



**BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY
PARLIAMENT**
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CALL TO ORDER

At 10:15 A.M. the Speaker, Hon. Ali Pangalian M. Balindong, called the session to order.

INVOCATION

Upon the request of the Chair, Hon. MP Abdullah E. Gayak led the invocation.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Subsequently, the singing of the national anthem followed.

ROLL CALL

Upon the direction of the Chair, the Secretariat called the roll and the Members of the BTA Parliament were present:

1. Hon. Abas, Haron M.
2. Hon. Abbas, Basit S.
3. Hon. Alamia, Laisa M.
4. Hon. Alauddin, Faiz S.
5. Hon. Ali, Ibrahim D.
6. Hon. Ali, Lanang Jr. T.
7. Hon. Alil, Zesar H.
8. Hon. Ambolodto, Suharto M.
9. Hon. Ampatuan, Baintan A.
10. Hon. Anayatin, Susana S.
11. Hon. Asmawil, Muslima A.
12. Hon. Balindong, Ali Pangalian M.
13. Hon. Barra, Hamid Aminoddin D.
14. Hon. Bato, Mohammad Zainoden P.
15. Hon. Burahan, Abraham T.
16. Hon. Candao, Bai Maleiha B.
17. Hon. Dataya, Abdul Sr. M.
18. Hon. Diamlala, Musa K.S.
19. Hon. Esmael, Hadji Abduladzis M.
20. Hon. Gayak, Abdullah E.
21. Hon. Guerra, Eduard U.
22. Hon. Hantian, Ronie A.
23. Hon. Hassan, Hatimil E.
24. Hon. Jakilan, Muslimin A.

25. Hon. Karon, Bainon G.
26. Hon. Lidasan, Mussolini S.
27. Hon. Loong, Don Mustapha A.
28. Hon. Lorena, Jose I.
29. Hon. Macacua, Abdulraof A.
30. Hon. Macaraya, Jamel D.
31. Hon. Mangudadatu, Khadafeh G.
32. Hon. Mastura, Sittie Shahara I
33. Hon. Mastura, Datu Tucao O.
34. Hon. Mawallil, Amilbahar S.
35. Hon. Mujahid, Abdulmuhmin A.
36. Hon. Pacasem, Ubaida C.
37. Hon. Pak, Abdulwahab M.
38. Hon. Pangandaman, Nabila Margarita P
39. Hon. Rasul, Ismael E.
40. Hon. Rimbang, Edrieza Nasser H.
41. Hon. Sacar, Modayao M.
42. Hon. Sahrin, Abdul R.
43. Hon. Salendab, Said Z.
44. Hon. Salik, Ali O.
45. Hon. Saliga, Romeo C.
46. Hon. Sani, Punduma B.
47. Hon. Sattar, Alzad T.
48. Hon. Sema, Omar Yasser C.
49. Hon. Sema, Romeo K.
50. Hon. Sheik, Said M.
51. Hon. Solaiman, Ali B.
52. Hon. Tago, Paisalin P.
53. Hon. Tan, Nabil A.
54. Hon. Tillah, Irene P.
55. Hon. Udjah, Sahie S.
56. Hon. Ulama, Melanio U.
57. Hon. Usman, Adzfar H.
58. Hon. Yacob, Mohammad S.

The Members of the BTA Parliament who appeared after the roll call:

1. Hon. Ahang, Abdulla A.
2. Hon. Jajurie, Raissa H.
3. Hon. Macasalong, Marjanie S.
4. Hon. Midtimbang, Datu Midpantao M.
5. Hon. Sali, Al-Syed A.
6. Hon. Silongan, Aida M.

The member of the BTA Parliament who was on official business:

1. Hon. Ebrahim, Ahod B.

The following Members of the BTA Parliament were noted absent:

1. Hon. Abas, Akmad I.
2. Hon. Abas, Zul Qarneyrn M.
3. Hon. Adiong, Ziaur-Rahman A.
4. Hon. Ahaja, Nur-Mahadil K.
5. Hon. Alih, Eddie M.
6. Hon. Amiril, Sidik S.
7. Hon. Anni, Rudjia H.

8. Hon. Asarul, Haber A.
9. Hon. Basman, Anna Tarhata S.
10. Hon. Bawasanta, Rodolfo A.
11. Hon. Burahan, Nedra S.
12. Hon. Latiph, Maisara D.
13. Hon. Daud, Nashruper T.
14. Hon. Dipatuan, Saffrullah M.
15. Hon. Ibay, Cahar P.
16. Hon. Ismael, Ahmad Ali S.
17. Hon. Iqbal, Mohagher M.
18. Hon. Lucman, Haroun Alrashid Jr. A.
19. Hon. Macapaar, Abdullah G.
20. Hon. Macarambon, Farouk Jr. A.
21. Hon. Macarambon, Rolan Abdul Rashid A
22. Hon. Mantawil, Malik A.
23. Hon. Menor, Alexander B.M.
24. Hon. Muñoz, Hussein P.
25. Hon. Oranon, Suwaib L.
26. Hon. Padate, Abol Alam M.
27. Hon. Piang, Pearl Joy L.
28. Hon. Sinsuat, Datu Roonie Q.
29. Hon. Sumagayan, Amenodin U.
30. Hon. Tingkahan, Rizal Jr. A.
31. Hon. Tomawis, Harold D.
32. Hon. Tulawie, Hanibal H.
33. Hon. Yu Ekey, Narciso C.

