes not more than ten accounts, the length of time of freezing the assets would depend on the assessment of the court, but in no case should such a freeze exceed six months.

Senator Recto, however, stated that based on the suggestion of the Senate President, it would appear that the freeze would be indefinite. Senate President Enrile clarified that it would be indefinite to the extent of six months, but not more than that.

Senator Arroyo noted that Senator Recto was proposing the inclusion of arbitrary periods contrary to his (Senator Recto's) desire not to freeze the accounts for so long without a case being filed.

Senator Recto clarified that he was leaving it to AMLC, the DOJ and the Office of the Ombudsman to rush the filing of the case depending on the predicate crimes.

Asked how long he would want the assets to be frozen, Senator Recto replied that his initial suggestion was to lift the freeze order within two months if no cases are filed.

Senator Arroyo stated that AMLC has been given extraordinary powers which no agency of the government has been given, powers that can be exercised anytime and which possibly can adversely affect an innocent person. However, he expressed his support to Senator Recto's position as he noted that the AMLC would be aided by the DOJ and the Ombudsman.

At this juncture, Senator Guingona stated that considerable amount of time has been spent on the issue, and that Senate President Enrile has made an excellent phraseology of the amendment to which Senator Recto was not amenable.

Senator Recto again read his proposed amendment, as follows, subject to style:

SEC 7. FREEZING OF MONETARY INSTRUMENT OR PROPERTY. — UPON VERIFIED EX PARTE PETITION BY THE AMLC AND AFTER DETERMINATION THAT PROBABLE CAUSE EXISTS THAT ANY MONETARY INSTRUMENT OR PROPERTY IS IN ANY WAY RELATED TO AN UNLAWFUL ACTIVITY AS DEFINED UNDER SECTION 1 HEREOF, THE COURT OF APPEALS MAY ISSUE A FREEZE ORDER WHICH SHALL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. THE FREEZE ORDER SHALL BE FOR A PERIOD OF THIRTY...
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(30) DAYS UNLESS EXTENDED BY THE COURT; PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT IF THERE IS NO CASE FILED AGAINST A PERSON, WHOSE ACCOUNT HAS BEEN FROZEN WITHIN A HUNDRED FIFTY (150) DAY PERIOD, THE FREEZE ORDER SHALL BE DEEMED IPSO FACTO LIFTED; PROVIDED FINALLY, THAT FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS, A PERSON WHOSE ACCOUNT HAS BEEN FROZEN MAY BE ALLOWED TO WITHDRAW A REASONABLE AMOUNT TO COVER HIS FAMILY LIVING AND LITIGATION EXPENSES AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE COURT, AND FINALLY, THIS SECTION WILL APPLY PROSPECTIVELY.

Thereafter, Senator Guingona moved to divide the House.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY OF SENATOR DRILON

Recalling the chronological order of the amendment, Senator Drilon stated that the first to propose an amendment was Senator Recto; then Senate President Enrile proposed an amendment to the amendment which Senator Recto rejected. He inquired which amendment should be voted upon, even as he expressed the belief that the Body should vote first on Senate President Enrile’s amendment so that if defeated, the Body could vote the Recto amendment.

Asked for the gist of Senate President Enrile’s amendment, Senator Drilon stated that the proposal was to freeze the account for six months, depending on the circumstances of the case.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

With the permission of the Body, the session was suspended.

It was 7:01 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 7:05 p.m., the session was resumed with Senate President Pro Tempore Estrada presiding.

Upon resumption, Senate President Enrile stated that the proposal of Senator Recto was that if the AMLC files a verified ex parte petition and after determination that there is probable cause against the subject person, the court issues a freeze order, which shall be effective immediately; but if the AMLC fails to file a case in court within 150 days, the freeze order should be automatically lifted. But he opined that the new rule should not apply to existing pending cases in court in order not to disturb the court’s decision prior to the adoption of the rule.

But Senator Drilon noted that the amendment of Senate President Enrile was that the freeze order would be for six months, depending on the circumstances of the case, so that if indeed there is only one account which can be examined in one month, then the freeze order shall only be for one month. He said that the amendment of Senate President Enrile would give the court enough discretion and the AMLC enough leeway in complicated cases like pyramiding.

Consequently, Senate President Enrile rewroded his proposed amendment, to read as follows:

“SECTION 7. FREEZING OF MONETARY INSTRUMENT OR PROPERTY. - UPON A VERIFIED EX-PARTE PETITION BY THE AMLC AND AFTER DETERMINATION THAT PROBABLE CAUSE EXISTS THAT ANY MONETARY INSTRUMENT OR PROPERTY IS IN ANY WAY RELATED TO AN UNLAWFUL ACTIVITY AS DEFINED IN SECTION 3 (1) HEREOF, THE COURT OF APPEALS MAY ISSUE A FREEZE ORDER WHICH SHALL NOT EXCEED SIX MONTHS DEPENDING UPON THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CASE; PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT IF THERE IS NO CASE FILED AGAINST A PERSON WHOSE ACCOUNT HAS BEEN FROZEN WITHIN THE PERIOD DETERMINED BY THE COURT, THE FREEZE ORDER SHALL BE DEEMED IPSO FACTO LIFTED; PROVIDED, FURTHER THAT THIS NEW RULE SHALL NOT APPLY TO EXISTING PENDING CASES IN THE COURT.”

Asked by Senator Drilon whether the ex parte procedure under the proposed amendment referred to the same process under Section 7 of the bill, Senate President Enrile replied in the affirmative.

Senator Guingona sought clarification as to whether the original amendment of 20 days within which one may file a freeze order could be extended by the court for six months. Senate President Enrile explained that under the new Section 7, the court can issue a freeze order not exceeding six months or 180 days depending upon the facts and circumstances of a case, but if no case has been filed within the said period, the freeze order will be automatically lifted.
However, Senator Guingona pointed out that the initial freeze order has a lifespan of 30 days, but Senate President Enrile said that the freeze order could be for 180 days immediately or less depending on the circumstances of the case.

Senator Recto stated that the intention of the ex parte application for a freeze order is 30 days, but depending on the court’s appreciation of probable cause and the facts of the case, it can be extended up to six months under the proposal of Senate President Enrile.

Senate President Enrile clarified that his amendment did not specify 30 days but allows the court to determine the length of the freeze order as long as it does not exceed 180 days. He explained that if an ex parte application is granted, the court can issue a freeze order for any period of time but not exceeding 180 days depending upon the facts of the case.

Asked what would happen if the AMLC filed an application for a freeze order which the court granted for 30 days, Senate President Enrile said that a 30-day freeze order means that it was a simple case and it would be reasonable for the AMLC to file it within that period.

On whether the AMLC would be precluded from asking for an extension if it deemed that it needs more time to study a case, Senate President Enrile agreed that the court may grant an extension to the AMLC if its investigation cannot be completed within 30 days, but in no case shall the freeze order go beyond 180 days.

INQUIRIES OF SENATOR CAYETANO (P)

Asked by Senator Cayetano (P) whether his amendment still included the amendment of Senator Recto that a case must be filed within 60 days, Senate President Enrile explained that the AMLC would go to the Court of Appeals ex parte, which, after determination of a probable cause, would issue a freeze order for a period not exceeding 180 days. He said that the AMLC must work to file a real case of forfeiture before the proper court within the 180-day period since the freeze order will be automatically lifted if it failed to do so.

Senator Cayetano (P) said that the main difference of the Enrile amendment with the Recto amendment was that under the amendment of Senator Recto, AMLC must file a case of forfeiture within 60 days, otherwise, the freeze order would be lifted.

Senate President Enrile clarified that under Senator Recto’s proposal, the AMLC must endeavor to file the case within the period granted by the court initially; on the other hand his amendment would extend Senator Recto’s proposed 30-day freeze order to 180 days depending upon the factual circumstances of the case.

Senator Cayetano (P) stated that the way she understood the proposed amendment is that the court could give AMLC up to 180 days which, depending on the court’s appreciation of the case, could be less. Senate President Enrile clarified that if the AMLC fails to file a case within that period for one reason or another, it could ask for an extension of the freeze order which should not go beyond 180 days.

At this juncture, Senator Arroyo suggested that the proponents of the amendment come to a compromise concerning the specified freeze order period. However, Senate President Enrile said that he did not want to put any specific period on the freeze order because he believed that the court ought to determine the length of the freeze order based on the facts so long as it does not go beyond 180 days.

Senator Arroyo recommended that the initial period for the freeze order and filing of the case be for 90 days, with an extension of up to 120 days.

POINT OF ORDER

Senator Guingona raised a point of order, stating that the parliamentary status was that Senate President Enrile was merely explaining his amendment on which the Body was about to vote but would not be able to do so if another amendment to the amendment was allowed.

Senator Arroyo explained that he was just making a formal suggestion on the period of filing the case.

POINT OF INFORMATION

Senator Pangilinan stated that the parliamentary status was that Senator Recto proposed an amendment on which Senate President Enrile proposed to amend. He said that Senator Recto would have to decide whether to accept the amendment to his amendment.
Senator Recto said that he accepted the Enrile amendment to his amendment, subject to style.

INQUIRY OF SENATOR LACSON

On the prospective application of the last proviso of the amendment, Senator Lacson inquired whether it was correct to say that it is a basic principle in law that if a provision is favorable to an aggrieved party, it applies retroactively, and he noted that Senate President Enrile introduced a proviso that will not apply to pending cases.

Senate President Enrile explained that the freeze order is not yet the penalty because the real penalty is forfeiture. He stressed that his proposal would merely change the period of the freeze order. But Senator Lacson clarified that he just wanted to ensure that the proviso will not apply prospectively or retroactively, considering that the aggrieved party is the one whose assets or bank deposits have been frozen. Senate President Enrile said that since the AMLA is now being amended, the effect of the provision must be prospective as Congress cannot intrude into the jurisdiction of the courts.

APPROVAL OF THE RECTO AMENDMENT AS AMENDED

Accepted by Senator Guingona and their being no objection, the amendment of Senator Recto, as amended by the Senate President, was approved by the Body, subject to style.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF SENATOR RECTO

On page 7, lines 17 to 20, Senator Recto proposed to delete the entire subparagraph (28) with regard to tax evasion in the National Internal Revenue Code.

Senator Guingona recalled that in the previous session, it was clarified that tax evasion per se cannot be a basis for the filing of anti-money laundering cases in court. However, Senator Recto said that the provision could be deleted because anyway it was not found in the House version.

Senator Guingona reasoned that since the issue had already been extensively debated, he could not accept the amendment and asked that the Body vote on the matter.

Senator Recto said that currently there were 14 predicate crimes under the AMLA which would be increased to 35, tax evasion included, with the passage of the measure. In effect, he stated that someone charged with tax evasion based on any of the other predicate crimes, could also be charged with money laundering. By way of example, he said that a person charged with kidnapping would also face a money laundering case if he launders the ransom money. He asserted that even without the provision, nothing prevents the BIR from filing a tax evasion case not because of any predicate crime but because he did not report his income. However, with the inclusion of tax evasion, he said that there will be a tax evasion case outside NIRC as a separate case of money laundering.

Senator Recto recalled that the Committee initially included tax evasion to make the nonpayment of taxes an unlawful activity; however, it corrected itself and amended the provision so that it considered only the proceeds derived from any unlawful activity. He expressed concern that the provision might be misconstrued to mean that the government is entitled to a percentage of the proceeds of an unlawful activity.

As a remedy, he proposed that lines 17 to 20 of page 7 be deleted. Senator Guingona did not accept the amendment.

APPROVAL OF THE RECTO AMENDMENT

At this point, the Chair called for a division of the House as it requested those in favor of the proposed amendment of Senator Recto to raise their hands and, thereafter, requested those against it to do the same.

With 7 senators voting in favor, 4 against and no abstention, the proposed amendment of Senator Recto was carried.

INQUIRY OF SENATOR ARROYO

Asked by Senator Arroyo on the total votes cast, Senator Sotto replied that while only 11 Members voted because the Presiding Officer did not vote.

EXPLANATION OF VOTE OF SENATE PRESIDENT ENRILE

Senate President Enrile explained that he voted
in favor of the proposed amendment because he did not want that tax evasion be made a separate predicate crime.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF SENATOR RECTO

Senator Recto proposed to delete on page 8, lines 18 to 19, the following: "(35) Felonies or offenses of a similar nature that are punishable under the penal laws of other countries".

But Senator Guingona noted that the provision being sought to be deleted was not part of the amendments.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Guingona, the session was suspended.

It was 7:38 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 7:40 p.m., the session was resumed.

Upon resumption, Senator Guingona explained that the deletion contemplates a situation where the crime, such as drug smuggling, is committed abroad, but the money is laundered in the Philippines.

Senator Recto withdrew his amendment, saying that he was satisfied that the intention was placed on record.

