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CALL TO ORDER

At 2:01 P.M., the Speaker, Hon. Ali Pangalian M. Balindong, called the session to order.

INVOCATION

Upon request of the Chair, Hon. MP Haron M. Abas led the invocation.

SINGING OF NATIONAL ANTHEM AND BANGSAMORO HYMN

Thereafter, the singing of National Anthem and the Bangsamoro Hymn followed.

ROLL CALL

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretariat called the Roll and the following Members of the BTA Parliament were physically present:

1. Hon. Akmad I. Abas
2. Hon. Haron M. Abas
3. Hon. Zul Qarney M. Abas
4. Hon. Basit S. Abbas
5. Hon. Mudjib C. Abu
6. Hon. Ziaur-Rahman Alonto Adiong
7. Hon. Abdulla A. Ahang
8. Hon. Ibrahim D. Ali
9. Hon. Lanang T. Ali, Jr.
10. Hon. Zesar H. Alil
11. Hon. Baintan A. Ampatuan
12. Hon. Susana S. Anayatin
13. Hon. Muslima A. Asmawil
14. Hon. Anna Tarhata S. Basman
15. Hon. Ali Pangalian M. Balindong
16. Hon. Mohammad Zainoden P. Bato
17. Hon. Saffrullah M. Dipatuan
18. Hon. Hadji Abduladzis M. Esmael
19. Hon. Abdullah E. Gayak
20. Hon. Eduard U. Guerra
21. Hon. Abdullah B. Hashim
22. Hon. Hatimil E. Hassan
23. Hon. Mohagher M. Iqbal
24. Hon. Rasul E. Ismael
25. Hon. Bainon G. Karon
26. Hon. Mussolini S. Lidasan
27. Hon. Don Mustapha A. Loong
28. Hon. Jose I. Lorena

29. Hon. Jamel D. Macaraya
30. Hon. Khadafeh G. Mangudadatu
31. Hon. Sittie Shahara I. Mastura
32. Hon. Amilbahar S. Mawallil
33. Hon. Suwaib L. Oranon
34. Hon. Abdulwahab M. Pak
35. Hon. Edrieza N.H. Rimbang
36. Hon. Modayao M. Sacar
37. Hon. Said Z. Salendab
38. Hon. Romeo C. Saliga
39. Hon. Ali O. Salik
40. Hon. Punduma B. Sani
41. Hon. Ali B. Sangki
42. Hon. Omar Yasser C. Sema
43. Hon. Romeo K. Sema
44. Hon. Said M. Sheik
45. Hon. Aida M. Silongan
46. Hon. Paisalin P. Tago
47. Hon. Melanio U. Ulama
48. Hon. Adzfar H. Usman
49. Hon. Narciso C. Yu Ekey

The following Members of the BTA Parliament were virtually present:

1. Hon. Laisa M. Alamia
2. Hon. Eddie M. Alih
3. Hon. Abraham T. Burahan
4. Hon. Bai Maleiha B. Candao
5. Hon. Maisara D. Latiph
6. Hon. Rasol Y. Mitmug, Jr.
7. Hon. Mujahid A. Abdulmuhmin
8. Hon. Nabila Margarita P. Pangandaman
9. Hon. Diamila D. Ramos
10. Hon. Nabil A. Tan

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

1. Hon. Ahod B. Ebrahim

The following Members of the BTA Parliament were noted absent:

1. Hon. Faiz S. Alauddin
2. Hon. Suharto M. Ambolodto
3. Hon. Hamid Aminoddin D. Barra
4. Hon. Musa K.S. Diamla
5. Hon. Raissa H. Jajurie
6. Hon. Muslimin A. Jakilan
7. Hon. Abduraof A. Macacua
8. Hon. Abdullah G. Macapaar
9. Hon. Marjanie S. Macasalong
10. Hon. Malik A. Mantawil
11. Hon. Datu Tucao O. Mastura
12. Hon. Datu Midpantao M. Midtimbang
13. Hon. Hussein P. Muñoz
14. Hon. Ubaida C. Pacasem
15. Hon. Abdul R. Sahrin
16. Hon. Al-Syed A. Sali
17. Hon. Alzad T. Sattar
18. Hon. Ali B. Solaiman
19. Hon. Sahie S. Udjah
20. Hon. Mohammad S. Yacob

With fifty-nine (59) Members of the BTA Parliament physically and virtually present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

SUSPENSION OF THE SESSION

Thereafter, the Chair *motu proprio* declared a one-minute suspension of the session.