With fifty-eight (58) Members of the BTA Parliament present including the Speaker, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS SESSION

Thereafter, on the motion of the Majority Floor Leader, Atty. Lanang T. Ali, Jr., the reading of the journal of the previous session, Journal No. 06 dated May 21, 2019, was dispensed with and the same was approved subject to style.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 15

At this point, on the motion of the Majority Floor Leader duly seconded, and there being no objection, the body unanimously adopted Proposed Resolution No. 15, entitled:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CALENDAR OF SESSION FOR THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY PARLIAMENT,

Authored by Hon. MP Atty. Lanang T. Ali, Jr.

FIRST STAGE OF BILL

Thereafter, upon the direction of the Secretary General, Prof. Raby B. Angkal, read the title of Bill No. 3 on first stage which was in turn referred by the Chair to the appropriate committee, to wit:

BTA Parliament Bill No. 3

AN ACT FIXING COTABATO CITY AS PERMANENT SEAT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (BARMM).

Author: Hon. MP Romeo K. Sema

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SECOND STAGE OF BILLS: N O N E

COMMITTEE REPORTS: N O N E

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

At this juncture, the body proceeded to the Unfinished Business in the Order of Business: Election of the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Members of the Committee on Finance, Budget and Management.

NOMINATION OF HON. MP EDUARD U. GUERRA AS THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE BY THE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

When recognized, the Majority Floor Leader nominated Hon. MP and Minister Eduard U. Guerra as Chairperson of the Committee on Finance, Budget and Management.

DECLARATION OF HON. MP EDUARD U. GUERRA AS ELECTED CHAIRPERSON BY THE CHAIR

Being the lone nominee, the Chair declared Hon. MP and Minister Eduard U. Guerra as duly elected Chairperson of the Committee on Finance, Budget and Management.

POINT OF INQUIRY OF HON. MP ATTY. JOSE I. LORENA

Subsequently, Hon. MP Atty. Jose I. Lorena, when recognized, stated that the magnitude of the work of the Committee on Finance, Budget and Management is huge. So, he inquired if how many vice chairpersons of the committee would be elected.

RESPONSE OF THE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

In response to the inquiry of Hon. MP Atty. Jose I. Lorena, the Majority Floor Leader informed the body that they could nominate one vice chairperson but they could create up to fifteen (15) sub-committees.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At this point, the Chair *motu proprio* declared a one-minute suspension at 10:32 A.M.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 10:34 A.M. with Hon. MP Irene P. Tillah presiding.

SUSPENSION OF ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Thereafter, on the motion of the Majority Floor Leader duly seconded, and there being no objection, the elections of the vice chairperson and members of the Committee on Finance, Budget and Management were suspended.

INFORMATION OF MINISTER OF FINANCE, HON. MP EDUARD U. GUERRA

Thereupon, Minister of Finance, Hon. MP Eduard U. Guerra, when recognized, informed the body that he called Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr. of the OPAPP on the existence of P1.2 Billion Transition Fund of the BTA Parliament and that according to Secretary Galvez, the P1.2 Billion Transition Fund is still with the DBM. He also informed the body that Secretary Galvez, Jr. said that the transfer of the Transition Fund should be directed to the BTA from the DBM and that the BTA should have an audience with the DBM. He further informed the body that Secretary Galvez, Jr. proposed to accompany him personally to the DBM before leaving for Japan.

He then announced that there were lined-up activities of JICA in collaboration with the Ministry of Finance, Budget and Management, re: Workshop on How to Prepare the Budget for 2020. All the line agencies and the Office of the Parliament Secretary General were invited to participate in the said workshop. He informed the body that JICA will arrange the venue of the said workshop and will provide five (5) resource persons from the DBM. He added that every line agency is allotted with two (2) participants for the workshop in the persons of the budget officer and planning officer.

QUERY OF THE CHAIR

Subsequently, the Chair commented that the information given by Minister of Finance, Hon. MP Eduard U. Guerra was a good news to the body and inquired on the schedule of the workshop sponsored by JICA, to which Minister Guerra answered that the schedule of workshop is on May 27, 28 and 29, 2019.

When the Chair inquired if the selected members of the Committee on Finance, Budget and Management could join the workshop, Minister Eduard Guerra responded affirmatively.

FURTHER INFORMATION OF MINISTER OF FINANCE, HON. MP EDUARD U. GUERRA

When still recognized, Minister of Finance, Eduard Guerra further more informed the body that they would need also to clarify with the DBM on what he heard from Secretary Galvez that there is P30 Billion supplemental budget for the BARMM for 2019 aside from the approved ARMM budget which was automatically transferred to the BARMM.

MANIFESTATION OF HON. MP KHADAFEH G. MANGUDADATU

When recognized, Hon. MP Khadafeh G. Mangudadatu expressed his thanks to Minister of Finance, Hon. MP Eduard U. Guerra for informing the chamber about the communication between the latter's office and the Secretary of the OPAPP. In view thereof, he proposed that a resolution be passed by the body authorizing the Minister of Finance, Budget and Management to transact with the DBM and other agencies. He hoped that the Members of the BTA Parliament would support his proposal.