ARROYO AMENDMENT

As proposed by Senator Arroyo, there being no objection, the Body approved the inclusion of the provision which shall read as follows: NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS ACT NOR IN RELATEDANTECEDENT LAWS OR EXISTING AGREEMENTS SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO ALLOW THE AMLC TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY MANNER IN THE OPERATIONS OF THE BIR.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF SENATOR ARROYO

Senator Arroyo recalled that when he asked the Sponsor whether the bill would have prospective operation, the reply was affirmative.

For his part, Senator Guingona offered a counter-proposal which read as follows: THE PROVISION OF THIS ACT SHALL HAVE PROSPECTIVE APPLICATION; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE AMLC IS NOT PRECLUDED FROM INQUIRING INTO OR EXAMINING BANK DEPOSITS OR INVESTMENTS OPENED PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT".

Senator Arroyo proposed to reinstate the provision that was contained in the three previous laws on anti-money laundering, to wit: "The provisions of this Act shall not apply to deposits and investments made prior to its effectivity."

Senator Guingona pointed out that although the provision was present in the first law (RA 9160) which was passed in 2001, the subsequent law (RA 9164) deleted and expressly repealed that provision which took effect 2003, and neither the third law, RA 10167 of 2012, contained the said provision.

Senator Arroyo pointed out that the measure has penal provisions which would affect innocent people. He said that unless his proposal to reinstate the provision in the bill is accepted, Senate Bill No. 3123 would be a bill of attainder which would punish a person for an act which was not considered illegal at the time it was committed.

Senator Guingona explained that adopting the provision would preclude the AMLC from making simple inquiry into deposits or investments made prior to the passage of the Act.

Senator Arroyo observed that every bill related to AMLA has become more tight and stringent and he acknowledged that it would be helpful in going against terrorists and drug lords. But he feared that the measure could affect innocent people who would be prejudiced by a simple ex parte petition for a freeze order to be issued on their accounts and could not be known when the same would be lifted.

He stated that if in the beginning, when there were only 14 predicate crimes, there was protection for those that would be charged for engaging in money-laundering, and who may turn out to the innocent, with more reason that said protection be put in place now that the number of predicate crimes was being increased to 32.
For his part, Senator Guingona suggested that the Body adopt the provision of the last AMLA amendment which reads: *PROVIDED, THAT THE PENAL PROVISIONS SHALL NOT APPLY TO ACTS DONE PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVITY OF AMLA ON OCTOBER 17, 2001*. He recalled that Senator Arroyo was the one who suggested that provision.

As regards the observation that many innocent people have been affected by the AMLA, and that the AMLC has won only one conviction in the past 10 years, Senator Guingona said that several cases are pending with the courts. He also believed that Senator Arroyo’s proposal would effectively preclude the AMLC from inquiring into bank deposits made prior to the effectivity of the Act.

Senator Arroyo said that the AMLC, with its many powers, is the most-feared government agency at present. He recalled that he even warned former President Macapagal-Arroyo that the law would haunt her, and true enough, she has been sued on the basis of the AMLA.

For his part, Senator Guingona pointed out that under the proposed Arroyo amendment, the Ampatuans and the mastermind of the Amalilio scam could not be charged with money laundering because the AMLC would be precluded from looking into their bank accounts.

**REMARKS OF SENATOR DRILON**

Senator Drilon reminded the Body that the provision under consideration is an amendment to the Anti-Money Laundering Act. He said that the proposed amendment of Senator Arroyo, which says that “the provisions of this Act shall not apply to deposits and investments made prior to its effectivity” will effectively render the whole scheme nugatory. He noted that because these amendments are part of the main law, the AMLA, all deposits made prior to the effectivity of the Act could no longer be examined.

Senator Arroyo said that what was being discussed can only be resolved through the examination of the third law on anti-money laundering. He stated that his thoughts were always on due process as he reiterated that innocent parties should not be prejudiced by the bill.

**MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR SOTTO**

To give the senators time to study the proposal of Senator Arroyo, Senator Sotto suggested that the Body suspend consideration on the bill for the meantime but pass the same on Second and Third Reading on Monday as it is a certified measure and that the Bicameral Conference can be done by Tuesday. This, he said, would also allow the Members to consider numerous bills pending on Second Reading so that these could be taken up on Third Reading the following week.

He added that on Monday, February 4, 2013, only Senators Marcos and Cayetano (A) will propose individual amendments because Senators Villar and Angara have already withdrawn their reservations to offer amendment.

**MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR ARROYO**

Senator Arroyo recalled that he proposed to Senator Guingona that erring banks that accept laundered money should be penalized. He said that this proposal could be taken up on Monday, February 4.

**SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL NO. 3123**

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body suspended consideration of the bill.

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON SENATE BILL NO. 3286 AND HOUSE BILL NO. 6643**

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered the Conference Committee Report on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 3286, entitled

**AN ACT ENHANCING THE PHILIPPINE BASIC EDUCATION SYSTEM BY STRENGTHENING ITS CURRICULUM AND INCREASING THE NUMBER OF YEARS FOR BASIC EDUCATION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,**

and House Bill No. 6643, entitled
AN ACT ENHANCING THE PHILIPPINE BASIC EDUCATION SYSTEM BY STRENGTHENING ITS CURRICULUM AND INCREASING THE NUMBER OF YEARS FOR BASIC EDUCATION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF SENATOR DRILON

Senator Drilon requested that the full text of the Joint Explanation of the Conference Committee be inserted into the Journal and Record of the Senate.

Following is the full text of the Joint Explanation:

JOINT EXPLANATION OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON THE DISAGREEING PROVISIONS OF SENATE BILL NO. 3286 AND HOUSE BILL NO. 6643

The Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 3286 and House Bill No. 6643, after having met and fully discussed the subject matter in a conference, hereby report to their respective Houses the following, that:

1. The conferees agreed to use the Senate version as the working draft;
2. Section 1 of the Senate version was adopted as Section 1 of the reconciled version with amendment to replace the year “2012” with 2013;
3. Sections 2 and 3 of the Senate version were adopted as Sections 2 and 3 of the reconciled version;
4. Section 4 of the Senate version was adopted as Section 4 of the reconciled version with amendment to include the following provisions:

   “Basic education shall be delivered in languages understood by the learners as language plays a strategic role in shaping the formative years of learners.

   “For kindergarten and the first three years of elementary education, instruction, teaching materials, and assessment shall be in the regional or native language of the learners. The DepEd shall formulate a mother language transition program from Grade 4 to Grade 6 so that Filipino and English shall be gradually introduced as languages of instruction until such time when these two (2) languages can become the primary languages on instruction at the secondary level.

   “For purposes of this Act, mother language or first Language (Ll) refers to language or languages first learned by a child, which he/she identifies with, is identified as a native language user of by others, which he/she knows best, or uses most. This includes Filipino sign language used by individuals with pertinent disabilities. Regional or native language refers to the traditional speech variety or variety of Filipino sign language existing in a region, area or place.”

4. Section 5 of the House version was adopted as Section 5 of the reconciled bill;
5. Section 6, paragraph 1 of the House version was adopted as Section 6 of the reconciled version with the following amendments:
   a) Include the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) in the membership of the Consultative Committee; and
   b) Require the Consultative Committee to submit a report every two (2) years.
6. Section 7 of the House version was adopted as Section 7 of the reconciled version;
7. Section 7 of the Senate version was adopted as Section 8 of the reconciled version;
8. Section 8 of the Senate version was adopted as Section 9 of the reconciled version with the following amendments:
   a) On the first paragraph between the words “institutions” and “hire,” delete the word “may” and in lieu thereof, insert the word “shall”;
   b) On paragraph [a], after the word “Licensure,” delete the word “Exam,” and in lieu thereof, insert the word “Examinations”; and
   b) On paragraph [c], after the word “relevant,” delete the phrase “Master’s degree, or Master’s degree with relevant professional license,” and in lieu thereof, insert the words “Bachelor’s degree.”;
9. Section 10 of the Senate version was adopted as Section 10 of the reconciled version with amendment to insert the words “or accredited” between the words “developed” and “by”;
10. Sections 11 and 13 of the Senate version were adopted as Sections 11 and 12 of the reconciled version.

11. Sections 14, 15, and 17 of the Senate version were adopted as Sections 13, 14 and 15 of the reconciled version.

12. Section 15 of the House version was adopted as Sections 16 of the reconciled version.

13. Sections 18, 19 and 20 of the Senate version were adopted as Sections 17, 18 and 19 of the reconciled version.

14. The conferees adopted without amendment the title of the Senate version as the title of the reconciled version, which reads as follows:

AN ACT ENHANCING THE PHILIPPINE BASIC EDUCATION SYSTEM BY STRENGTHENING ITS CURRICULUM AND INCREASING THE NUMBER OF YEARS FOR BASIC EDUCATION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

In case of a conflict between the statements/amendments stated in this Joint Explanation and that of the provisions of the consolidated bill in the accompanying Conference Committee Report, the provisions of the latter shall prevail.

APPROVAL OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, the Conference Committee Report on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 3286 and House Bill No. 6643 was approved by the Body.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON SENATE BILL NO. 3282 AND HOUSE BILL NO. 5360

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered the Conference Committee Report on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 3282, entitled

AN ACT ALLOWING INFUSION OF FOREIGN EQUITY IN THE CAPITAL OF RURAL BANKS, AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7353, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE RURAL BANKS ACT OF 1992, AS AMENDED AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, and House Bill No. 5360, entitled


The Chair recognized Senator Osmeña to sponsor the report.

SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF SENATOR OSMEÑA

Senator Osmeña presented to the Body the Bicameral Conference Committee Report, the Joint Explanation of which he read into the record:

JOINT EXPLANATION OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON THE DISAGREEING PROVISIONS OF SENATE BILL NO. 3282 AND HOUSE BILL NO. 5360

The Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 5360 and Senate Bill No. 3282, after having met and fully discussed the subject matter in a conference, hereby report to their respective Houses the following, that:

1. On Section 1: Section 1 of the Senate version was adopted;

2. On Section 2: Section 2 of the Senate version was adopted;

3. On Section 3: The Senate inserted a new proviso to read as:

"Sec. 3. Section 6 of Republic Act No. 7353, is hereby amended, to read as follows:

Loans or advances extended by rural banks organized and operated under this Act shall be primarily for the purpose of meeting the normal credit needs of farmers, fisherman or farm families owning or cultivating land dedicated to agricultural production as well as the normal credit needs of cooperatives and merchants. (In granting of loans, the rural banks shall give preference to the application of farmers and merchant whose cash requirement are small.

Loans may be granted by rural banks on the security of lands without Torrens Title where the owner of private
property can show five (5) years or more peaceful, continuous and uninterrupted possession in concept of owner, or of portions of friar land estates or other lands administered by the Bureau of Lands that are covered by sales contracts and the purchasers have paid at least five (5) years installment thereon, without the necessity of prior approval and consent by the Director of Lands; or of portions of other estates under the administration of the Department of Agrarian Reform or other government agency which are likewise covered by sales contracts and the purchasers have paid at least five (5) years installment thereon, without the necessity of prior approval and consent by the Director of Lands; or of portions of other estates under the administration of the Department of Agrarian Reform or other government agency which are likewise covered by sales contracts and the purchasers have paid at least five (5) years installment thereon, without the necessity of prior approval and consent of the department of Agrarian Reform or corresponding government agency; or of homesteads or free patent lands pending the issuance of titles but already approved, are issued, the provisions of any law or regulations to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided, That when the corresponding titles are issued, the same shall be delivered to the Register of Deeds of the province where such lands are situated for the annotation of the encumbrance: Provided, further, That in the case of lands pending homestead or free patent titles, copies of notices for the presentation of the final proof shall also be furnished the creditor rural bank and, if the borrower applicants fail to present the final proof within thirty (30) days from date of notice, the creditor rural bank may do so for them at their expense: Provided, furthermore, That the applicant for homestead or free patents has already made improvements on the lands and the loan applied for is to be used for further development of the same or for other productive economic activities: Provided, finally, That the appraisal and verification of the status of a land is a full responsibility of the rural bank and any loan granted on any land which shall be found later to be within the forest zone shall be for the sole account of the rural bank.

The foreclosure of mortgage covering loans granted by rural banks and executions of judgment thereon involving real properties levied upon by a sheriff shall be exempt from the publications in newspaper now required by law where the total amount of loan, excluding interest due and unpaid, does not exceed One hundred thousand pesos ($100,000) or such amount as the Monetary Board may prescribe as may be warranted by prevailing economic conditions. It shall be sufficient publication in such cases if the notices of foreclosure and execution of judgment are posted in the most conspicuous area of the municipal building, the municipal public market, if any, where the land mortgaged is situated during the period of sixty (60) days immediately preceding the public auction or execution of judgment and shall be attached with the records of the case: Provided, That when a homestead or free patent is foreclosed, the homesteader or free patent holder as well as his heirs shall have the right to redeem the same within one (1) year from the date of the registration of the foreclosure in the case of land covered by a Torrens Title: Provided, finally, That in any case, borrowers, especially those who are mere tenants, need only to secure their loans with the procedure corresponding to their share.