It was 2:12 P.M.

RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION

At 2:13 P.M., the session resumed with Hon. MP Omar Yasser C. Sema as Presiding Officer.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS SESSION

On motion of the Majority Floor Leader, Hon. MP Atty. Lanang T. Ali, Jr. duly seconded, and there being no objection, the reading and approval of the Journal of the previous session, Journal No. 26, was dispensed and the same was approved subject to style.

READING AND REFERRAL OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General, Prof. Raby B. Angkal, read the titles of the following proposed resolutions which were in turn, on separate motions of the Majority Floor Leader duly seconded and there being no objection, referred by the Chair to the appropriate committees, viz:

1. Proposed Resolution No. 193, entitled:

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESS OF CONVERSION OF THE COTABATO CITY STATE POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY

Authors: MP Susana S. Anayatin and MP Mohagher M. Iqbal
To the Committee on Basic, Higher and Technical Education

2. Proposed Resolution No. 206, entitled:

RESOLUTION URGING THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION TO COME UP WITH AN APPLICABLE MECHANISMS THAT WILL REGULATE THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATIONS TO PUT SIGNAGES IN THE ROAD AND STREETS COMMENDING THE ALMIGHTY FOR A SAFE TRIPS WITHIN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO

Authors: Hon. MP Sultan Edrieza H. Nasser Marangit Rimbang
To the Committee on Transportation and Communication

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

At this point, on motion of Hon. MP Baintan A. Ampatuan duly seconded, and there being no objection, the Order of Business was approved.

AMENDMENT OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

On further motion of Hon. MP Baintan A. Ampatuan duly seconded, and there being no objection, the Order of Business was amended by including the Constitution of the Committee on Accounts in the Other Matters.

SUSPENSION OF THE SESSION

At 2:19 P.M., the Chair *motu proprio* declared a one-minute suspension the session.

RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION

At 2:23 P.M., the session resumed.

CONTINUATION OF THE READING OF THE PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

Upon further direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the titles of the following proposed resolutions which were, in turn, on separate motions of the Majority Floor Leader duly seconded and there being no objection, referred to the appropriate committees, viz:

1. Proposed Resolution No. 208, entitled:

RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO REQUEST FROM CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (CAAP) THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION ADDITIONAL FLIGHTS (NIGHT FLIGHTS) IN THE COTABATO AIRPORT, AWANG, DATU ODIN SINSUAT, MAGUINDANAO TO ENHANCE TRANSPORTATION, PROMOTE TOURISM INDUSTRY, DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL ENTREPRENEUR AND ADVANCE PUBLIC CONVENIENCE

Authored by: MP Sultan Edrieza H.N. Rimbang
To the Committee on Transportation and Communications

2. Proposed Resolution No. 213, entitled:

A RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY URGING AND/OR REQUESTING CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS TO ANNUL THE BOOK OF VOTERS IN THE

BARANGAYS, MUNICIPALITIES AND CITIES IN THE
BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM
MINDANAO (BARMM) AND CONDUCT A NEW GENERAL
REGISTRATION

Authors: MP Paisalin P. Tago

Co-authors: MP Ali Pangalian M. Balindong, MP Ali B. Solaiman, MP
Hamid Aminodiddin D. Barra, MP Omar Yasser C. Sema, MP Nabil A.
Tan, MP Basit S. Abbas, MP Modayao M. Sacar, MP Abraham T.
Burahan, MP Mohammad Zainoden P. Bato, MP Jose I. Lorena, MP
Marjanie S. Macasalong, MP Musa K.S Diamlala, MP Jamel D.
Macaraya, MP Abdullah G. Macapaar, MP Sultan Edrieza H.N.
Rimbang and Hon. MP Khadafeh G. Mangudadatu

To the Committee on Local Government

READING OF THE TITLE OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 215

Upon direction of the Chair, Secretary-General read the title of Proposed
Resolution No. 215, entitled:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL
RELATIONS BODY TO CALL FOR A DIALOGUE BETWEEN
THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES
(NCIP) AND THE OFFICE OF THE MINISTRY ON INDIGENOUS
PEOPLES' AFFAIRS (MIPA) TO ADDRESS THE ANCESTRAL
DOMAIN ISSUES OF THE NON-MORO INDIGENOUS PEOPLE
IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM
MINDANAO

Authored by: Hon. MP Romeo K. Saliga

MOTION OF THE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

Subsequently, the Majority Floor Leader, when recognized, moved that the
Proposed Resolution No. 215 be referred to Committee on Indigenous Peoples' Affairs.