COMMENT OF THE CHAIR

Thereafter, the Chair commented that the manifestation of Hon. MP Khadafeh G. Mangudadatu was well taken.

OBSERVATION OF HON. MP ATTY. LAISA M. ALAMIA

When recognized, Hon. MP Atty. Laisa M. Alamia said, in her observation, that while she was in total agreement with the manifestation of Hon. MP Khadafeh G. Mangudadatu, in the previous session, the body already passed a resolution authorizing the Minister of Finance, Budget and Management to transact with the DBM, re: Budget of the BTA.

QUERY OF HON. MP KHADAFEH G. MANGUDADATU

When recognized, Hon. Khadafeh G. Mangudadatu informed the body that he agreed with the observation of Hon. MP Atty. Laisa M. Alamia. Then, he inquired from

the Secretary General on the status of all the resolutions passed by the body in their previous session.

RESPONSE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL, PROF. RABY B. ANGKAL

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General, Prof. Raby B. Angkal, responded the query of Hon. MP Khadafeh G. Mangudadatu. He informed the body that when he assumed the office there was no actual budget for the purchase of equipment needed for the reproduction of documents and the outputs of the chamber. He, however, said that they are coming up with their capacity to immediately provide copies of approved resolutions to every member of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority through e-mail addresses provided to his office.

The Secretary General also informed the body that his office was already on the process of finalizing the different resolutions after the session, his office will distribute to the Members of the BTA Parliament the Approved Resolution No. 9 which authorizes the utilization of the P63 Million local fund by the BTA.

COMMENT OF HON. MP KHADAFEH G. MANGUDADATU

In his comment, Hon. MP Khadafeh G. Mangudadatu thanked the Secretary General for his explanation, he said that he just wanted to know the status of the resolution which he and Hon. MP Atty. Laisa M. Alamia sponsored during their previous session.

Hon. MP Khadafeh G. Mangudadatu stressed that when Minister of Finance, Hon. MP Guerra delivered his piece to the chamber, no less than the Secretary of the OPAPP is ready to accompany him to the DBM before the Secretary would leave for Japan. Hence, he emphasized that there is really a need to act on the approved resolution, so that the Minister of Finance, Budget and Management can move and work with the OPAPP. He concluded his comment by saying that it is very clear that the Minister of Finance has all the authority to face the DBM, considering that he is the counterpart of the DBM National in the BARMM.

POINT OF CLARIFICATION OF HON. MP MOHAMMAD S. YACOB

When recognized, Hon. MP Mohammad S. Yacob clarified on the authorization of Minister of Finance, Hon. MP Eduard U. Guerra in his transaction of the Transition Fund. He said that in their previous session, the body agreed that all the transactions of the Bangsamoro Regional Government should be spearheaded by the Chief Minister. In view thereof, he clarified as to whether the authorization of Minister of Finance, Hon. MP Eduard U. Guerra is to represent the BTA Parliament as BTA Member or to represent the Office of the Chief Minister as Minister of Finance, Budget and Management. He stressed that he is satisfied if Minister of Finance, Hon. MP Guerra is representing the Office of the Chief Minister, saying that if he is representing the BTA, there will be complication.

REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

In her remarks, the Chair reminded the body that in their previous session, they have agreed if who would be their representative to the DBM. She emphasized that they should always bear in mind that the head of the Bangsamoro Government is no less than the Chief Minister. She stated that the best thing for Minister of Finance, Hon. MP Eduard U. Guerra to do is to talk with the Chief Minister before he will leave for DBM. She assumed that the Chief Minister knows the transaction of the Minister of Finance, Budget and Management.

MANIFESTATION OF HON. MP KHADAFEH G. MANGUDADATU

Thereupon, Hon. MP Khadafeh G. Mangudadatu, when recognized, manifested that Hon. MP Eduard U. Guerra being the Minister of Finance, Budget and Management as well as the Chair of the Committee on Finance, has the trust and confidence of no less than the Chief Minister as well as the Members of the BTA. He stated for the record, that no one in the chamber is questioning that the head of the BTA Parliament, is no less than the Chief Minister Al Hadj Murad.

MANIFESTATION OF HON. MP ATTY. JOSE I. LORENA

When recognized, Hon. MP Atty. Jose I. Lorena stated that seemingly, there was a lot of confusion in the delegation of authority. He said that Chief Minister Al Hadj Murad had announced before that he had appointed ten (10) ministers and among them is the Minister of Finance, Budget and Management. He explained that under the doctrine of qualified political agency, the head of government cannot perform all the tasks by himself

even if he is a superhero, saying that he needs to delegate responsibility and accountability under the aforementioned doctrine. He also explained that the appointment of Hon. MP Eduard U. Guerra by the Chief Minister as Minister of Finance, Budget and Management grants him the authority to perform functions with respect to finance and budget.

COMMENT OF THE CHAIR

Subsequently, the Chair commented that the manifestation of Hon. MP Atty. Jose I. Lorena was well taken.

MANIFESTATION OF HON. MP ATTY. ABDUL M. DATAYA, SR.