A rural bank shall be allowed to foreclose lands mortgaged to it. INCLUDING LANDS COVERED BY Republic Act No. 6657 (COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM LAW OF 1988), AS AMENDED; PROVIDED THAT SAID LANDS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE RETENTION LIMITS PROVIDED UNDER R.A. NO. 6657.

RURAL BANKS WHICH ARE NOT QUALIFIED TO ACQUIRE OR HOLD LAND IN THE PHILIPPINE SHALL BE ALLOWED TO BID AND TAKE PART IN FORECLOSURE SALES OF REAL PROPERTY MORTGAGED TO THEM, AS WELL AS TO AVOID OF ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER PROCEEDINGS, AND ACCORDINGLY TO TAKE POSSESSION OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY, FOR A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING FIVE (5) YEARS FROM ACTUAL POSSESSION PROVIDED, THAT IN NO EVENT SHALL TITLE TO THE PROPERTY BE TRANSFERRED TO SUCH RURAL BANK. IN CASE THE RURAL BANK IS THE WINNING BIDDER, IT SHALL, DURING THE SAID FIVE YEAR PERIOD, TRANSFER ITS RIGHTS TO A QUALIFIED
PHILIPPINE NATIONAL, WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO BORROWERS RIGHT UNDER APPLICABLE LAWS. SHOULD A RURAL BANK BE NOT ABLE TO TRANSFER SUCH PROPERTY WITHIN THE FIVE YEAR PERIOD, THE RURAL BANK SHALL BE PENALIZED ONE HALF OF ONE PERCENT PER ANNUM OF THE PRICE AT WHICH THE PROPERTY WAS FORECLOSED UNTIL THE RURAL BANK IS ABLE TO TRANSFER THE PROPERTY TO A QUALIFIED PHILIPPINE NATIONAL.”

4. On Section 4: Section 3 of the Senate version was adopted as Section 4;
5. On Section 5: Section 4 of the Senate version was adopted as Section 5;
6. On Section 6 (Separability Clause): Section 5 of the Senate version was adopted as Section 6;
7. On Section 7 (Repealing Clause): Section 6 of the Senate version was adopted as Section 7;
8. On Section 8 (Effectivity Clause): Section 7 of the House version was adopted as Section 8;
9. The title of the Senate version was adopted to read as follows:
   AN ACT ALLOWING THE INFUSION OF FOREIGN EQUITY IN THE CAPITAL OF RURAL BANKS, AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7353, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE RURAL BANK ACT OF 1992, AS AMENDED AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

In case of a conflict between the statements/amendments stated in this Joint Explanation and that of the provisions of the consolidated bill in the accompanying Conference Committee Report, the provisions of the latter shall prevail.

APPROVAL OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, the Conference Committee Report on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 3282 and House Bill No. 5360 was approved by the Body.

RECONSIDERATION OF THE APPROVAL OF SENATE BILL NO. 1094 ON SECOND READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body reconsidered the approval, on Second Reading, of Senate Bill No. 1094 (Committee Report No. 76), entitled

AN ACT DECLARING THE FIFTH DAY OF OCTOBER OF EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL TEACHERS’ DAY AND PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN DISCOUNTS AND BENEFITS THAT MAY BE ENJOYED BY THE TEACHERS IN RELATION THERETO.

Senator Sotto stated that the measure was supposed to be approved on Third Reading but the Sponsor wanted to study the measure further as some issues regarding the matter were raised recently.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL NO. 1094

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body suspended consideration of the bill.

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 697 ON SENATE BILL NO. 3389

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration, on Second Reading, of Senate Bill No. 3389 (Committee Report No. 697), entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREES NO. 269, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION DECREES.”

Senator Sotto stated that the parliamentary status was the period of individual amendments.

Thereupon, the Chair recognized Senator Osmena, sponsor of the measure.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR OSMENA

Senator Osmena informed the Body that Senator Estrada has withdrawn his reservation to interpellate on the measure and, in lieu thereof, he will submit his proposed amendments.
SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, the session was suspended.

It was 8:18 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 8:19 p.m., the session was resumed.

INTERPELLATION OF SENATOR DEFENSOR SANTIAGO

Senator Sotto presented the following interpellation on behalf of Senator Defensor Santiago, to which Senator Osmefia responded accordingly:

1. Question: What is the legislative intent for the new proposed powers of the National Electrification Administration which includes the exercise of “step-in rights” provided in Chapter II, Section 5, line 7, and under Section 7, line 21, page 9? What would be its impact to the eight million consumers who own the country’s 119 electric cooperatives once the NFA gently steps-in to their electric cooperatives?

Senator Osmefia believed that the problems that certain electric cooperatives have been encountering were results of mismanagement by their current officers or the members of the Board, or both. He cited, for instance, the Abra Electric Cooperative (ABRECO), which had its power cut off by its electricity supplier, the Aboitiz Group of Companies, because it has unpaid dues of about P400 million i.e., P300 million to the PSALM and another P80 million to the Aboitiz Group, in spite of its promise to at least update the last six months’ payment. He revealed that the Energy Regulatory Commission had to step-in and had tried to intervene, assuring Aboitiz Group that everything would be done to resolve ABRECO’s problems not only in mismanagement but also misuse of funds. Accordingly, he said, the managers of ABRECO are engaged in a very hefty political fight for the current campaign. He surmised that the funds might have been diverted elsewhere. He pointed out that the present charter of NEA does not give it the power to step-in and intervene when such events happen, thus the proposal to grant it such power in order to address the problems of people in the provinces who are being served by electric cooperatives that are non-compliant with many of their obligations.

2. Question: At present, the powers of the NEA are already analogous to having step-in rights in determining whether Congress, in its wisdom, should grant such step-in powers. May we be informed of how many general managers, project supervisors and management teams were designated for the Albay Electric Cooperative, the Lanao del Sur Electric Cooperative, the Bukidnon Electric Cooperative and the Pampanga II Electric Cooperative? What are the current liabilities and payables of these NEA-registered cooperatives in Albay, Lanao del Sur, Bukidnon and Pampanga? What are the payables and liabilities of these supposedly Class-A Cebu I, Cebu II, and Cebu III Electric Cooperatives?

Senator Osmefia replied that in the case of Albay Electric Cooperative (ALECO), the NEA management team has appointed a project supervisor, who is not a NEA personnel but who has been recommended by the stakeholders. He said that the project supervisor has achieved in-roads and the rehabilitation of the electric cooperative with the cooperation and coordination of the stockholders. Thus, he said that the active participation of stockholders is evident in the representation of various sectors in the interim Board of Directors, in lieu of the regular board which had resigned en masse. In order to promote good governance, he stated that no less than the Bishop of Legazpi has been named chairman of the interim Board of Directors.

In the case of Lanao del Sur Electric Cooperative (LASURECO), he revealed that a project supervisor, who is likewise not a NEA employee, has vastly rehabilitated LASURECO. He said that the other members of the management team coming from the locality are likewise imbued with a deep sense of responsibility in helping the electric cooperative recover from its problems with the end in view of making the electric cooperative an efficient power distributor for the sake of the inhabitants of the province. He added that while there are still several challenges in the case of LASURECO, the NEA has seized the full support of the people of Lanao in the initiatives being undertaken by the cooperative. He added that the same holds true for Pampanga II Electric Cooperative.

In the case of the Cebu Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CEBECO), which includes CEBECO I, II and III, he said that the current liabilities of the ECs are proof of their creditworthiness as their amortizations are current.
In the case of the Bukidnon Electric Cooperative, he said that its alleged P2.1 billion "over-collection," in relation to the claim of PSALM, is a matter of controversy presently pending with the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG), which is the government arm entrusted to conduct arbitration proceedings between and among government agencies.

3. Question: The NEA now has the largest budgetary complement under the budget of the Department of Energy. As government ambitiously goes to the task of energizing the sibios, the NEA releases billions in subsidies and loans. In effect, it acts like a bank by lending and collecting what it lends. And just like the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Cooperative Development Authority, the NEA is registrar of the majority electric cooperatives. If the NEA is registrar and at the same time implementor of energy infrastructure, construction, and financing institution, what kind of agency is it? There seems to be an over-concentration of powers and functions in the current NEA. Is it not there some intrinsic conflict of interest when you are a lender and registering agency and project implementor of construction funded through a loan you extend to the cooperative? Do we not see any fundamental problems in this multiplicity of roles for the NEA?

Senator Osmeña clarified that the NEA, a government-owned and -controlled corporation (GOCC), is not the registrar of the electric cooperatives since under the present set-up, such responsibility is lodged in the Cooperative Development Authority. He added that under Republic Act No. 10149, a GOCC refers to "any agency organized as a stock or non-stock corporation, vested with functions related to public needs whether governmental or proprietary in nature, and owned by the government of the Republic of the Philippines."

4. Question: Under the current NEA Charter, Sections 3, 5, and 7 of PD 269, as amended by PD 1645, already vests the NEA Administrator with enormous powers. With NEA having the power to appoint managers and replace them, with NEA also having the power to approve or disapprove all cooperative board resolutions, including borrowing or seeking financing from the private sector, this bill which provides for an explicit right to "step-in" is already tantamount to ownership. These powers are already in place for NEA with respect to the 100 plus electric cooperatives under its jurisdiction. Is it therefore the real intent of this bill to subject those cooperatives which register with Cooperative Development Authority, to a second round of supervision and control by the NEA?

Senator Osmeña replied that Republic Act No. 9520 (Philippines Cooperative Code of 2008) applies to all types of cooperatives, while Presidential Decree No. 269 is of a limited coverage, i.e., it applies only to electric cooperatives. He affirmed that Senate Bill No. 3389 seeks to place under the supervisory powers of NEA all electric cooperatives, including those which have registered with the Cooperative Development Authority, as there should only be one set of guidelines for all electric cooperatives since such private enterprises perform identical functions which are imbued with public interest. He assumed that setting apart Cooperative Development Authority-registered electric cooperatives would be tantamount to exposing identically-situated enterprises to different sets of guidelines, i.e., one set for the non-stock, non-profit ECs and another for stock, profit ECs.

He added that its repealing clause, which is Section 18 of Senate Bill No. 3389, expressly repeals the pertinent provisions of Republic Act No. 9520, which in turn impliedly repealed certain provisions of Presidential Decree No. 269.

Having been enacted in 1969, Senator Osmeña said that the NEA Charter precedes the martial law era. With the President's social contract with the Filipino people, in particular the electrification of the sibios, he said that the rural electrification program has not ended but is being pursued, consistent with the principles of good governance, with even more intensity in allowing NEA to exercise its supervisory powers even over those ECs that are registered with the Cooperative Development Authority.

5. Senate Bill No. 3389 formally sets up the promise of NEA eventually registering electric cooperatives under the SEC or the CDA, but this premise was already embedded in the EPIRA law. Section 57 of the EPIRA provided that electric cooperatives are given the option of registering as a stock cooperative under the CDA or as a corporation under the SEC. May we know what the formal requirements for conversion were under Memorandum 40
and Executive Order 199? How many electric cooperatives have managed to register with the CDA, using the “hurdles” correction guidelines developed by the NEA?

Senator Osmena stated that the option granted to the electric cooperatives under Section 57 of the EPIRA is for them to register either as a stock cooperative with the CDA or a stock corporation with the SEC. From the legal point of view, he said that the option may not be exercised, as in the case of numerous electric cooperatives which chose to stick with NEA. He noted that when one is given the option, there is a choice of whether or not to exercise the option and one may not be compelled to exercise that option.

Senator Osmena pointed out that the quorum requirement is justified by the fact that the conversion will bring about a complete overhaul of the capital structure of the electric cooperative; thus, it is but proper that a majority of the embers participate in such an activity of the cooperatives, fully informed of the consequences of such a change in the capital structure. He further added that the required quorum need not be obtained on one occasion; therefore, a possible recourse would be a referendum.

6. These proposed powers to improve service quality and service reliability which the bill seeks to grant NEA are the same kind of powers already vested with the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC). With these same powers, NEA might supplant not only functions of both the CDA and SEC as to their jurisdiction over internal corporate disputes, but also the ERC as to its standard-setting role in power. Are we not creating too many layers of regulation?

Senator Osmena replied that there will be no duplicity in regulatory policies for the electric cooperatives under Senate Bill No. 3389 since NEA and ERC regulate different aspects of electric cooperative operations. He explained that ERC’s mission is to provide a healthy regulatory environment so that electric utilities, including the electric cooperatives which are under its authority, can safely provide quality services at reasonable rates to electric consumers; while the NEA, under Section 58 of the EPIRA, prepares the electric cooperatives through various competency programs and other related endeavors to meet the standards set by the ERC.

While EPIRA seeks to promote a “climate of liberalization, deregulation and privatization,” Senator Osmeña pointed out that the different entities involved in the power industry cannot escape the State’s exercise of its police power, pursuant to the doctrine of parens patriae, because the government is expected to ensure the reliable and efficient distribution and supply of electricity which is regarded as a basic staple in life and an indispensable tool for economic development especially in the countryside.