MANIFESTATION OF HON. MP MOHAGHER M. IQBAL

When recognized, Hon. MP Mohagher M. Iqbal manifested that the resolution is a
good resolution. He, however, informed the body that the issue has already been
discussed in the Intergovernmental Relations Bodies (IGRBs) of the BARMM and that of
the Government. He stated that, in fact, there was already an initial discussion about the
matter. He clarified that it does not mean that he does not want the Proposed Resolution
No. 215 be referred to the Committee on Indigenous Peoples' Affairs, stating that he just
wanted to emphasize that, before its referral to the said committee, the IGR bodies of the
government and the BARMM had already started the discussion on issue.

MANIFESTATION OF HON. MP JOSE I. LORENA

When recognized, Hon. MP Jose I. Lorena manifested that he believes in the necessity for dialogue, but he has an objection to the Proposed Resolution No. 215, because it intends to allow discussion relative to the issues between the National Government and the Bangsamoro Government which according to him would dilute the provisions of Section 2, Article of RA 11054 or the Bangsamoro Organic Law, defining the functions of Intergovernmental Relationships Mechanism. He emphasized that it is enough that the Ministry of Indigenous Peoples' Affairs may be called upon to assist the Intergovernmental Relations Body without the necessity of dialogue between the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples and the Ministry of Indigenous Peoples' Affairs (MIPA), stressing that by doing so, the body would be allowing different mechanism other than what is laid down under RA 11054.

Hon. MP Jose I. Lorena clarified that the conflicts or even disagreements on programs of the national government agencies can be directly tackled by the Intergovernmental Relations Body (IGRB) as manifested by Hon. MP Mohagher M. Iqbal. He stated that if IGRB calls upon the MIPA, then that would only be the time where they should be participating. He stated that he would not like to lose sight of the importance of the IGR mechanism.

He expressed hope that his manifestation would be considered by the body, explaining that the law has defined the IGR as the sole body that should discuss the differences between the National Government and the Bangsamoro Government.

APPROVAL OF THE MOTION OF THE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

Thereafter, the motion of the Majority Floor Leader to refer the Proposed Resolution No. 215 to the Committee on Indigenous Peoples' Affairs, having been duly seconded and there being no objection, was approved.

SUSPENSION OF THE SESSION

AT 2:33 P.M., the Chair *mutu proprio* declared a one-minute suspension of the session.

RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION

At 2:34 P.M., the session resumed.

READING OF THE TITLE OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 216

Upon direction of the Chair the Secretary-General read the title of Proposed Resolution No. 216, entitled:

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE MINISTRY OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' AFFAIRS TO FORMULATE GUIDELINES FOR THE ACCREDITATION AND CONFIRMATION OF INDIGENOUS POLITICAL STRUCTURES OF THE NON-MORO INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO

Author: MP Romeo K. Saliga

MANIFESTATION OF HON. MP ALI B. SANGKI

At this juncture, Hon. MP Ali B. Sangki, when recognized, manifested that he has reservations on the issue particularly on the right to own ancestral domain claim as indicated in the research Indigenous Peoples' Right Act (IPRA). He said that he has all the records of how many hectares that were already declared and issued Certificate of Ancestral Domain Titles (CADT) as claimed by the Non-Moro Indigenous Peoples. He stated that the Proposed Resolution No. 216 would be referred to the Committee on Indigenous Peoples' Affairs. Thus, he inquired from the Majority Floor Leader on the composition of the Committee on Indigenous Peoples' Affairs.

RESPONSE OF THE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

Whereupon, the Majority Floor Leader, when recognized, responded that he would deliver to Hon. MP Ali B. Sangki the membership of the Committee on Indigenous Peoples' Affairs.