When recognized, Hon. MP Atty. Abdul M. Dataya, Sr. stated that the comment of Hon. MP Atty. Jose I. Lorena is correct. He emphasized that the wisdom of the appointment made by the Chief Minister is beyond the Members of the BTA Parliament. He suggested that the BTA should focus on the transition from the old government to the new government.

He proposed that the body should concentrate to rush the resolution, so that after its approval, everybody can go to the DBM in Manila.

COMMENT OF THE CHAIR

Thereafter, the Chair commented that the manifestation of Hon. MP Atty. Abdul Dataya, Sr. was well taken.

CLARIFICATION OF HON. MP ROMEO C. SALIGA

When recognized, Hon. MP Romeo C. Saliga inquired from Minister of Finance, Hon. MP Guerra if the workshop scheduled on May 27 to 29 is the workshop on budget preparation.

RESPONSE OF HON. MP AND MINISTER GUERRA

In response to query of Hon. MP Romeo C. Saliga, Minister Guerra explained that the workshop he presented was on the liquidation of the MOOE which is sponsored by the Secretary General. He said that it is different from the workshop on budget preparation which is sponsored by JICA.

MANIFESTATION OF HON. MP SAHIE S.UDJAH

When recognized, Hon. MP Sahie S. Udjah presented his concern on the principle of efficiency in rendering public service by public officials in the BARMM. He informed the body that the other day, the Office of the Secretary General facilitated the lottery on the distribution of rooms to the Members of the BTA. He said that some Members of the BTA unfortunately were not able to pick up rooms. In view thereof, he asked if how the Members of the BTA, including their staff, can render effective service if they have no office space. He concluded his manifestation by asking how is his concern be taken into consideration the soonest possible time by the body.

RESPONSE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Upon the direction of the Chair, Secretary General responded the query of Hon. MP Sahie S. Udjah. He explained that the Republic Act 11054, otherwise known as the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL), provides that after the ratification, the ARMM including the RLA is deemed abolished. He informed the body that the BTA Speaker instructed him to look into the physical structure of the offices and fair assignment and distribution of offices to the Members of the BTA Parliament. He explained that the raffle on the distribution of offices conducted on May 20, 2019 was most fair and in accordance with Section 5, Article XXXIII of the BTA Parliamentary Rules which provides that *“Assignment of rooms to members shall be done, as far as practicable, by lot to be drawn upon submission to the Secretary General of the complete documentary requirements for assumption of office.”*

The Secretary General manifested that he would respect the feelings and opinions of the Members of the BTA on the result of the draw lots and that he neither has right of contradiction nor disagreement with them. So, he sincerely expressed his manifestation by seeking the wisdom, guidance and help of the honorable Members of the BTA Parliament to appreciate the decision on the issue and that he will agree to whatever decision or agreement of the honorable Members of the Parliament.

The Secretary General suggested the following to the body for the resolution of the issue: 1) creation of the ad hoc committee on the issue; and 2) the concern on office assignment shall be referred to the Committee on Rules.

MOTION OF HON. MP SAHIE S. UDJAH

When still recognized, Hon. MP Sahie S. Udjah moved to nullify the draw lots conducted on My 20, 2019.

OBJECTION OF HON. MP ATTY. OMAR YASSER C. SEMA

Hon. MP Atty. Omar Yasser C. Sema objected to the motion of Hon. MP Sahie S. Udjah and inquired from the Secretary General if the offices of the Speaker, the Deputy Speaker, the Majority Floor Leader, the Minority Floor Leader, the Secretary General and the Sergeant-at-Arms were included in the draw lots, to which the Secretary-General answered in the affirmative.

In view of the affirmative answer of the Secretary-General, Hon. MP Atty. Omar Yasser C. Sema reminded the body that it was agreed by the Members of the BTA Parliament that the offices of the officers of the BTA should not be included in the draw lots.

QUERY OF HON. MP SAHIE S. UDJAH

When still recognized, Hon. MP Sahie S. Udjah asked if what would happen to the Members of the BTA who have not picked up rooms.

POINT OF ORDER OF HON. MP NABIL TAN

When recognized, Hon. MP Nabil Tan raised a point of order, saying that the Chair should always go to the Majority Floor Leader as to who will be recognized by the Chair.

Then, he informed the body that he was able to pick up Room No. 125B which was used to be a prayer room. Thus, he requested to correct such error, explaining that he was informed that it should not have been part of the raffle. So, He begged to return the said room as it is not fit for a member of the BTA Parliament, much more for an old member of the Parliament.

MANIFESTATION OF HON. MP ATTY. PAISALIN P. TAGO

When recognized, Hon. MP Atty. Paisalin P. Tago manifested that, as regards to the discussion on office space, he doesn't opposed to the draw lots, but what he opposed was the process of the draw lots. He explained that on May 20, 2019, they were asked to draw lots and they did not know what was being drawn.

He stressed that there must be first inventory of available buildings within the BARMM Compound before resorting to the drawing of lots. Hence, he proposed minor amendment to the motion to nullify the drawing of lots on May 20, 2019 except for the offices of the Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Majority Floor Leader and Minority Floor Leader.