7. The bill proposes that both stock and non-stock cooperatives under Senate Bill No. 3389 be granted the same kind of privileges provided to cooperatives under the Local Government Code. What is the rationale of this? The Local Government Code provides that only cooperatives registered with the CDA are given the privilege of tax exemptions. The distinction is critical. Are non-stock cooperatives registered with NEA similarly situated? Are NEA cooperatives genuinely managed and operated by the consumer-owners? Are NEA cooperatives truly autonomous from government?

In response, Senator Osmena stated that Senate Bill No. 3389 seeks to promote equal protection of the laws enshrined in the Constitution. He noted that the present laws provide for an ironic situation where stock cooperatives which are profit-oriented are exempt from various government taxes, while non-stock, non-profit electric cooperatives are deemed subject to tax. Since they are performing similar services, he said that all electric cooperatives, whether stock (CDA registered) or non-stock (non-profit), should thus be deemed subject to the same rules of taxes and exemption therefrom. He surmised that if profit-oriented stock cooperatives can allegedly bring down the cost of electricity to the consumers by their tax exemptions, then it is to be expected that non-stock, non-profit electric cooperatives, when given the same tax privileges, shall be able to bring down the cost of electricity. He observed that a comparison of the power rates of the electric cooperatives show that when stock and non-stock electric cooperatives are within adjacent localities, non-stock electric cooperatives with levied taxes ironically afford their consumers lower rates on account of efficient management since they are under NEA supervision.

8. Senate Bill No. 3389 proposes, as part of its powers to “step-in,” that the NEA be granted the power to terminate and remove the
General Manager, the members of the Board of Directors and the employees of the electric cooperatives. It also provides that the NEA can intervene in the matter of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Given that there are 26,000 employees of electric cooperatives nationwide and that there are 86 unions in the 119 electric cooperatives, would this not be violative of the workers’ security of tenure? Would this not have a “chilling effect” on the organizing work of employees?

Senator Osmeña explained that there were some misunderstanding in the particular provision, and that, at the request of Senate President Pro Tempore Estrada, he would propose, at the proper time, to delete the phrase “and employees” so that the step-in rights would only refer to the Board of Directors and the officers of the cooperative.

9. The bill provides for both “a fit and proper” rule as to who may qualify for an elective or appointive position in the cooperative. But is it not unduly intrusive as it sets out in general the requirement of “integrity, experience, education, competence and probity”? Would this not enable the NEA to fashion an officership in its own image rather than an officership that is responsive and accountable to the member consumers?

Senator Osmeña explained that the fit and proper rule set for the candidates for the electric cooperative’s Board of Directors is rooted in the fact that the elected directors trace their authority and mandate from the consumer-members who elected them. Therefore, he said that it is only appropriate that those elected to formulate the policy directives of the electric cooperative are vested with the proper know-how in running a public utility, taking into consideration the multifarious, complex and technical aspects in said operations. In other words, Senator Osmeña said that the fit and proper rule is meant to professionalize the ranks of the electric cooperative’s Board of Directors.

10. One of the new powers to be granted to NEA is the propriety of conversion of the electric cooperative to either CDA or SEC registration. It is also provided that this determination shall be guided by the ability of the members to pay their stock contributions. What is the rationale for providing the option of registering with the CDA or SEC given to NEA? Under our concept of freedom of association, is it not the individual choice and isn’t the matter of where to register a matter entirely within the purview of the members and the members only? And why should we establish a financial test for membership when in cooperatives we know that it is mostly composed of the poor pooling their meagre savings to help themselves?

Senator Osmeña replied that there is no dispute on the individual’s right to choose the capital structure of the electric cooperative, however, the individual exercising such right must first have to be fully informed of the consequences of such choice. He added that the individual’s right is subordinate to the collective will of the informed electorate, considering the special kind of activity the electric cooperative engaged in, for example, a market held captive by the electric cooperative. Thus, he pointed out that the consumer-members sink or swim with the management or the proper management of the electric coop, which the State is duty bound to protect.

Senator Osmeña noted that the electric cooperatives are the Meralcos in their franchise areas, and they are natural monopolies. Unfortunately, he lamented that the country’s experience was that only 5%-10% of the members meet annually in order to elect a new Board of Directors, and most of them are politically controlled. As such, he said that the abuses have been so vast and wide ranging that the members themselves are the ones suffering because of the mismanagement of certain cooperative. He concluded that the bill will allow the government to step in and alleviate the problems of the members.

INTERPELLATION OF SENATOR DRILON

Senator Drilon asked if indeed all types of cooperatives were allowed to register with the CDA under Republic Act No. 9520, and if the effect of the law was to give options to the electric cooperatives to register with the CDA as against the previous presidential decree which granted to NEA the exclusive authority to register electric cooperatives. Senator Osmeña admitted that he himself was not clear on that issue, in fact, the issue had been debated during the deliberations on the EPIRA law. He pointed out that the advantages of registering with CDA are twofold: first, the added tax benefits of being a cooperative, and second, that they would be under less pressure from the NEA. However, he said that this set-up has not quite worked out properly because, at present, there is nobody supervising them and nobody to address their concerns should they
experience problems, the reason why the passage of the current measure is being sought.

Asked if the tax benefits would result in different treatments between those registered with the NEA and CDA, Senator Osmena answered in the affirmative. Since the management plays a key role, he said that those registered with NEA operate more efficiently than even the tax-exempt cooperatives registered with CDA.

Upon query, Senator Osmena confirmed that under the proposed bill, the supervision over all electric cooperatives, including those registered with the CDA, would be lodged in the NEA. Senator Drilon further asked if the registration of an electric cooperative with the CDA would continue upon the bill’s passage. Senator Osmena replied that there would be no change since it would only entail registration, but the step-in rights and the management control will be given to NEA so that certain special situations would be dealt with.

Senator Drilon pointed out that it would be logical to rightfully return to NEA the supervision over electric cooperatives as it had been in the past. Senator Osmena opined that registration does not have much to do with it because whether they register with the SEC or with the CDA, the regulator or management oversight would always be NEA. Senator Drilon said that one of the consequences of registration with CDA are the tax benefits, therefore, if these were continued, it would be more beneficial to register with the CDA than with the SEC.

Furthermore, since the electric cooperatives would henceforth be given a similar tax treatment under the bill, Senator Drilon expressed concern that some electric cooperatives, particularly those registered with CDA, would have a more favorable tax treatment than those registered with NEA. Senator Osmena reiterated that they would have equal tax treatment.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Drilon, the session was suspended.

It was 8:45 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 8:53 p.m., the session was resumed.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

There being no further interpellation, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of interpellations and proceeded to the period of committee amendments.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

As proposed by Senator Osmena, there being no objection, the following Committee Amendments were approved by the Body, one after the other:

1. On page 9, lines 9 and 10, delete the words “or employees”;
2. On the same page, line 9, between the words “DIRECTORS, OFFICERS,” delete the comma (,) and insert the word AND

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

There being no other committee amendment, upon motion of Senator Osmena, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of committee amendments and proceeded to the period of individual amendments.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INDIVIDUAL AMENDMENTS

There being no individual amendment, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of individual amendments.

APPROVAL OF SENATE BILL NO. 3389 ON SECOND READING

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, Senate Bill No. 3389 was approved on Second Reading.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL NO. 3389

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body suspended consideration of the bill.

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 556 ON SENATE BILL NO. 3376 (Continuation)

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second
Reading, of Senate Bill No. 3376 (Committee Report No. 556), entitled

AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER OF EVERY YEAR AS "ANTI-CORRUPTION MONTH" IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY.

Senator Sotto stated that the parliamentary status was the period of interpellations.

Thereupon, the Chair recognized Senator Trillanes, sponsor of the measure.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

There being no interpellation, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of interpellations and proceeded to the period of committee amendments.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

As proposed by Senator Trillanes, there being no objection, the following committee amendments were approved by the Body:

1. On page 1, line 15, on the title of Sec. 3, replace “Commission on Audit (COA)” with OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN; and

2. On the same page and line, after the title, replace “Commission on Audit (COA)” with OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

There being no other committee amendment, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of committee amendments and proceeded to the period of individual amendments.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INDIVIDUAL AMENDMENTS

There being no individual amendment, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of individual amendments.

APPROVAL OF SENATE BILL NO. 3376 ON SECOND READING

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, Senate Bill No. 3376 was approved on Second Reading.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL NO. 3376

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body suspended consideration of the bill.

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 408 ON SENATE BILL NO. 3284 (Continuation)

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration, on Second Reading, of Senate Bill No. 3284 (Committee Report No. 408), entitled

AN ACT TO SET THE PHILIPPINE STANDARD TIME (PST) IN ALL OFFICIAL SOURCES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE INSTALLATION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SYNCHRONIZED TIME DEVICES TO BE DISPLAYED IN KEY PUBLIC PLACES AND TO DECLARE THE FIRST WEEK OF EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL TIME CONSCIOUSNESS WEEK.

Senator Sotto stated that the parliamentary status was the period of interpellations.

Thereupon, the Chair recognized Senator Trillanes, sponsor of the measure.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

There being no interpellation, upon motion of Senator there being no objection, the Body closed the period of interpellations and proceeded to the period of amendments.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no committee or individual amendment, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of amendments.

APPROVAL OF SENATE BILL NO. 3284 ON SECOND READING

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, Senate Bill No. 3284 was approved on Second Reading.
SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION
OF SENATE BILL NO. 3284

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body suspended consideration of the bill.

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 127
ON SENATE BILL NO. 3138
(Continuation)

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration, on Second Reading, of Senate Bill No. 3138 (Committee Report No. 127), entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE, PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBERED ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHT, ENTITLED "LAW REGULATING THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING PROFESSION IN THE PHILIPPINES," AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Senator Sotto stated that the parliamentary status was the period of interpellations.

Thereupon, the Chair recognized Senator Trillanes, sponsor of the measure.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

There being no interpellation, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of interpellations and proceeded to the period of committee amendments.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

As proposed by Senator Trillanes, there being no objection, the following committee amendments were approved by the Body, one after the other:

1. On page 1, line 5, change “2012” to 2013;
2. On the same page, line 11, delete the word “programs” and the comma (,) thereafter;
3. On page 2, line 6, delete the open quotation mark (“’
4. On the same page, line 7, delete the close quotation mark (“”);
5. On page 3, line 6, change the upper case “C” on the word “Conduct” to smaller case c;
6. On page 4, line 4, delete the word “duly”;
7. On the same page, line 5, after the word “office,” insert the phrase BEFORE DISCHARGING THE FUNCTIONS OF THEIR POSITIONS,
8. On page 7, line 27, between the article “A” and the word “Degree,” insert the phrase MASTERS OR DOCTORATE;

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

There being no other committee amendment, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of committee amendments and proceeded to the period of individual amendments.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INDIVIDUAL AMENDMENTS

There being no individual amendment, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of individual amendments.

APPROVAL OF SENATE BILL NO. 3138
ON SECOND READING

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, Senate Bill No. 3381 was approved on Second Reading.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION
OF SENATE BILL NO. 3138

Upon motion of Senator Sotto there being no objection, the Body suspended consideration of the bill.

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 602
ON SENATE BILL NO. 3381
(Continuation)

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration, on Second Reading, of Senate Bill No. 3381 (Committee Report No. 602), entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE WESTERN VISAYAS MEDICAL CENTER INTO
A GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND -CONTROLLED HOSPITAL CORPORATION, INTEGRATING THEREWITH THE SAN JOAQUIN MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Senator Sotto stated that the parliamentary status was still the period of interpellations.

Thereupon, the Chair recognized Senator Cayetano (P), sponsor of the measure.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

There being no further interpellation, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of interpellations and proceeded to the period of amendments.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no committee or individual amendment, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of interpellations and proceeded to the period of amendments.

APPROVAL OF SENATE BILL NO. 3381 ON SECOND READING

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, Senate Bill No. 3381 was approved on Second Reading.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL NO. 3381

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body suspended consideration of the bill.

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 40 ON SENATE BILL NO. 2849

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration, on Second Reading, of Senate Bill No. 2849 (Committee Report No. 40), entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7875, OTHERWISE Known AS THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE ACT OF 1995, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Senator Sotto stated that the parliamentary status was still the period of interpellations.

Thereupon, the Chair recognized Senator Cayetano (P) sponsor of the measure.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

There being no further interpellation, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of interpellations and proceeded to the period of committee amendments.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

As proposed by Senator Cayetano (P), there being no objection, the following committee amendments were approved by the Body, one after the other:

1. On page 1, delete lines 1 to 10 and insert the provision "SECTION 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 7875, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

   SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the "National Health Insurance Act of 2013."