FURTHER MANIFESTATION OF HON. MP ALI B. SANGKI

When still recognized, Hon. MP Ali B. Sangki further said that the issue is very controversial as it involves the previously proclaimed settlement for the Muslims. He informed the body that when he was the Secretary of the Office on Muslim Affairs, there were records of the Certificate of Ancestral Domain Titles (CADTs) throughout the Philippines. He stated that there are 2,000,000 plus hectares of land which were already

awarded to the Non-Moro Indigenous Peoples. He pointed out that the issue pertaining to Proposed Resolution No. 215 supposes that the areas being publicized is in Maguindanao. He informed the body that a letter was even addressed to Governor Mujiv Hataman from National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), asking for the delineation of boundaries of all the so-called ancestral domain of non-Moro IPs. He added that, in fact, the NCIP wrote a letter to his daughter, the Mayor of Datu Abdullah Sangki, asking also for delineation of boundaries of the ancestral domain of the non-Moro IPS. He stated that in the said request of the NCIP, they wanted to claim ancestral domains, when in fact, there were already previous settlement issued by the President which is called “Muslim Settlement”. He informed the body that there was even Presidential Decree issued by the president declaring that such area is an ancestral domain to be given to the non-Moro Indigenous Peoples. In view thereof, he stressed that it would become a very big problem if the people in their own backyard would be divested of ownership of a land because of a defective interpretation of the IPRA Law.

Hon. MP Ali B. Sangki also informed the body that, in fact, he was a member of the Asia IP Delegation in Switzerland and that there is difference between the definitions of the IPs in the United Nation Convention on the Rights of the Indigenous Peoples with the definition of the IPs under the IPRA Law of the Philippines and that it is the argument of the NCIP that it is the law of the Philippines which prevails, but he said that the Philippines is a signatory to the word organization. Thus, he assumed that issues must be reconciled and would be referred to a body where there are no Muslim members so that there would be one-sided delineation and the recommendation of such body would only speak for one particular tribal group. He stated that he would provide copies of the document to the Members of the Parliament containing the list of the Certificate of Settlement Title and the Certificate of Ancestral Domain Claim.

COMMENT OF THE CHAIR

Whereupon, the Chair commented that the manifestation of Hon. MP Ali B. Sangki was noted and that his concern on the composition of the Committee on Indigenous Peoples’ Affairs is a matter within the work of the Majority Floor Leader to

communicate to MP Sangki as to the composition of the said committee and the matters he raised will be properly discussed in the committee where the proposed resolution would be referred to.

INFORMATION OF HON. MP ALI B. SANGKI

Hon. MP Ali B. Sangki, still recognized, informed the body that there are also issues and concerns which he has submitted, indicating some very important items which he has referred to be part of the Bangsamoro Development Plan 2020-2022. He supposed that the august body would have to move fast, explaining that they are running out of time.

REFERRAL OF THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 216

Thereafter, on motion of the Majority Floor Leader duly seconded and there being no objection, the Proposed Resolution No. 216 was referred to the Committee on Indigenous Peoples' Affairs.

READING AND REFERRAL OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General, Prof. Raby B. Angkal, read the titles of the following proposed resolutions which were in turn, on separate motions of the Majority Floor Leader duly seconded and there being no objection, referred by the Chair to the appropriate committees, viz:

1. Resolution No. 227, entitled:

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CHIEF MINISTER TO CONSIDER DESIGNATING A FOCAL PERSON OR COMMITTEE FOR EACH PROVINCE INCLUDING THE 63 BARANGAYS IN CREATING A DATABASE FOR BANGSAMORO INDIGENTS IN AID OF CONSOLIDATING A LIST OF IDENTIFIED AREAS WHERE PARLIAMENT MEMBERS CAN EXTEND SUPPORT AND TO AVOID DUPLICATION IN RELIEF ASSISTANCE TO ALL ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARIES IN THE BANGSAMORO REGION

Authored by: Hon. MP Punduma Sani and Hon. MP Rasol Mitmug, Jr.
To the Committee on Social Services and Development

2. Proposed Resolution No. 230, entitled:

A RESOLUTION REDIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE ALLEGED ANOMALITIES IN THE

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SOCIAL AMELIORATION PROGRAM (SAP) CASH AID IN THE BANGSAMORO REGION WITH THE END VIEW OF CRAFTING NECESSARY MEASURES TO PREVENT IRREGULARITIES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMS OF THE SAME NATURE

Authored by: MP Atty. Maisara D. Latiph
To the Committee on Social Services and Development

3. Proposed Resolution No. 231, entitled:

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE ALLEGED ANOMALITIES IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SOCIAL AMELIORATION PROGRAM (SAO) CASH AID IN THE BANGSAMORO REGION WITH THE END OF CRAFTING NECESSARY MEASURES TO PREVENT IRREGULARITIES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SAME NATURE

Authored by: MP Atty. Maisara D. Latiph
To the Committee on Local Government

MANIFESTATION OF HON. MP BANTAN A. AMPATUAN

When recognized, Hon. MP Bantan A. Ampatuan manifested that the Proposed Resolution No. 230 and the Proposed Resolution No. 231 were worded the same.