INFORMATION OF HON. MP KHADAFEH G. MANGUDADATU

When recognized, Hon. MP Khadafeh G. Mangudadatu informed the body that there is available building between the RLA Building and the Astanah which is temporarily occupied by the ISS. He stated that if the said building will be rehabilitated, it is more than enough to accommodate at least fifty percent of the Members of the BTA Parliament.

RECOMMENDATION OF HON. MP ATTY. JOSE I. LORENA

When recognized, Hon. MP Atty. Jose I. Lorena manifested that he agreed with Hon. MP Atty. Paisalin P. Tago that there must be an inventory of all available office spaces in the BARMM. He stated that there are fourteen (14) departments under the previous ARMM and that those departments have office spaces in addition to the available building mentioned by Hon. MP Khadafeh G. Mangudadatu. He estimated that each department can accommodate at least five (5) offices and so seventy (70) offices will be accommodated. But he said that if there is available building which can accommodate fifty or forty Members of the BTA, then the departments can accommodate the rest. So, he recommended that, in order to abbreviate the discussion, they have to conduct first inventory of available office spaces, including the departments, so that they will know exactly how many available rooms that can be occupied by the Members of the Parliament.

COMMENT OF THE CHAIR

Thereupon, the Chair commented that the recommendation of Hon. MP Atty. Jose I. Lorena was well taken.

POINT OF CLARIFICATION OF HON. MP ATTY. OMAR YASSER C. SEMA

When recognized, Hon. MP Atty. Omar Yasser C. Sema asked the Secretary General if the appointed ministers also participated in the draw lots.

POINT OF ORDER OF HON. MP ATTY. LAISA M. ALAMIA

When recognized, Hon. MP Atty. Laisa M. Alamia raised a point of order. She reminded the body that there was a pending motion to nullify the raffle conducted on May 20, 2019. So, she asked the body to act first on the pending motion before discussing other issues.

COMMENT OF HON. MP ATTY. OMAR YASSER C. SEMA

When recognized, Hon. MP Atty. Omar Yasser C. Sema commented that if they would want to nullify the draw lots, they should state the precise reason therefor, saying that it was the reason they were seeking clarifications as to whether or not there was a proper conduct of draw lots.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At 11:55 A.M., the Chair *motu proprio* declared a one-minute suspension of session.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 11:58 A.M., the session resumed.

MANIFESTATION OF HON. MP ATTY. MAISARA D. LATIPH

When recognized, Hon. MP Atty. Maisara D. Latiph manifested that she would not question the draw lots, saying that she respected the decision of the Secretary General to abide by the Rules of the BTA that the distribution of rooms shall be done by draw lots. She, however, stated that she would like to make some observations not on the conduct of the draw but on the distribution of the rooms. She emphasized that the mainland Members of the Parliament like Maranao, the Members of the Parliament from BASULTA, the IPs and the Official Settlers need rooms. Hence she suggested that the distribution of rooms should be based on equity.

COMMENT OF THE CHAIR

Subsequently, the Chair commented that the suggestion of Hon. MP Atty. Maisara D. Latiph was well taken.

REMINDER OF THE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

At this juncture, the Majority Floor Leader reminded the body that they should act first on the motion in order to close the discussion considering that it was almost twelve noon.

REITERATION OF MOTION BY HON. MP ATTY. LAISA M. ALAMIA

When recognized, Hon. MP Atty. Laisa M. Alamia reiterated the motion, on behalf of Hon. MP Sahie S. Udjah, the proponent, that the raffle conducted by the Secretary General on May 20, 2019 be nullified and that an inventory of available rooms be conducted first before the proper raffle which encompasses all the issues raised by Hon. MP Atty. Maisara D. Latiph and Hon. MP Atty. Omar Yasser C. Sema before another raffle be conducted.

OBJECTION OF HON. MP ATTY. OMAR YASSER C. SEMA

When recognized, Hon. MP Atty. Omar Yasser C. Sema objected to the motion as reiterated by Hon. MP Atty. Laisa M. Alamia, he moved instead to divide the house on the matter of the re-raffling.

MANIFESTATION OF HON. MP PUNDUMA B. SANI

When recognized, Hon. MP Punduma B. Sani manifested his objection to the motion to nullify the raffle, saying that the body should respect the decision of the Secretary General. He informed the body that he was fortunate that he got a room and asked the Members of the BTA to give him consideration as he is already a senior citizen. He concluded his manifestation by saying that he will not give up the room he got.

REITERATION OF MOTION BY HON. MP ATTY. OMAR YASSER C. SEMA

When still recognized, Hon. MP Atty. Omar Yasser C. Sema reiterated his motion to divide the house on the matter of re-raffling. He, however, suggested that the rooms be reserved for the officers of the Parliament and only the portion of the draw lots participated by the fifteen (15) ministers be nullified.

WITHDRAWAL OF MOTION BY HON. MP ATTY. LAISA M. ALAMIA

Thereafter, Hon. MP Atty. Laisa M. Alamia withdrew her motion and seconded the motion of Hon. MP Atty. Omar Yasser C. Sema to nullify the raffle only with respect to the ministers and to reserve rooms for the officers of the Parliament.