2. On page 1, delete lines 11 to 12 and insert the provision:

   "SEC. 2. SECTION 2 OF THE SAME ACT IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

   "SEC. 2. Declaration of Principles and Policies. – [Section II, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines declares that] IT IS HEREBY DECLARED THE POLICY OF the State [shall] TO adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all people at affordable cost AND TO PROVIDE FREE MEDICAL CARE TO PAUPERS. [Priority of the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled women and children shall be recognized. Likewise, it shall be the policy of the state to provide free medical care to paupers.] TOWARDS THIS END, THE STATE SHALL
PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO ALL FILIPINOS THROUGH A SOCIALIZED HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM THAT WILL PRIORITIZE THE HEALTH CARE NEEDS OF THE UNDER-PRIVILEGED, SICK, ELDERLY, PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDs), WOMEN AND CHILDREN AND PROVIDE FREE HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO INDIGENTS.

[In the pursuit of a National Health Insurance Program, this Act] PURSUANT TO THIS POLICY, THE STATE shall adopt the following [guiding] principles:

3. On page 1, line 13, insert “SEC. 3. SECTION 4 OF THE SAME ACT, IS HEREBY FURTHER AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:” to read as:

"SEC. 3. SECTION 4 OF THE SAME ACT, IS HEREBY FURTHER AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

"SECTION 4. Definition of Terms. – For the purpose of this Act, the following terms shall be defined as follows:""

4. On page 1, after line 15, insert the provision:

“f) Dependent – The legal dependents of a member are:

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4. the parents who are sixty (60) years old or above whose monthly income is below an amount to be determined by the Corporation in accordance with the guiding principles set forth in Article I of this Act; AND

5. PARENTS WITH PERMANENT DISABILITY THAT RENDER THEM TOTALLY DEPENDENT ON THE MEMBER FOR SUBSISTENCE:"

5. On page 1, lines 20-21, delete “SUBMITTED TO THE CORPORATION FOR THE COSTS OF DELIVERING THE SERVICE,” and replace with “THE PAYMENT SYSTEM SHALL BE BASED ON A PRE-NEGOTIATED SCHEDULE PROMULGATED BY THE CORPORATION.”

6. On page 2, lines 3 and 4, delete “A MEANS TEST DETERMINED BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT” and replace it with “AS IDENTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (DSWD) BASED ON SPECIFIC CRITERIA SET FOR THIS PURPOSE”.

7. On page 2, line 7, retain the word “Member” and delete “[“, “],” and the word “ENROLLEE”.

8. On page 2, line 8, delete “. [He]” and replace it with “WHO”.

9. On page 2, line 9, after the “,” insert “[“.

10. On page 2, lines 9 - 12, delete “HE MAY BELONG TO THE FORMAL OR INFORMAL SECTOR, OR IS A PRACTICING PROFESSIONAL, SELF-EARNING INDIVIDUAL, INDIGENT, AN ABANDONED CHILD, OR PENSIONER / RETIREE.” and replace it with “A SPONSORED MEMBER, OR A LIFETIME MEMBER.”

11. On page 2, after line 13, insert:

"ff) Retiree – A member of the program who has reached the age of retirement AS PROVIDED FOR BY LAW or who was retired on account of PERMANENT disability AS CERTIFIED BY THE EMPLOYER AND THE CORPORATION."

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12. On page 2, line 17, after “(DSWD)”, insert “, ORPHANAGES, CHURCHES, AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.”

13. On page 2, lines 21 to 25, delete the provision and adjust the Sectioning accordingly.

14. On page 3, lines 7 to 8, delete “THAT THE CORPORATION DEEM PART OF THIS GROUP,” and replace with “AS RECOGNIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT (DOLE) AND/OR THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE (BIR)."

15. On page 3, delete lines 12 to 15.

16. On page 3, line 16, delete “UU)” and replace it with “SS)”.

17. On page 3, after line 19, insert the following and adjust the Sectionings accordingly.

“ff) TRADITIONAL AND ALTERNATIVE HEALTH CARE – THE APPLICATION OF TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND PRACTICE OF ALTERNATIVE HEALTH CARE OR HEALING METHODS WHICH INCLUDE REFLEXOLOGY, ACUPUNCTURE, MASSAGE, ACUPRESSURE, CHIROPRACTICS, NUTRITIONAL THERAPY AND OTHER SIMILAR METHODS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ACCREDITATION GUIDELINES SET FORTH BY THE CORPORATION AND THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA).”
"UU) LIFETIME MEMBER - A FORMER MEMBER WHO HAS REACHED THE AGE OF RETIREMENT UNDER THE LAW AND HAS PAID AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) MONTHLY PREMIUM CONTRIBUTIONS.

VV) MEMBERS IN THE FORMAL ECONOMY - WORKERS WITH FORMAL CONTRACTS AND FIXED TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT INCLUDING WORKERS IN THE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR, WHOSE PREMIUM CONTRIBUTION PAYMENTS ARE EQUALLY SHARED BY THE EMPLOYEE AND THE EMPLOYER.

WW) MEMBERS IN THE INFORMAL ECONOMY - WORKERS WHO ARE NOT COVERED BY FORMAL CONTRACTS OR AGREEMENTS AND WHOSE PREMIUM CONTRIBUTIONS ARE SELF-PAID OR SUBSIDIZED BY ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL THROUGH A DEFINED CRITERIA SET BY THE CORPORATION.

XX) MIGRANT WORKERS - DOCUMENTED OR UNDOCUMENTED FILIPINOS WHO ARE ENGAGED IN A REMUNERATED ACTIVITY IN ANOTHER COUNTRY OF WHICH THEY ARE NOT CITIZENS.

YY) SPONSORED MEMBER - A MEMBER WHOSE CONTRIBUTION IS BEING PAID BY ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL, GOVERNMENT AGENCY, OR PRIVATE ENTITY ACCORDING TO THE RULES AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED BY THE CORPORATION.

18. On page 3, line 20 replace "3" with "4" and renumber the succeeding Sections accordingly.

19. On page 3, line 21, before the word "Coverage", insert "Mandatory".

20. On page 3, delete lines 28 to 35 and replace it with:

"Provided, That the Program shall BE COMPULSORY IN ALL PROVINCES, CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES NATIONWIDE, NOTWITHSTANDING THE EXISTENCE OF LGU-BASED HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAMS [not be made compulsory in certain provinces and cities until the] PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT THE Corporation, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH), LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs), AND OTHER AGENCIES INCLUDING NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGOs) AND OTHER NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES (NGAs) shall [be able to] ensure that members in such localities shall have [reasonable] access to [adequate and acceptable] QUALITY AND COST-EFFECTIVE health care services.”.

21. On page 3, line 36, replace “deleted” with “further amended to read as follows:

SEC. 7. Enrollment. - The [Program] CORPORATION shall enroll beneficiaries in order for them [to be placed under the coverage that entitles them] to avail of benefits UNDER THIS ACT with the assistance of the financial arrangements provided by the [Program] CORPORATION UNDER THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

A. MEMBERS IN THE FORMAL ECONOMY;
B. MEMBERS IN THE INFORMAL ECONOMY;
C. INDIGENTS;
D. SPONSORED MEMBERS; AND
E. LIFETIME MEMBERS.

The process of enrollment shall include the identification of beneficiaries, issuance of appropriate documentation specifying eligibility to benefits, and indicating how membership was obtained or is being maintained.

[a] all persons currently eligible for benefits under Medicare Program I, including SSS and GSIS members, retirees, pensioners and their dependents, ALL PERSONS CURRENTLY ENROLLED AS MEMBERS shall [immediately and) BE automatically ELIGIBLE [be made members of) FOR BENEFITS UNDER the National Health Insurance Program UNDER THIS ACT;

[b] all persons eligible for benefits through health insurance plans established by local governments as part of Program II of Medicare or in accordance with the provisions of this Act, including indigent members, shall also be enrolled in the Program;

c) all persons eligible for benefits as members of local health insurance plans established by the Corporation in accordance with the implementing rules and regulations of this Act shall also be deemed to have enrolled in the Program.
Enrollment of persons who have no current health insurance coverage shall be given priority by the Corporation; and

d) all persons eligible for benefits as members of other government-initiated health insurance programs, community-based health care organizations, cooperatives, or private non-profit health insurance plans shall be enrolled in the Program upon accreditation by the Corporation which shall devise and provide incentives to ensure that such accredited organizations will benefit from their participation in the program.

All indigents not enrolled in the Program shall have priority in the use and availment of the services and facilities of government hospitals, health care personnel, and other health organizations: Provided, however, That such government health care providers shall ensure that said indigents shall subsequently be enrolled in the Program.

22. On page 3, line 38 delete “ID” and replace it with “IDENTIFICATION (ID)” and after the word “Card” insert “AND ID NUMBER”.

23. On page 3, line 40, after “ID” and line 46, after “CARD”, insert “with a corresponding ID number”.

24. On page 3, line 43, delete “[i”, “[i”, and “AN ENROLLEE”.

25. On page 3, lines 44 to 45, delete “attached thereto” and replace with “PROVIDED TO THE MEMBER TOGETHER WITH THE ID CARD.

THE ABSENCE OF THE ID CARD SHALL NOT PREJUDICE THE RIGHT OF ANY MEMBER TO AVAL OF BENEFITS OR MEDICAL SERVICES UNDER THE NHP.”

26. On page 4, delete lines 5 to 38 and page 5, lines 1 to 8, after “Benefit Package.”

27. On page 5, line 9, replace “ENROLLEES” with “MEMBERS”.

28. On page 5, line 13, delete “AND THE DOH”.

29. On page 6, line 11, replace “ITS” with “THEIR”.

30. On page 6, after line 31, insert “THE CORPORATION MAY INSTITUTE ADDITIONAL EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS AS IT MAY DEEM REASONABLE IN KEEPING WITH ITS PROTECTION OBJECTIVES AND FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY.”

31. On page 6, line 34, delete “[i”, “[i” and “AN ENROLLEE”.

32. On page 6, line 36, delete “his or his” and after “availment,” insert “INCLUDING THOSE OF THE DEPENDENTS,”.

33. On page 6, line 37, delete “[i” and “[i” and “ENROLLEE”.

34. On page 6, line 38, put in “[i” and “[i” the words “he contributes thereto” and insert “CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE BEEN MADE” after “thereto”.

35. On page 6, line 38, put in “[i” and “[i” the words “as evidenced in his health insurance ID card: and”.

36. On page 6, line 39, insert “:” before “Provided”, put in “[i” and “[i” the word “he”, and insert “THE MEMBER” after “[he”.

37. On page 6, line 45, delete “ENROLLEES [Members] who reach the age of retirement as provided for by law and have paid at least one hundred twenty (120) contributions, [and]” and replace it with “LIFETIME MEMBERS.”

38. On page 7, line 9, delete “[i” and “ENROLLEE”.

39. On page 7, line 16, delete “ENROLLEES” and replace with “MEMBERS”.

40. On page 7, line 26, delete “[i” and “ENROLLEES”.

41. On page 7, line 32, delete “TO MAINTAIN AND SECURE AN ELECTRONIC DATABASE OF ALL ITS ENROLLEES WITHIN ONE (1) YEAR AFTER THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT;” and replace with “TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN AN ELECTRONIC DATA BASE OF ALL ITS MEMBERS AND ENSURE ITS SECURITY TO FACILITATE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE SERVICES;”.

42. On page 8, line 1, delete “ENROLLEES” and replace with “MEMBERS”.

43. On page 8, lines 11 to 12, delete “NOT MORE THAN TWELVE PERCENT (12%) PER ANNUM” and replace with “NOT EXCEEDING THREE PERCENT (3%) PER MONTH”.

44. On page 8, lines 14 to 15, delete “:” and insert “BY AN EMPLOYER, WHETHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE.”
45. On page 8, lines 19 and 24, delete “AND”.

46. On page 8, after line 24, add the following as additional provisions on powers and functions:

“X) TO MONITOR COMPLIANCE BY THE REGULATORY AGENCIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ACT AND TO CARRY OUT NECESSARY ACTIONS TO ENFORCE COMPLIANCE;

Y) TO MANDATE THE NATIONAL AGENCIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO REQUIRE PROOF OF PHILHEALTH MEMBERSHIP BEFORE DOING BUSINESS WITH A PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP;

Z) TO ACCREDIT INDEPENDENT PHARMACIES AND RETAIL DRUG OUTLETS; AND”

47. On page 8, line 25, delete “[q] X)” and replace with “AAA”.

48. On page 8, line 45, delete “[i], [j]” and “AN ENROLLEE”.

49. On page 9, line 3, delete “[i, “j]” and “ENROLLEES”.

50. On page 9, lines 14 to 16, delete “his” and replace with “A PERMANENT”.

51. On page 9, after line 16, insert a provision “THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE (DOF) OR A PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE;

52. On page 9, line 17, between the words “President” and “of”, insert “AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO).

53. On page 9, lines 18, 19, 21 and 22, delete “HIS” and replace with “A PERMANENT”.

54. On page 9, lines 24 to 26, delete “[i,” overseas”, “j]” and “THE OVERSEAS WORKERS WELFARE ADMINISTRATION (OWWA) OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE”.