COMMENT OF THE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

Thereafter, the Majority Floor Leader commented that they are worded the same but they referred into different committees.

SUSPENSION OF THE SESSION

At 2:46 P.M., the Chair *motu proprio* declared a one-minute suspension.

RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION

At 2:47 P.M., the declared resumption of the session.

MANIFESTATION OF HON. MP ZIAUR-RAHMAN ALONTO ADIONG

When recognized, Hon. MP Ziaur-Rahman Alonto Adiong manifested that the motions adopted by the Chair pertaining the two resolutions No. 227 and No. 230, which they referred to Committee on Local Government and to Committee on Social Services will be reconsidered and the same is to include also Committee on Local Government for the referral of this two resolutions that are being discussed.

INQUIRY OF HON. MP AMILBAHAR S. MAWALLIL

When recognized, Hon. MP Amilbahar S. Mawallil inquired the procedure on the proposed reconsideration of earlier approved motions by the Majority Floor Leader which is to refer earlier resolution to the committee, to the concern committee and it was approved by the body.

MANIFESTATION OF HON. MP PAISALIN P. TAGO

When recognized, Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago manifested that there is no need to reconsider the approval of the previous motions, explaining that the body would just consolidate the two resolutions. After the approval of the consolidation of the two resolutions, they would move that the same two resolutions will be referred to the two committees to conduct joint committee hearings.

SUSPENSION OF THE SESSION

At 2:50 P.M., the Chair *mutuo proprio* declared a one-minute suspension.

RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION

At 2:51 P.M., the Chair declared resumption of the session.

MANIFESTATION OF HON. MP KHADAFEH G. MANGUDADATU

When recognized, Hon. MP Khadafeh G. Mangudadatu manifested that before the Chair will approve the proposal, the body should ask the proponent of the said resolutions if she is amenable or not to the proposal of Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago.

RESPONSE OF HON. MP ATTY. MAISARA D. LATIPH

When recognized, Hon. MP Atty. Maisara D. Latiph replied that she is amenable to the proposal of Hon. MP Paisalin Tago to consolidate the two resolutions no. 230 and no. 231 and joint committee hearing that was produced by the MILF Committee on Local Government as well as Committee on Social Services on this proposed resolutions.

EXPLANATION OF HON. MP ZIAUR-RAHMAN ALONTO ADIONG

Upon foregoing the motion of Hon. MP Ziaur-Rahman Alonto Adiong, he explained that the reason why he raised his motion to reconsider is because he would like

to unburden the Presiding Officer as to the decision that was already made in reference to this particular resolution.

Thereafter, he withdrew his motion.

MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS NO. 230 AND NO. 231

On motion of Hon. MP Khadafeh G. Mangudadatu duly seconded, and there being no objection, the Proposed Resolution No. 230 and Proposed Resolution No. 231 were consolidated, and referred to Committee on Local Government and Social Services and Development.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF HON. MP EDRIEZA H. NASSER RIMBANG

When recognized, Hon. MP Edrieza H. Nasser Rimbang delivered his privilege speech. The full text was attached to Appendix “A” and made an integral part of the Journal.

SUSPENSION OF THE SESSION

Thereafter, on motion of the Majority Floor Leader, the Chair declared a 15-minute suspension of the session for As’r Prayer at 3:05 P.M.

RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION

At 3:44 P.M., the session resumed.

INQUIRY OF THE CHAIR

At this juncture, the Chair inquired from the Majority Floor Leader if what is the subject matter of the privilege speech of the gentleman from Zamboanga, to which the Majority Floor Leader replied that his privilege speech is about Islamic Message considering that Hon. MP Muhammad Pak is an Ulama.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF HON. MP ABDULWAHAB M. PAK

When recognized, Hon. MP Muhammad M. Pak delivered a privilege speech, the full text of which is hereto attached as Appendix “B” and made an integral part of Journal.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Thereupon, the body proceeded to take up the items in the Unfinished Business of the Order of Business.

RESUMPTION OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS FOR SUBSTITUTE COMMITTEE BILL NO. 52

At this juncture, the body resumed the period of amendments for the Substitute Committee Bill No. 52.