APPROVAL OF THE MOTION OF HON. MP ATTY. OMAR YASSER C. SEMA

The motion of Hon. MP Omar Yasser C. Sema to nullify the raffle with respect to the Ministers and reserve rooms for the officers of the Parliament, having been duly seconded by Hon. MP Atty. Laisa M. Alamia, and there being no objection, was declared by the Chair approved.

CREATION OF AD HOC COMMITTEE

Thereafter, on motion of Hon. MP Khadafeh G. Mangudadatu duly seconded, and there being no objection, the body created Ad Hoc Committee on the Conduct on Inventory of the Unoccupied Buildings to address the office space needs of the Members of the BTA Parliament.

MOTION OF THE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

At this point, the Majority Floor Leader, when recognized, moved that the said Ad Hoc Committee be headed by the Secretary General.

POINT OF CLARIFICATION OF HON. MP ATTY. SUHARTO M. AMBOLODITO

When recognized, Hon. MP Atty. Suharto M. Ambolodto clarified from the Majority Floor Leader if it would be proper for a non-member of the BTA to Chair a committee of the BTA.

RESPONSE OF THE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

In response to the clarification of Hon. MP Atty. Suharto Ambolodto, the Majority Floor Leader stated that the Ad Hoc Committee is tasked to conduct an inventory on the offices of the BTA Members, saying that it is temporary in nature and the members thereof may not be from the Members of the BTA as it is a technical working group inventory of available office spaces.

MOTION OF HON. MP ATTY. SUHARTO M. AMBOLODITO

Subsequently, Hon. MP Atty. Suharto M. Ambolodto, when recognized, requested the Majority Floor Leader to reconsider his proposal that the ad hoc committee be headed by the Secretary General. He explained that a committee of the BTA should only be composed of the Members of the BTA. Thus, he moved that the Ad Hoc Committee on the Inventory of the Building be headed by the Majority Floor Leader.

The foregoing of Hon. MP Atty. Suharto M. Ambolodto, having been duly seconded, and there being no objection, was approved.

PROPOSAL OF HON. MP DON MUSTAPHA A. LOONG

When recognized, Hon. MP Don Mustapha A. Loong proposed that the members of the ad hoc committee should be mentioned, saying that the body should not put the entire responsibility just to the chairperson of the committee. So, he stated that it should be proper to mention the members of the ad hoc committee.

REQUEST OF THE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

When recognized, the Majority Floor Leader requested the body to leave to the discretion of the Chairperson the choice of the members of the ad hoc committee.

MOTION OF HON. MP ATTY. SUHARTO M. AMBOLODITO

Thereafter, Hon. MP Suharto M. Ambolodto moved that the lady members of the BTA be given priority in the assignment of rooms.

QUERY OF HON. MP ATTY. OMAR YASSER C. SEMA

When recognized, Hon. MP Atty. Omar Yasser C. Sema inquired on the wisdom of the motion, saying that the Members of the BTA are all equal regardless of whether they are male or female.

COMMENT OF THE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

At this point, the Majority Floor Leader commented that the query of Hon. MP Atty. Omar Yasser C. Sema is on gender equality and that all Members of the BTA are equal.

RESPONSE OF HON. MP ATTY. SUHARTO M. AMBOLODITO

In response to the query of Hon. MP Atty. Omar Yasser C. Sema, Hon. MP Atty. Suharto M. Ambolodto stated that there are only few ladies in the BTA, saying that the wisdom of his motion to give priority to the lady Members of the BTA is to lessen their inconvenience.

APPROVAL OF THE MOTION OF HON. MP ATTY. SUHARTO M. AMBOLODITO

The motion of Hon. MP Atty. Suharto M. Ambolodto to give priority to lady Members of the BTA in the assignment of rooms, having been duly seconded, and there being no objection, was declared by the Chair approved.

MOTION OF HON. MP ATTY. MAISARA D. LATIPH

When recognized, Hon. MP Maisara D. Latiph moved that the distribution of the remaining slots be based on equity.

AMENDMENT OF MOTION BY HON. MP ATTY. SUHARTO M. AMBOLODITO

When recognized, Hon. MP Atty. Suharto M. Ambolodto moved to prioritize women and senior citizen, and those coming from island provinces in the distribution of rooms.

The motion, having been duly seconded, and there being no objection, was declared by the Chair approved.

PRESENTATION OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT BY THE ITS CHAIRPERSON, HON. MP AND MINISTER EDUARD U. GUERRA

When recognized, the Chairperson of the Committee on Finance, Budget and Management, Minister Eduard U. Guerra, presented to the BTA the committee members, namely:

1. Hon. MP Atty. Ubaida C. Pacasem
2. Hon. MP Datu Tucao O. Mastura
3. Hon. MP Atty. Raissa H. Jajurie
4. Hon. MP Hussein P. Muñoz
5. Hon. MP Suwaib L. Oranon
6. Hon. MP Narciso C. Yu Ekey
7. Hon. MP Atty. Abdul M. Dataya, Sr.
8. Hon. MP Mohagher M. Iqbal
9. Hon. MP Mohammad S. Yacob
10. Hon. MP Aida M. Silongan
11. Hon. MP Said Z. Salendab
12. Hon. MP Abdulraof A. Macacua
13. Hon. MP Melanio U. Ulama
14. Hon. MP Al-Syed A. Sali
15. Hon. MP Atty. Omar Yasser C. Sema
16. Hon. MP Adzfar H. Usman
17. Hon. MP Punduma B. Sani
18. Hon. MP Maisara D. Latiph
19. Hon. MP Abraham T. Burahan
20. Hon. MP Mussolini S. Lidasan
21. Hon. MP Anna Tarhata S. Basman
22. Hon. MP Atty. Paisalin P. Tago
23. Hon. MP Susana S. Anayatin
24. Hon. MP Nabil A. Tan
25. Hon. MP Khadafeh G. Mangudadatu