55. On page 9, line 24, insert “PERMANENT” between “A” and “representative”, and insert “MIGRANT” after “Filipino”.

56. On page 9, line 27, delete “[A representative of the self-employed sector; and]” and replace with “A PERMANENT representative of the [self-employed] MEMBERS IN THE INFORMAL ECONOMY (sector)”.

57. On page 9, line 28, insert “PERMANENT” between “A” and “representative” and insert “MEMBERS IN THE” after “the”. On the same line, delete “sector” and replace with “ECONOMY”.

58. On page 9, lines 33 and 34, delete “A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVES TO BE ENDORSED BY THEIR NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS” and replace with “A PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ELECTED LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVES TO BE ENDORSED BY THE LEAGUE OF PROVINCES, LEAGUE OF CITIES AND LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES; AND”.

59. On page 9, after line 34, insert “AN INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR TO BE APPOINTED BY THE MONETARY BOARD”.

60. On page 9, line 36, insert “AND CEO” between the words “President” and “of”.

61. On page 10, delete lines 1 to 15 and replace with:

“b) Appointment and Tenure – [The President of the Philippines shall appoint the Members of the Board upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Board and in consultation with the sectors concerned. Members of the Board shall have a term of four (4) years each, renewable for a maximum of two (2) years, except for members whose terms shall be co-terminus with their respective position in government. Any vacancy in the Board shall be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made and the appointee shall serve only the unexpired term of his predecessor.] EXCEPT FOR EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS, THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT (RA) NO. 10149, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “GOCC GOVERNANCE ACT OF 2011”. PROVIDED, THAT SECTORAL BOARD MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHAIRPERSON AND AFTER DUE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE SECTORS CONCERNED.

THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE APPOINTIVE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH R.A. NO. 10149.”

62. On page 10, after line 16, insert additional provision to read as follows:
"SEC. 13. Section 19 of the same Act, is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 19. The President of the Corporation —

a) Appointment and Tenure. — The President of the Philippines shall appoint for a non renewable term of six (6) years, the President AND CEO of the Corporation, hereinafter referred to as the President, upon the recommendation of the Board. The President shall [not be removed from office except in accordance with existing laws.] HAVE A TENURE OF ONE (1) YEAR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF RA 10149.

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63. On page 10, line 33, delete "[", "1" and "ENROLLEES".

64. On page 11, line 11, delete “XXX” and replace with:

“a) All funds under the management and control of the Corporation shall be subject to all rules and regulations applicable to public funds.

b) The Corporation is authorized to charge to the various funds under its control [for] the costs of administering the Program. Such costs may include administration, monitoring, marketing and promotion, research and development, audit and evaluation, information services, and other necessary activities for the effective management of the Program. The total annual costs for these shall not exceed [twelve (12%) of the total contributions, including government contributions to the Program and not more than three percent (3%) of the investment earnings collected during the immediately preceding year.] THE SUM TOTAL OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. FOUR PERCENT (4%) OF THE TOTAL PREMIUM CONTRIBUTIONS COLLECTED DURING THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING YEAR;

2. FOUR PERCENT (4%) OF THE TOTAL REIMBURSEMENTS OR TOTAL COST OF HEALTH SERVICES PAID BY THE CORPORATION IN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING YEAR; AND

3. FIVE PERCENT (5%) OF THE INVESTMENT EARNINGS GENERATED DURING THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING YEAR.

THE PERIOD FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COST CEILING PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE LATER THAN FIVE (5) YEARS FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT DURING WHICH PERIOD, THE TOTAL ANNUAL COST SHALL NOT EXCEED THE SUM TOTAL OF THE FOLLOWING:

I. FIVE PERCENT (5%) OF THE TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS;

II. FIVE PERCENT (5%) OF THE TOTAL REIMBURSEMENTS; AND

III. FIVE PERCENT (5%) OF THE INVESTMENT EARNINGS GENERATED DURING THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING YEAR.”

65. On page 11, line 17, delete “[“.

66. On page 11, line 18, delete ”]” and “ONE YEAR’S”.

67. On page 11, delete lines 20 to 30 and replace with “Corporation’s fiscal year, [the Program’s benefits shall be increased or member contributions decreased prospectively in order to adjust expenditures or revenues to meet the required ceiling for reserve funds. Such] THE EXCESS [portions] of the CORPORATION’S reserve fund SHALL BE USED TO INCREASE THE PROGRAM’S BENEFITS, DECREASE THE MEMBER’S CONTRIBUTIONS, AND AUGMENT THE HEALTH FACILITIES ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. THE REMAINING PORTION OF THE RESERVE FUND [as] THAT are not needed to meet the current expenditure obligations OR USED FOR THE ABOVE-MENTIONED PROGRAMS shall be [invested in short-term] PLACED IN investments to earn an average annual income at prevailing rates of interest and shall be known as the “Investment Reserve Fund” which shall be invested in any or all of the following.”

68. On page 11, line 34, insert “,” after “pledged” and delete “OR”.

69. On page 11, make the provision found in lines 34 to 49 and page 12, lines 1 to 2, subsection (b) to read as follows:
“b) IN DEBT SECURITIES AND CORPORATE BONDS ISSUANCES: PROVIDED, THAT SUCH SECURITIES AND BONDS ARE RATED TRIPLE “A” BY AUTHORIZED ACCREDITED DOMESTIC RATING AGENCIES; PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT THE ISSUING OR ASSUMING ENTITY OR ITS PREDECESSOR SHALL NOT HAVE DEFAULTED IN THE PAYMENT OF INTEREST ON ANY OF ITS SECURITIES AND THAT DURING EACH OF ANY THREE (3) INCLUDING LAST TWO (2) OF THE FIVE (5) FISCAL YEARS NEXT PRECEDING THE DATE OF ACQUISITION BY THE CORPORATION OF SUCH BONDS, SECURITIES OR OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS, THE NET EARNINGS OF THE ISSUING OR ASSUMING INSTITUTION AVAILABLE FOR ITS RECURRING EXPENSES, SUCH AS AMORTIZATION OF DEBT DISCOUNT AND RENTALS FOR LEASED PROPERTIES, INCLUDING INTEREST ON FUNDED AND UNFUNDED DEBT, SHALL HAVE BEEN NOT LESS THAN ONE (1) AND ONE QUARTER TIMES THE TOTAL OF THE RECURRING EXPENSES FOR SUCH YEAR; PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT SUCH INVESTMENT SHALL NOT EXCEED 15% OF THE INVESTMENT RESERVE FUND."

70. On page 12, line 3, delete “b) XXX; [and]” and replace with:

“c) In interest-bearing deposits and loans to or securities in any domestic bank doing business in the Philippines: Provided, That in the case of such deposits, this shall not exceed at any time the unimpaired capital and surplus or total private deposits of the depository bank, whichever is smaller: Provided further, That said bank shall first have been designated as a depository for this purpose by the Monetary Board of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas;”

71. On page 12, line 4, replace “c)” with “D)”. 

72. On page 12, delete lines 20 to 25 and replace with “E) IN BONDS, SECURITIES, PROMISSORY NOTES OR OTHER EVIDENCE OF INDEBTEDNESS OF ACCREDITED AND FINANCIALLY SOUND MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS EXCLUSIVELY TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF HOSPITALS AND OTHER MEDICAL FACILITIES: PROVIDED, THAT SUCH SECURITIES AND INSTRUMENTS ARE BACKED UP BY THE GUARANTEE OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES (ROP) OR THE ISSUING MEDICAL INSTITUTION AND THE ISSUED SECURITIES AND BONDS ARE BOTH RATED TRIPLE “A” BY AUTHORIZED ACCREDITED DOMESTIC RATING AGENCIES: PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT SAID INVESTMENTS SHALL NOT EXCEED TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE TOTAL INVESTMENT RESERVE FUND.”

73. On page 12, delete lines 26 to 31, and replace with “AS PART OF ITS INVESTMENTS OPERATIONS, THE CORPORATION MAY HIRE INSTITUTIONS WITH VALID TRUST LICENSES AS ITS EXTERNAL LOCAL FUND MANAGERS TO MANAGE THE INVESTMENT RESERVE FUND, AS IT MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE, THROUGH PUBLIC BIDDING. THE FUND MANAGERS SHALL SUBMIT ANNUAL REPORTS ON INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE TO THE CORPORATION.”

74. On page 12, after line 25, insert:

"THE CORPORATION SHALL SET UP THE FOLLOWING FUNDS:
A) A FUND TO SECURE BENEFIT PAY-OUTS TO MEMBERS PRIOR TO THEIR BECOMING LIFETIME MEMBERS;
B) A FUND TO SECURE PAY-OUTS TO LIFETIME MEMBERS; AND
C) A FUND FOR ANY OPTIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS THAT ARE SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

A PORTION OF EACH OF THE ABOVE FUNDS SHALL BE IDENTIFIED AS CURRENT AND KEPT IN LIQUID INSTRUMENTS. IN NO CASE SHALL SAID PORTION BE CONSIDERED PART OF INVESTED ASSETS.

ANOTHER PORTION OF THE SAID FUNDS SHALL BE ALLOCATED FOR LIFETIME MEMBERS WITHIN SIX MONTHS AFTER THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT. SAID AMOUNT SHALL BE DETERMINED BY AN ACTUARY OR PRE-CALCULATED BASED ON THE MOST RECENT VALUATION OF LIABILITIES.

THE CORPORATION SHALL ALLOCATE A PORTION OF ALL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUND FOR
LIFETIME MEMBERS BASED ON AN ALLOCATION TO BE DETERMINED BY THE PHIC ACTUARY BASED ON A PRE-DETERMINED PERCENTAGE USING THE CURRENT AVERAGE AGE OF MEMBERS AND THE CURRENT LIFE EXPECTANCY AND MORBIDITY CURVE OF FILIPINOS.

THE CORPORATION SHALL MANAGE THE SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS AND THE LIFETIME MEMBERS FUND IN AN ACTUARIAL SOUND MANNER.

THE CORPORATION SHALL MANAGE THE SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS FUND TO THE MINIMUM REQUIRED TO ENSURE THAT THE SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFIT PAYMENTS ARE SECURE.”

75. On page 12, delete lines 33 to 38 and replace with “SEC. 28. Contributions. – All members [of the program] WHO CAN AFFORD TO PAY shall contribute to the Fund, in accordance with a reasonable, equitable and progressive contribution schedule to be determined by the Corporation on the basis of applicable actuarial studies and in accordance with the following guidelines:”

76. On page 12, delete lines 39 to 46 and replace with “a) MEMBERS IN THE formal [sector employees] ECONOMY [and current Medicare members] and their employers shall continue paying the same monthly contributions as provided for by law until such time that the Corporation shall have determined [the] A NEW contribution schedule [mentioned herein]: Provided, That their monthly contributions shall not exceed [three percent (3%) FIVE PERCENT (5%) of their respective monthly salaries.

77. On page 12, delete lines 47 and 48 as well lines 1 and 2 of page 13 and replace with “IT SHALL BE MANDATORY FOR ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO INCLUDE THE PAYMENT OF PREMIUM CONTRIBUTION IN THEIR RESPECTIVE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS: PROVIDED FINALLY, THAT ANY INCREASE IN THE PREMIUM CONTRIBUTION OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AS EMPLOYER SHALL ONLY BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON INCLUSION OF SAID AMOUNT IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT.”

78. On page 13, delete lines 3 to 16.

79. On page 13, delete lines 17 to 35 and replace with “b) Contributions from [self-employed members] MEMBERS IN THE INFORMAL ECONOMY shall be based primarily on household earnings and assets[,] their total contributions for one year shall not, however, exceed-three percent (3%) of their estimated actual net income for the preceding year:] THOSE FROM THE LOWEST INCOME SEGMENT WHO DO NOT QUALIFY FOR FULL SUBSIDY UNDER THE MEANS TEST RULE OF THE DSWD SHALL BE ENTIRELY SUBSIDIZED BY THE LGUS OR THROUGH COST SHARING MECHANISMS BETWEEN AMONG LGUS AND/OR LEGISLATIVE SPONSORS AND/OR OTHER SPONSORS AND/OR THE MEMBER, INCLUDING THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT: PROVIDED, THAT THE IDENTIFICATION OF BENEFICIARIES WHO SHALL RECEIVE SUBSIDY FROM LGUS SHALL BE BASED ON A LIST TO BE PROVIDED BY THE DSWD THROUGH THE SAME MEANS TEST RULE OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE STATISTICAL METHOD THAT MAY BE ADOPTED FOR SAID PURPOSE.”

80. On page 13, delete lines 36 to 38 and replace with “c) Contributions made in behalf of indigent members shall not exceed the minimum contributions for the employed members.”

81. On page 13, delete lines 39 to 44 and replace with “D) THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF MONTHLY PREMIUM CONTRIBUTIONS TO QUALIFY AS A LIFETIME MEMBER MAY BE INCREASED BY THE CORPORATION TO SUSTAIN THE FINANCIAL VIABILITY OF THE PROGRAM: PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT THE INCREASE SHALL BE BASED ON ACTUARIAL ESTIMATE AND STUDY.”