QUERY OF THE CHAIR

Whereupon, the Chair inquired from the Majority Floor Leader, Hon. MP Lanang T. Ali, Jr., the status of the following proposed amendments of Hon. MP Jose I. Lorena:

1. Proposed amendment on Section 5 of the bill which reads as follows: *“The BSC shall be composed of a Chairman and six regular Commissioners, Provided that, in the appointment of the Commissioners, all the geographic units of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region shall be represented.”*
2. Section 6 of the bill be amended to read as follows: *“The Chief Minister shall appoint the Chairperson and the Commissioners of the BSC for a term of seven years.”*

RESPONSE OF THE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

In response to the query of the Chair, the Majority Floor Leader informed the body that they did not accept the foregoing proposed amendments of Hon. MP Jose I. Lorena.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF HON. MP RASOL Y. MITMUG, JR.

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the following proposed amendments of Hon. MP Rasol Y. Mitmug, Jr.:

1. Proposed amendment on Section 4, mandate of the BSC, which states *“The BSC shall formulate policy, promote, regulate, coordinate and implement programs for sports. It shall also provide for system, support and assistance in the development of sports. It shall as policy makes sure that sports are tool for peace and transitional justice”.*

The foregoing proposed amendment was accepted by the Majority Floor Leader.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY OF HON. MP ZIAUR-RAHMAN ALONTO ADIONG

At this juncture, Hon. MP Ziaur-Rahman Alonto Adiong, when recognized, inquired if how they would define the terms used and introduced in the Substitute Committee Bill No. 52 so as not to create confusion or to over burden the Bangsamoro Sports Commission in the exercise of its mandate, like the term “transitional justice” which is not essentially a parlance of sports but pertains to a certain issue.

RESPONSE OF THE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

Whereupon, the Majority Floor Leader, when recognized, responded that in the period of debate and interpellation, there was a member of the Parliament who suggested to have a definition of terms as a section in the bill. He stated that the proposal of Hon. MP Ziaur-Rahman Alonto Adiong could be put in the particular section on the definition of terms. He informed the body that Hon. MP Maisara D. Latiph would send a committee amendment to introduce a section on the definition of terms, especially the definition of “sports” as proposed by Hon. MP Punduma B. Sani, adding that they could also include the definition of “transitional justice” in the definition of terms.

CONTINUATION OF THE READING OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF HON. MP RASOL Y. MITMUG, JR.

Upon further direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General continued with the reading of the following proposed amendment of Hon. MP Rasol Y. Mitmug, Jr.

2. Proposed amendment on item 9, which says “*Make sports as a tool for peace and transitional justice.*”

The foregoing was also accepted by the Majority Floor Leader.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF HON. MP DIAMILA D. RAMOS

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the following proposed amendment of Hon. MP Diamila D. Ramos on Item No. 5 which says “*Convening a Sports Advisory Council composed of representatives from Bangsamoro Ministries and other offices including representatives from Local Government Units in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao and one representative each from stakeholders, youth, civil society organizations, traditional leaders, Bangsamoro communities outside*

BARMM, and religious leaders. For this purpose, the commission shall issue guidelines for the convening of the council”.

SUSPENSION OF THE SESSION

At 4:06 P.M., the Chair *mutuo proprio* declared a one-minute suspension.

RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION

At 4:08 P.M., the session was resumed.

INFORMATION OF THE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

Thereafter, the Majority Floor Leader, when recognized, informed the body that after comparing the proposed amendment with original formulation of the provision, he did not accept the proposed amendment of Hon. MP Diamila D. Ramos.

SUSPENSION OF THE SESSION

At 4:09 P.M., the Chair *mutuo proprio* declared a one-minute suspension.

RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION

At 4:14 P.M., the session was resumed.

RECOMMITTING OF SUBSTITUTE COMMITTEE NO. 52

In view of the voluminous proposed amendments that might result to the entire overhauling of the bill, on motion of the Majority Floor Leader duly seconded, and there being no objection, the Substitute Committee Bill No. 25 was recommitted to the Committee on Rules for the deliberation of the proposed amendments.

INFORMATION OF THE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

Thereafter, the Majority Floor Leader, when recognized, informed the body that the next item under the Unfinished Business is Proposed Resolution No. 173 which is the subject of Committee Report No. 19 adopted by the body on February 20, 2020, entitled:

RESOLUTION URGING THE MINISTRY OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT TO ESTABLISH A DATA BANKING SYSTEM OF ALL BANGSAMORO MIGRANT OVERSEAS WORKERS AND ADOPT A WELL-ORGANIZED REPOSITORY OF INFORMATION RETRIEVAL THAT SHALL SERVE AS A COORDINATING MECHANISM WITH CONCERNED NATIONAL AND REGIONAL OFFICES, NON-GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTORS FOR THE EFFECTIVE GATHERING OF SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION”

Author: MP Bai Maleiha B. Candao
Co-authors: MP Ubaida C. Pacasem and Aida M. Silongan
Parliamentary Status: Period of Debate and Interpellation

Then the Majority Floor Leader requested the Chair to recognize Hon. MP Romeo K. Sema, the Chairman of the Committee on Labor and Employment.