SUBMISSION OF NAMES BY HON. MP ATTY. LAISA M. ALAMIA

When recognized, Hon. MP Atty. Laisa M. Alamia submitted the names of Hon. MP Ismael E. Rasul and Hon. MP Baintan A. Ampatuan to be members of the Committee on Finance, Budget and Management.

INFORMATION OF MINISTER OF FINANCE, HON. MP EDUARD U. GUERRA

Thereafter, Minister of Finance, Hon. MP Eduard U. Guerra informed the body that the vice chairperson of the committee would be decided during the committee meeting.

MANIFESTATION OF HON. MP ATTY. LAISA M. ALAMIA

In her manifestation, Hon. MP Atty. Laisa M. Alamia informed the body that a statutory committee can have more than one vice chairperson.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At 12:37 P.M., the Chair *motu proprio* declared a one-minute suspension of session.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 12:38 P.M., the session resumed.

PROPOSAL OF HON. MP ATTY. JOSE I. LORENA

Thereupon, Hon. MP Atty. Jose I. Lorena proposed that the committee will determine the number of vice chairperson and submit the same to the plenary for confirmation by the BTA Parliament.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT

Subsequently, on the motion of the Majority Floor Leader duly seconded, and there being no objection, the body confirmed the membership of the Committee on Finance, Budget and Management.

OTHER MATTERS

At this point, the body proceeded to the other matters in the Order of Business.

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION BY HON. MP RASUL E. ISMAEL

When recognized, Hon. MP Rasul E. Ismael presented a proposed resolution for consideration by the body, entitled:

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SINCEREST AND DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE MINDANAO DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY CHAIRPERSON, SECRETARY ABUL KHAYR D. ALONTO

Authors: Hon. MP Rasul E. Ismael, Hon. MP Atty. Laisa Alamia

MOTION OF HON. SPEAKER ATTY. ALI PANGALIAN M. BALINDONG

Upon recognition by the Chair, Hon. Speaker Ali Pangalian Balindong moved that all Members of the BTA present be made co-authors of the proposed resolution.

The proposal was accepted by the authors, Hon. MP Rasul E. Ismael and Hon. MP Atty. Laisa M. Alamia, and foregoing motion, having been duly seconded, and there being no objection, was approved.

MANIFESTATION OF HON. MP PUNDUMA B. SANI

When recognized, Hon. MP Punduma B. Sani manifested that he was very thankful for the resolution. He informed the body that being a member of the Top 90 of which he was authorized by most of the Jungle Fox and Amir Basa as representative of the Top 90. He said that he was very thankful as much as the Top 90 is concerned considering that Top 90 is not a rank but a distinction that will not be erased in the history of the Bangsamoro. He informed the body that he is grateful to the Speaker, his *Kaka* Ali Pangalian Balindong, a young person and the first gentleman who came up and welcomed the Top 90 when they arrived in Malabang.

He informed the body that Lake Lanao was not organized back then. In 1966, he remembered that they did a demonstration in the Congress at a young age. Hon. MP Punduma B. Sani, as one of the founders of the Top 90, informed the body that as far as the Top 90 in Lanao is concerned, out of forty-two (42), there are only seventeen (17) remaining and four (4) of them are already bed ridden.

Hon. MP Punduma B. Sani concluded his manifestation by saying that being the representative of the Top 90, he considered Hon. Speaker Ali Pangalian M. Balindong as member of the group because he was the one who gave the Top 90 almost everything during those days.

REITERATION OF MOTION BY HON. MP ATTY. LAISA M. ALAMAIA

Thereafter, Hon. MP Atty. Laisa M. Alamia reiterated the motion to approve the resolution expressing sincerest and deepest condolences to the family of the late Mindanao Development Authority Chairperson, Secretary Abul Khayr D. Alonto.

AMENDMENT OF HON. DEPUTY SPEAKER HATIMIL E. HASSAN

When recognized, Hon. Deputy Speaker Hatimil E. Hassan made an amendment to the fact that the MNLF was organized in order to achieve autonomy, saying that it is not true. He informed the body that the objective of the MNLF in launching the Bangsamoro Revolution was for the independence of the Bangsamoro Homeland and not autonomy. He stated that autonomy was accepted only when the MNLF entered into negotiations with the Government of the Republic of the Philippines in January 1975. So, he proposed to delete the word “autonomy” and replace it with the words “the objective of the MNLF was the full independence of the Bangsamoro Homeland”.

MANIFESTATION OF HON. MP ATTY. JOSE I. LORENA

When recognized, Hon. MP Atty. Jose I. Lorena manifested that he joined everyone in moving for the approval of the resolution, saying that he would be seconding the motion.