82. On page 13, delete lines 46 to 50 as well as lines 1 to 9 of page 14 and replace with “SEC. 29. Payment for Indigent Contributions. – PREMIUM [C]contribution for indigent members AS IDENTIFIED BY THE DSWD THROUGH A MEANS TEST OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE STATISTICAL METHOD shall be FULLY subsidized [partially] by the [local government unit] NATIONAL GOVERNMENT [where the member resides]. THE AMOUNT NECESSARY SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH UNDER THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT. [The Corporation shall provide counterpart financing equal to the LGU’s subsidy for indigents: Provided, That in the case of
fourth, fifth and sixth class municipalities, the National Government shall provide up to ninety percent (90%) of the subsidy for indigents until such time that they shall have been upgraded to first, second or third class municipalities. The share of the LGUs shall be progressively increased until such time that its share becomes equal to that of the National Government.)"

83. On page 14, delete lines 11 to 15 and replace with:

"SEC. 29-A. PAYMENT FOR SPONSORED MEMBERS’ CONTRIBUTIONS. —

A) THE PREMIUM CONTRIBUTIONS OF ORPHANS, ABANDONED AND ABUSED MINORS, OUT OF SCHOOL YOUTHS, STREET CHILDREN, PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, SENIOR CITIZENS AND BATTERED WOMEN UNDER THE CARE OF THE DSWD, OR ANY OF ITS ACCREDITED INSTITUTIONS RUN BY NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGOS) OR ANY NON-PROFIT PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS, SHALL BE PAID BY THE DSWD AND THE FUNDS NECESSARY FOR THEIR INCLUSION IN THE PROGRAM SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE DSWD.

B) THE NEEDED PREMIUM CONTRIBUTIONS OF ALL BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS, NUTRITION SCHOLARS AND OTHER BARANGAY WORKERS AND VOLUNTEERS SHALL BE FULLY BORNE BY THE LGUS CONCERNED.

C) THE ANNUAL PREMIUM CONTRIBUTIONS OF HOUSEHELPERS SHALL BE FULLY PAID BY THEIR EMPLOYERS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO.10361 OR THE "BATAS KASAMBAHAY".

84. On page 14, after line 15, insert a new Section 29-B to read as follows:

"SEC. 21. A new Section 29-B, shall be added to read as follows:

"SEC. 29-B. COVERAGE OF WOMEN ABOUT TO GIVE BIRTH. — THE ANNUAL REQUIRED PREMIUM FOR THE COVERAGE OF UN-ENROLLED WOMEN WHO ARE ABOUT TO GIVE BIRTH SHALL BE FULLY BORNE BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AND/OR LGUS AND/OR LEGISLATIVE SPONSOR WHICH SHALL BE DETERMINED THROUGH THE MEANS TESTING PROTOCOL RECOGNIZED BY THE DSWD."

85. On page 14, after the new Section 29-B, insert another provision to read as follows:

"SEC. 22. Section 32 of the same Act, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 32. Accreditation Eligibility. — All health care providers, as enumerated in Sec. 4 (o) hereof and operating for at least three (3) years may apply for accreditation: Provided, That a health care provider which has not operated for at least three (3) years may likewise apply and qualify for accreditation if it complies with all the other accreditation requirements of and further meets any of the following conditions:

a) Its managing health care professional has had a working experience in another accredited health care institution for at least three (3) years;

b) It operates as a tertiary facility or its equivalent;

c) It operates in a local government unit where the accredited health care provider cannot adequately or fully service its population; and

d) Other conditions as may be determined by the Corporation.

A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER FOUND GUILTY OF ANY VIOLATION OF THIS ACT SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THE RENEWAL OF ACCREDITATION."

86. On page 14, line 26, delete "[" and on the same page, line 28, delete "]".

87. On page 14, line 29, replace "B)" with "C)".

88. On page 14, delete line 30.

89. On page 14, delete lines 31 to 33 and replace with "d) [Any or all of the above, subject to]".

90. On page 14, delete lines 36 to 44 and replace with "SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD, THE CORPORATION MAY ADOPT OTHER PAYMENT MECHANISMS THAT ARE MOST BENEFICIAL TO THE MEMBERS AND TO THE CORPORATION."

91. On page 15, line 1, delete "[" and insert "PHILHEALTH LOCAL" between the words "Each" and "Office" and on line 6, delete "]".
92. On page 15, after line 4, add another provision to read as follows:

"SEC. 23. A new Section 34-A, shall be added to read as follows:

SEC. 34-A. OTHER PROVIDER PAYMENT GUIDELINES. - NO OTHER FEE OR EXPENSE SHALL BE CHARGED TO THE INDIGENT PATIENT, SUBJECT TO THE GUIDELINES ISSUED BY THE CORPORATION."

93. On page 15, line 5, delete “FEES PAID” and replace with “ALL PAYMENTS”

93. On page 15, delete lines 17 to 27 and replace with the provision:

"SEC. 35. REIMBURSEMENT AND PERIOD TO FILE CLAIMS. - ALL CLAIMS FOR REIMBURSEMENT OR PAYMENT FOR SERVICES RENDERED SHALL BE FILED WITHIN A PERIOD OF SIXTY (60) CALENDAR DAYS FROM THE DATE OF DISCHARGE OF THE PATIENT FROM THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.

THE PERIOD TO FILE THE CLAIM MAY BE EXTENDED FOR SUCH REASONABLE CAUSES DETERMINED BY THE CORPORATION."

94. On page 15, line 39, insert “AND THE CORPORATION” after “DOH”.

95. On page 15, after line 40, insert “PROVIDED, THAT THE CAPITATION PAYMENTS SHALL BE SEGREGATED ANDplaced INTO A SPECIAL TRUST FUND CREATED BY LGUS AND BE ACCESSED FOR THE USE OF SUCH MANDATED PURPOSE.”

96. On page 15, after line 40, insert another provision to read as follows:

"SEC. 27. Section 41 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 41. Grievance and Appeal Procedures. - A member, [his] A dependent, or a health care provider may file a complaint for grievance based on any of the above grounds, in accordance with the following procedures:

a) A complaint for grievance must be filed with the [Office] CORPORATION which shall REFER SUCH COMPLAINT TO THE GRIEVANCE AND APPEAL REVIEW COMMITTEE. THE GRIEVANCE AND APPEAL REVIEW COMMITTEE SHALL rule on the complaint THROUGH A NOTICE OF RESOLUTION within [ninety (90)] SIXTY (60) calendar days from receipt thereof.

b) Appeals from [Office] THE DECISION OF THE GRIEVANCE AND APPEAL REVIEW COMMITTEE must be filed with the Board within thirty (30) CALENDAR days from receipt of THE notice of RESOLUTION [dismissal or disallowance by the Office].

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97. On page 15, delete lines 42 to 47 as well as lines 1 and 2 of page 16 and replace with:

"SEC. 42. Grievance and Appeal Review Committee. - The Board shall create a Grievance and Appeal Review Committee, composed of [three (3) to] five (5) members, hereinafter referred to as the Committee, which, subject to the procedures enumerated above, shall receive and recommend appropriate action on complaints from members and health care providers relative to this Act and its implementing rules and regulations.

The Committee shall have as one of its members A REPRESENTATIVE OF ANY OF THE ACCREDITED HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS as endorsed by the doH."

98. On page 16, delete lines 6 to 18 and replace with:

"A. VIOLATION BY AN ACCREDITED HEALTH CARE PROVIDER - ANY ACCREDITED HEALTH CARE PROVIDER WHO COMMITS A VIOLATION, ABUSE, UNETHICAL PRACTICE OR FRAUDULENT ACT WHICH TENDS TO UNDERMINE OR DEFEAT THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM SHALL BE PUNISHED WITH [A] a fine of not less than [Ten] FIFTY thousand pesos [(P10,000.00)] [(50,000.00)] [nor] BUT NOT more than [Fifty] ONE HUNDRED thousand pesos [(P50,000.00)] [(P100,000.00)] [in case the violation is committed by the hospital management or provider. In addition, its accreditation shall be suspended or revoked] OR SUSPENSION OF ACCREDITATION from three (3) months to the whole term of accreditation, OR BOTH AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CORPORATION: Provided, [however,] That recidivists may [not anymore] NO LONGER be accredited as a participant of the Program;"

99. On page 16, delete lines 19 to 29 and replace with:

"B. VIOLATIONS OF A MEMBER – [A fine of not less than Five hundred pesos
(P500.00) nor more than Five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) and imprisonment of not less than six (6) months nor more than one (1) year in case the violation is committed by the member.] ANY MEMBER WHO COMMITS ANY VIOLATION OF THIS ACT INDEPENDENTLY OR IN CONNIVANCE WITH THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER FOR PURPOSES OF WRONGFULLY CLAIMING NHIP BENEFITS OR ENTITLEMENT, SHALL BE PUNISHED WITH A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P5,000.00) OR SUSPENSION FROM AVAILMENT OF NHIP BENEFITS FOR NOT LESS THAN THREE (3) MONTHS BUT NOT MORE THAN SIX (6) MONTHS, OR BOTH AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CORPORATION."

100. On page 16, line 37, delete "ANY EMPLOYER WHICH" and on the same page, delete lines 38 to 44 and replace with: "ANY EMPLOYER WHO FAILS OR REFUSES TO REGISTER EMPLOYEES, REGARDLESS OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT STATUS, OR TO DEDUCT CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE EMPLOYEE'S COMPENSATION OR REMIT THE SAME TO THE CORPORATION SHALL BE PUNISHED WITH A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P5,000.00) MULTIPLIED BY THE TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES OF THE FIRM."

101. On page 16, line 49, insert "if" before "and".

102. On page 16, line 50, insert "if" after "Code".

103. On page 17, delete lines 1 to 9 and replace with:

"2. UNLAWFUL DEDUCTIONS – Any employer or OFFICER who shall deduct directly or indirectly from the compensation of the covered employees or otherwise recover from them his own contribution on behalf of such employees shall be punished [by] WITH a fine [not exceeding One] OF FIVE thousand pesos ([P1,000.00]) (P5,000.00) multiplied by the total number of AFFECTED employees [employed by the firm, or imprisonment not exceeding one (1) year, or both fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the court]."

104. On page 17, line 14, enclosed in "if" and "if" the words "and other laws for the offense".

105. On page 17, line 21, insert "BE PUNISHED WITH [" between "shall" and "suffer".

106. On page 17, line 23, insert "]" after "and".

107. On page 17, delete lines 26 to 49 and replace with:

"4. OTHER VIOLATIONS – OTHER VIOLATIONS OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT OR OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY THE CORPORATION SHALL BE PUNISHED WITH A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P5,000.00) BUT NOT MORE THAN TWENTY THOUSAND PESOS (P20,000.00).

All other violations involving funds of the Corporation shall be governed by the applicable provisions of the Revised Penal Code or other laws, taking into consideration the rules on collection, remittances, and investment of funds as may be promulgated by the Corporation.

THE CORPORATION MAY ENUMERATE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT WILL MITIGATE OR AGGRAVATE THE LIABILITY OF THE OFFENDER OR ERRING HEALTH CARE PROVIDER, MEMBER OR EMPLOYER."

108. On page 18, delete lines 1 to 28 and replace with:

"DESPITE THE CESSATION OF OPERATION BY A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER OR TERMINATION OF PRACTICE OF AN INDEPENDENT HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL WHILE THE COMPLAINT IS BEING HEARD, THE PROCEEDING AGAINST THEM SHALL CONTINUE UNTIL THE RESOLUTION OF THE CASE.

THE DISPOSITIVE PART OF THE DECISION REQUIRING PAYMENT OF FINES, REIMBURSEMENT OF PAID CLAIM OR DENIAL OF PAYMENT SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY EXECUTORY."

109. On page 19, line 4, replace "0.01%" with "0.001%".

110. On page 19, after line 6, insert a new provision to read as follows:

"SEC. 30. A new Section 56 is hereby added to read as follows and adjust the numbering of Sections accordingly:

"SEC. 56. REQUISITES FOR ISSUANCE OR RENEWAL OF LICENSE OR PERMITS. – NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW TO THE CONTRARY, ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ISSUING PROFESSIONAL OR
BUSINESS LICENSE OR PERMIT, SHALL REQUIRE ALL APPLICANTS TO SUBMIT CERTIFICATE OR PROOF OF PAYMENT OF PHILHEALTH PREMIUM CONTRIBUTIONS, PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OR RENEWAL OF SUCH LICENSE OR PERMIT.”

111. On page 19, delete lines 10 and 11 and adjust the succeeding Sections accordingly.

112. On page 19, delete lines 7 to 9 and replace with:

“SEC. 31. Section 49 of the same Act, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 49. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within [thirty (30)] SIXTY (60) days from the completion of such appointments, the Board shall convene to formulate the rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this Act.] FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT, THE CORPORATION, IN COORDINATION WITH THE DOH SHALL ISSUE THE NECESSARY RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ITS EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION.”