INFORMATION OF HON. MP ROMEO K. SEMA

At this juncture, Hon. MP Romeo K. Sema, when recognized, informed the body that the Proposed Resolution No. 173 was thoroughly discussed during the meeting of the Committee on Labor and Employment and that the establishment of a data banking system is part of the program of the Ministry of Labor and Employment. Thus, he moved for the approval of the proposed resolution.

QUERY OF THE CHAIR

Whereupon, the Chair inquired if there were still members of the BTA Parliament who want to interpellate, saying, however, that the proponent of the Proposed Resolution No. 173 was not around.

COMMENT OF THE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

When recognized, the Majority Floor Leader commented that the Chairman of the Committee on Labor and Employment was the one who rendered the committee report and it is the right of the Members of the Parliament to interpellate the proponent of the committee report.

QUERY OF THE CHAIR

At this point, the Chair inquired from the body if they would still wish to interpellate or they would just proceed with the approval of the Proposed Resolution No. 173 subject to style.

SUSPENSION OF THE SESSION

On motion of the Majority Floor Leader, the Chair declared a one-minute suspension of the session at 4:20 P.M.

RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION

At 4:21 P.M., the session resumed.

DEFERRAL OF CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 173

Thereafter and considering that the proponent was not physically present in the plenary hall, on motion of the Majority Floor Leader duly seconded and there being no objection, the consideration of the Proposed Resolution No. 173 was deferred.

POINT OF CLARIFICATION OF HON. MP BAI MALEIHA B. CANDAO

At this juncture, Hon. MP Bai Maleiha B. Candao, when recognized, raised a point of clarification. She stated that she was not supposed to be ignored as she is the author of the Proposed Resolution No. 173. Thus, she inquired if her authorship was obsolete, to which the Majority Floor Leader responded that the Members of the Parliament have an agreement that the principal proponent of a bill or proposed resolution must be physically present in the plenary session during the discussion of the bill or proposed resolution.

FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF HON. MP BAI MALEIHA B. CANDAO

Whereupon, Hon. MP Bai Maleha B. Candao further clarified as to why some of the members of the Parliament on the zoom were allowed to defend their bills or proposed resolutions, but she was not allowed to defend her proposed resolution.

RESPONSE OF THE CHAIR

In response thereto, the Chair explained that he understood the predicament of Hon. MP Bai Maleiha B. Candao, saying, however, that he had already instructed the Secretary-General that if the proponent of a bill or proposed resolution is not physically present, she or he is not entitled to defend her or his bill or proposed resolution.

DEFERRAL OF CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 170

Considering that the proponent was not physically present in the plenary, on motion of the Majority Floor Leader duly seconded and there being no objection, the consideration of the Proposed Resolution No. 170 was deferred, entitled:

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE BANGSAMORO GOVERNMENT
TO GIVE ATTENTION TO THE PLIGHT OF BANGSAMORO
DOMESTIC WORKERS AND ESTABLISH SUITABLE PROGRAMS
TO SERVE AS ALTERNATIVE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR
BANGSAMORO WOMEN WHO SEEK OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT
AS DOMESTIC WORKERS

Author: MP Diamila Disimban-Ramos

Co-authors: MPs Abdulraof Macacua, Mohammad Yacob, Punduma Sani, Abdullah Gayak, Aida Silongan, Maleiha Candao, Sahie Udjah, Sittie Shahara Mastura, Rasol Mitmug, Jr., Abdullah Macapaar, Marjanie Macasalong, Basit Abbas, Ziaur-Rahman Alonto Adiong and Bainon Karon

Parliamentary Status: Period of Debate and Interpellation

CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 245

Thereupon, the body proceeded to consider the Proposed Resolution No. 245, entitled:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CHIEF MINISTER TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PRESIDENT, REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, THE SECURITY CONCERNS INVOLVING THE SERIES OF KILLINGS OF MOROS IN THE BANGSAMORO COMMUNITIES OUTSIDE BARMM PARTICULARLY IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF POLOMOLOK AND TUPI, SOUTH COTABATO

Authors: MP Aida Silongan and MP Mohagher Iqbal

Parliamentary Status: Period of Amendments

QUERY OF HON. MP KHADAFEH G. MANGUDADATU

Upon recognition by the Chair, Hon. MP Khadafeh G. Mangudadatu stated that it was agreed on the previous day that the Proposed Resolution No. 245 would be approved by the body subject to style. In view thereof, he inquired from the proponent, Hon. MP Aida M. Silongan, if she could present to the body the amended proposed resolution.