AMENDMENT OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

On motion of the Majority Floor Leader duly seconded, and there being no objection, the Order of Business was amended by including the proposed resolution sponsored by Hon. MP Rasul E. Ismael and Hon. MP Atty. Laisa M. Alamia therein.

REITERATION OF MOTION TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION BY HON. MP ATTY. LAISA M. ALAMIA

Thereafter, Hon. MP Atty. Laisa M. Alamia read the title of the proposed resolution and reiterated the motion to approve the said proposed resolution.

The foregoing motion, having been duly seconded, and there being no objection, was approved.

INFORMATION OF THE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

Thereafter, the Majority Floor Leader, when recognized, informed the body that he has already completed and finished all the list of membership of the ad hoc committees which have been approved in the plenary session, subject to the inclusion of those who

wanted to be members of the ad hoc committees but they were not able to list their names outside. He stated that for the information of the chairpersons and members of the ad hoc committees, he will submit the list, so that after the session, all the ad hoc committees, including the Committee on Finance, Budget and Management can start doing their tasks as provided in the Republic Act. 11054.

INFORMATION OF HON. MP ATTY. LAISA M. ALAMIA

Subsequently, Hon. MP Atty. Laisa M. Alamia, when recognized, presented the following proposed resolutions, informing the body that the said proposed resolutions were submitted on time to the Office of the Secretary General, viz:

1. Proposed Resolution No. 11, entitled:

RESOLUTION MANDATING THE IMPORTANCE OF GOVERNMENT FACILITIES IN BARMM: AN ANALYSIS OF BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS

Author: Hon. MP Narciso C. Yu Ekey

2. Proposed Resolution No. 12, entitled:

RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE CREATION OF PRIMARY MINISTRIES UNDER REPUBLIC ACT 11054 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “ORGANIC LAW FOR THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO” AND RECOGNIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MINISTERS THERETO, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CHIEF MINISTER AND THE APPOINTED MINISTERS TO UTILIZE EXISTING ARMM STRUCTURE AND PERSONNEL, AND PERFORM NECESSARY FUNCTIONS AND MANDATES THEREFOR

Author: Hon. MP Atty. Laisa M. Alamia

3. Proposed Resolution No. 13, entitled:

RESOLUTION MANDATING THE BARMM TO ENGAGE IN, TAKE CHARGE AND ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITIES TO RESTORE, REVIVE, AND REBUILD THE MOST AFFECTED AREAS OF MARAWI CITY

Author: Hon. MP Narciso Co Yu Ekey

On the motion of Hon. MP Atty. Laisa M. Alamia duly seconded, and there being no objection, the foregoing proposed resolutions were referred to the Committee on Rules.

POINT OF CLARIFICATION OF HON. MP ABDULMUHMIN A. MUJAHID

When recognized, Hon. MP Abdulmuhmin A. Mujahid clarified from the Secretary General the status of the translation of the Journals and the proceedings of the BTA to Arabic language, Tagalog and other dialects in the Bangsamoro. He stated that it would be

an opportunity for the Ulama to be part of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority. So, he asked the Secretary General on the status of the Ulama in the BTA Secretariat.

RESPONSE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Upon the direction of the Chair, the Secretary General responded the query of Hon. MP Abdulmuhmin A. Mujahid. He informed the body that there was no budget yet for the hiring of the translator. He, however, stated that after June 30, 2019, his office can facilitate the compensation of the Ulama to be hired as translators of the proceedings of the BTA Parliament.

COMMENT OF HON. MP ABDULMUHMIN A. MUJAHID

In his comment, Hon. MP Abdulmuhmin A. Mujahid said that he was satisfied with the response of the Secretary General. He expressed hope that the window of the opportunity to welcome the Ulama to submit their applications would start soon. He informed the body that there are many Ulama who are qualified to be part of the Secretariat of the BTA Parliament.

REQUEST OF HON. DEPUTY SPEAKER HATIMIL E. HASSAN

At this point, Hon. Deputy Speaker Hatimil E. Hassan stated that he was made to understand that the Transition Plan has already been transmitted to the Office of the Interim Chief Minister, Hon. Ahod B. Ebrahim. He said that most of the works in the transition from ARMM to BARMM would be done by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority. In view thereof, he asked the body to request from the Office of the Interim Chief Minister for a copy of the Transition Plan, so that each member of the BTA Parliament would be provided with a copy thereof.

INFORMATION OF THE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

At this juncture, the Majority Floor Leader, when recognized, informed the body that under the RA 11054, the Chief Minister is mandated to review and submit the Transition Plan to the Bangsamoro Transition Authority within sixty (60) days after the inauguration of the BTA and that the BTA inaugurated last March 29, 2019. So, he stated that the time for submission of the Transition Plan is until May 29, 2019. He also informed the body that during the May 20, 2019 flag ceremony, the Chief Minister announced that he

will submit the Transition Plan on May 28, 2019 to the Bangsamoro Transition Authority Parliament for review and consideration.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

On the motion of the Majority Floor Leader duly seconded, and there being no objection, the session adjourned until June 24, 2019 at one o'clock in the afternoon.

It was 1:12 P.M.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

PROF. RABY B. ANGKAL

Secretary General

Approved: May 21, 2019