The session was suspended and was resumed shortly thereafter.

113. On page 13, delete lines 17 to 35 and replace with: After the phrase “AND OR OTHER SPONSORS AND OR THE,” replace the word “ENROLLEE” with the phrase MEMBER, INCLUDING THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT; and

114. Renumber the succeeding sections accordingly.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

There being no other committee amendment, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of committee amendments and proceeded to the period of individual amendments.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INDIVIDUAL AMENDMENTS

There being no individual amendment, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of individual amendments.

APPROVAL OF SENATE BILL NO. 2849 ON SECOND READING

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, Senate Bill No. 2849 was approved on Second Reading.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL NO. 2849

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, the Body suspended consideration of the bill.

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 527 ON SENATE BILL NO. 3371

(Continuation)

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration, on Second Reading, of Senate Bill No. 3371 (Committee Report No. 527), entitled

AN ACT EXPANDING THE POSITIONS RESERVED FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MAGNA CARTA FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY.

Senator Sotto stated that the parliamentary status was still the period interpellations.

Thereupon, the Chair recognized Senator Cayetano (P), sponsor of the measure.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

There being no interpellation, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of interpellations.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, the session was suspended.

It was 10:07 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 10:07 p.m., the session was resumed.
SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL NO. 3371

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body suspended consideration of the bill.

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 557 ON SENATE BILL NO. 3377
(Continuation)

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration, on Second Reading, of Senate Bill No. 3377 (Committee Report No. 557), entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE CONDUCT OF THE PALARONG PAMBANSA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Senator Sotto stated that the parliamentary status was the period of interpellations.

Thereupon, the Chair recognized Senator Cayetano (P), sponsor of the measure.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

There being no interpellation, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of interpellations and proceeded to the period of amendments.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no committee or individual amendment, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of amendments.

APPROVAL OF SENATE BILL NO. 3377 ON SECOND READING

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, Senate Bill No. 3377 was approved on Second Reading.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL NO. 3377

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body suspended consideration of the bill.

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 707 ON SENATE BILL NO. 3399
(Continuation)

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration, on Second Reading, of Senate Bill No. 3399 (Committee Report No. 707), entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL HEALTH RESEARCH SYSTEM.

Senator Sotto stated that the parliamentary status was the period of interpellations.

Thereupon, the Chair recognized Senator Cayetano (P), sponsor of the measure.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

There being no interpellation, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of interpellations and proceeded to the period of amendments.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no committee or amendment, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of amendments.

APPROVAL OF SENATE BILL NO. 3399 ON SECOND READING

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, Senate Bill No. 3399 was approved on Second Reading.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL NO. 3399

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body suspended consideration of the bill.

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 701 ON SENATE BILL NO. 3397
(Continuation)

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration, on Second
Reading, of Senate Bill No. 3397 (Committee Report No. 701), entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE LAW ON FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

Senator Sotto stated that the parliamentary status was the period of interpellations.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

There being no interpellation, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of interpellations and proceeded to the period of committee amendments.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, the session was suspended.

It was 10:11 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 10:14 p.m., the session was resumed.

Upon resumption, Senator Sotto said that being a substitute bill, there will be no committee amendments.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

There being no committee amendment, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of committee amendments and proceeded to the period of individual amendments.

HONASAN AMENDMENTS

At the instance of Senator Honasan, as proposed by Senator Sotto, and accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body approved the following individual amendments, one after the other:

1. On page 2, line 20, delete the acronym “FEO,” and in lieu thereof, insert the phrase FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES OFFICE (FEO);
2. On page 9, line 3, replace the word “Security” with SECURITIES;
3. On the same page, line 7, after the word “its,” delete the word “main”;
4. On the same page and line, after the word “officers,” insert the word MENTIONED BELOW;
5. On page 10, line 4, before the word “imminent,” insert the word IN;
6. On page 11, line 17, after the word “therefor,” insert the phrase FOR THE SOLE REASON THAT THESE FIREARMS ARE CLASS “A” LIGHT WEAPONS;
7. On the same page, line 26, after the word “Section,” replace the figure “10” with 9;
8. On the same page, line 28, after the word “in,” delete the article “the”;
9. On page 12, line 1, before the word “section,” delete the word PRECEDING; thereafter, after the word “section,” insert the phrase 9 OF THIS ACT;
10. On the same page, line 20, after the article “the,” insert the phrase SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR THE CHIEF OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE;
11. On the same page, line 21, before the word “shall,” delete the word “application”;
12. On page 14, line 9, after the word “identification,” replace the word “purposes” with PROCEDURES;
13. On the same page, line 21, after the word “sight” and the comma (,), delete the word “stews”;
14. On page 18, after the word “be,” delete the phrase “fired semi-automatic or” and in lieu thereof, insert the phrase CAPABLE OF FIRING;
15. On the same page and line, after the word “automatic,” insert the word BURSTS;
16. On page 23, line 29, after the word “who,” delete the word “shall”;
17. On page 24, line 1, after the word “than,” insert the word THAT; and
18. On the same page, line 19, replace the acronym “FED” with FEO.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INDIVIDUAL AMENDMENTS

There being no other individual amendment, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of individual amendments.
APPROVAL OF SENATE BILL NO. 3397 ON SECOND READING

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, Senate Bill No. 3397 was approved on Second Reading.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL NO. 3397

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body suspended consideration of the bill.

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 527 ON SENATE BILL NO. 3371 (Continuation)

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration, on Second Reading, of Senate Bill No. 3371 (Committee Report No. 527), entitled

AN ACT EXPANDING THE POSITIONS RESERVED FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MAGNA CARTA FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY.

Senator Sotto stated that the parliamentary status was the period of interpellations.

Thereupon, the Chair recognized Senator Cayetano (P), sponsor of the measure.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

There being no interpellation, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of interpellations and proceeded to the period of committee amendments.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

There being no committee amendment, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of committee amendments and proceeded to the period of individual amendments.

CAYETANO (P) AMENDMENTS

As proposed by Senator Cayetano (P), there being no objection, the Body approved the following individual amendments:

1. On page 1, line 10, delete the phrase "AND PRIVATE CORPORATIONS WITH MORE THAN 100 EMPLOYEES";

2. On the same page, line 13, insert a new sentence to read as follows:

PROVIDED, THAT PRIVATE CORPORATIONS WITH MORE THAN 100 EMPLOYEES ARE ENCOURAGED TO RESERVE AT LEAST ONE PERCENT OF ALL POSITIONS TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITY.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INDIVIDUAL AMENDMENTS

There being no other individual amendment, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of individual amendments.

APPROVAL OF SENATE BILL NO. 3371 ON SECOND READING

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, Senate Bill No. 3371 was approved on Second Reading.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL NO. 3371

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body suspended consideration of the bill.

BILLS RENAMING POLICE OFFICES (Continuation)

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration, on Second Reading, of the following bills renaming regional and provincial police offices, namely:

1. House Bill No. 4253, entitled

AN ACT RENAMING THE PALAWAN POLICE PROVINCIAL OFFICE (PALAWAN PPO) TO CAMP HIGINIO ACOSTA MENDOZA SR.;

2. House Bill No. 4659, entitled

AN ACT NAMING THE POLICE REGIONAL
OFFICE 11 AT SITIO CATITIPAN, BARANGAY COMMUNAL, BUHANGIN DISTRICT, DAVAO CITY AS CAMP QUINTIN M. MERECIDO; and

3. House Bill No. 5763, entitled

AN ACT NAMING THE MOUNTAIN PROVINCE POLICE PROVINCIAL OFFICE IN THE CAPITAL TOWN OF BONTOC, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE TO CAMP LT. GERONIMO F. MONTES.

Senator Sotto stated that the parliamentary status was the period of interpellations.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

There being no interpellation, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of interpellations and proceeded to the period of committee amendments.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, the session was suspended.

*It was 10:24 p.m.*

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 10:24 p.m., the session was resumed.

OMNIBUS COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

As proposed by Senator Sotto, there being no objection, wherever found in the three bills, replace the word “Renaming” with the word NAMING.

FURTHER COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

On page 1, line 2 of House Bill No. 4253, replace the phrase “shall be renamed,” with IS HEREBY NAMED.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

There being no other committee amendment, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of committee amendments.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INDIVIDUAL AMENDMENTS

There being no individual amendment, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of individual amendments.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4253 ON SECOND READING

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, House Bill No. 4253 was approved on Second Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4659 ON SECOND READING

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, House Bill No. 4659 was approved on Second Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5763 ON SECOND READING

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, House Bill No. 5763 was approved on Second Reading.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NOS. 4253, 4659 AND 5763

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body suspended consideration of the bills.

ADOPTION AND CONCURRENCE WITH HOUSE BILL NO. 6307

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (P), there being no objection, the Body adopted and concurred with House Bill No. 6307 (an act establishing the liability of the absolute community or conjugal partnership for an obligation of a spouse who practices a profession and the capability of either spouse to dispose of an exclusive property without the consent of the other spouse, amending for the purpose Articles 73 and III Of Executive Order No. 209, also known as the Family Code of the Philippines.)

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 167 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2961 (Continuation)

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration, on Second
Reading, of House Bill No. 2961 (Committee Report No. 167), entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) EXTENSION OFFICE LOCATED IN SAN SIMON, PAMPANGA INTO A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Senator Sotto stated that the parliamentary status was the period of interpellations.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

There being no interpellation, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of interpellations and proceeded to the period of amendments.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no committee or individual amendment, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of amendments.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 2961 ON SECOND READING

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, House Bill No. 2961 was approved on Second Reading.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 2961

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body suspended consideration of the bills.

SPECIAL ORDER

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body approved the transfer of Committee Report No. 706 on Senate Bill No. 3387 from the Calendar for Ordinary Business to the Calendar for Special Orders.

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 706 ON SENATE BILL NO. 3387

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Second Reading, Senate Bill No. 3387 (Committee Report No. 706), entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 12 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7166 BY INCLUDING PARTY-LIST REPRESENTATIVE IN THE LIST OF PUBLIC OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED UNDER THE LOCAL ABSENTEE VOTING.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, with the permission of the Body, upon motion of Senator Sotto, only the title of the bill was read without prejudice to the insertion of its full text into the Record of the Senate.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF SENATOR PIMENTEL

At the instance of Senator Pimentel, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the sponsorship speech of Senator Pimentel was deemed read into the Journal and Record of the Senate.

Following is the full text of the speech:

As Chairman of the Committee on Electoral Reforms and People's Participation, this Representation humbly submits before this august Chamber, for its consideration, Senate Bill No. 3387 under Committee Report No. 706, entitled “An Act Amending Section 12 of Republic Act No. 7166 by Including Party-List Representative in the List of Public Officers to be Elected under Local Absentee Voting.”

This bill seeks to amend Section 12 of Republic Act No. 7166 (R.A. 7166), otherwise known as the “Synchronized National and Local Elections and Electoral Reforms Act” by including Party-List Representative as one of the positions to be voted for in the system of local absentee voting.

Local Absentee Voting: Legislative History

In 1987, then President Corazon C. Aquino recognized that, aside from the Board of Election Inspectors, there are government officials and employees, who, by reason of public functions and duties, are assigned on election day in places other than their places of registration, and are thus deprived of their right to participate in electoral exercises.

As a response to this problem, Executive Order No. 157 (EO 157) was crafted to
enfranchise this class of voters. Consequently, in the 1987 Congressional Election, the aforementioned government officials and employees were able to vote through the system of local absentee voting, but only for the position of Senator, as provided in Section 7 of EO 157.

In 1991, Section 12 of RA 7166 expanded the coverage of EO 157 by including the position of President and Vice-President in the position to be voted for under the local absentee voting. Hence, under RA 7166, local absentee voting is specifically limited to the elections for President, Vice-President, and Senators.

The Rise of the Party-List System

In 1995, Republic Act No. 7941 (RA 7941), otherwise known as the “Party-List System Act” was enacted into law, paving the way for the Party-List Elections in 1998. Without an amendment being made on Section 12 of RA 7166, the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) included Party-List Representative among the positions to be voted for under the local absentee voting. While it is correct, in principle, to allow absentee voters to elect for a Party-List Representative since the Party List is voted at large, it is submitted that the same should have been done through an amendment of RA 7166 and not through a mere resolution of the COMELEC.

Legislation Needed as a Remedial Measure

Therefore, as a remedial measure to provide a legal basis to include the elections for Party-List Representative in the system of local absentee voting, this bill seeks to amend Section 12 of RA 7166 by including therein Party-List Representative as one of the positions to be voted for under the local absentee voting.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL NO. 3387

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body suspended consideration of the bill.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until three o’clock in the afternoon of Monday, February 4, 2013.

It was 10:29 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

EDWIN B. BELLON
Acting Secretary of the Senate

Approved on February 5, 2013