SUSPENSION OF THE SESSION

At 4:27 P.M., the Chair *motu proprio* declared a one-minute suspension of the session.

RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION

At 4:29 P.M., the session resumed.

REQUEST OF HON. MP KHADAFEH G. MANGUDADATU

Thereafter, Hon. MP Khadafeh G. Mangudadatu when recognized, requested the Chair to direct the Secretariat to flash on the screen the proposed amendment of Hon. MP Jose Lorena on title of the Proposed Resolution No. 245.

READING OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF HON. MP ATTY. JOSE I. LORENA

Subsequently and upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the proposed amendments of Hon. MP Jose I. Lorena on Proposed Resolution No. 245 which reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE DEEP CONCERN OF THE
BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY OVER THE SERIES
OF KILLINGS OF MOROS OUTSIDE BARMM COMMUNITY
PARTICULARLY IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF POLOMOLOC,
TUPI SOUTH COTABATO

FURTHER QUERY OF HON. MP KHADAFEH G. MANGUDADATU

Whereupon, Hon. MP Khadafeh G. Mangudadatu further inquired if Hon. MP Aida M. Silongan was amenable to the foregoing proposed amendment on the title of the proposed resolution.

RESPONSE OF HON. MP AIDA M. SILONGAN

When recognized, Hon. MP Aida M. Silongan responded that she and her co-sponsor yielded to the proposed amendment of Hon. MP Jose I. Lorena on the title of the proposed resolution.

CLOSURE OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no other proposed amendments, on motion of the Majority Floor Leader duly seconded and there being no objection, the period of amendments was closed.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 245

Thereafter, on motion of Hon. MP Khadafeh G. Mangudadatu duly seconded, and there being no objection, the Proposed Resolution No. 245 was approved subject to style.

RELINQUISHMENT OF THE FLOOR

At this juncture, the Majority Floor Leader relinquished the floor to Hon. MP Ziaur-Rahman Alonto Adiong to act as Majority Floor Leader.

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 248

Subsequently, the body proceeded to consider the Proposed Resolution No. 248, entitled:

RESOLUTION URGING THE 18TH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES
TO PRIORITIZE THE IMMEDIATE PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL NO.
6413, ENTITLED: AN ACT DIVIDING THE PROVINCE OF

MAGUINDANAO INTO TWO (2) PROVINCES, NAMELY:
NORTHERN MAGUINDANAO AND SOUTHERN MAGUINDANAO

Authors: MP Datu Mussolini S. Lidasan, MP Datu Tucao O. Mastura, and
MP Lanang T. Ali, Jr

Co-Authors: MP Abduladzis M. Esmael, MP Diamila D. Ramos, MP
Mohammad S. Yacob and MP Narciso C. Yu Ekey

Parliamentary Status: Period of Debate and Interpellation

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF HON. MP LANANG T. ALI JR.

In his sponsorship speech, Hon. MP Atty. Lanang T. Ali, Jr. informed the body that, previously, there were two bills filed in the House of Representatives, saying that one bill was filed by Congressman Toto G. Mangudatu and the other bill was filed by Congressman Datu Roonie Q. Sinsuat. He stated that upon consultation with the members of the House of Representatives, the two authors came up with one version which is the House Bill No. 6413, entitled: "Act Dividing the Province of Manguindanao into two provinces, namely: Northern Maguindanao and Southern Manguindanao". He also informed the body that House Bill No. 6413 has been passed by the House of Representatives and that it is currently pending in the Senate of the Philippines.

Hon. MP Lanang T. Ali, Jr. explained that they filed the Proposed Resolution No. 248, because they have heard that the House Bill No. 6413 was not given time by the Senate of the Philippines.

PERIOD OF DEBATE AND INTERPELLATION

Thereupon, on motion of the Acting Majority Floor Leader, Hon. MP Ziaur-Rahman Alonto Adiong, duly seconded, and there being no objection, the period of debate and interpellation on Proposed Resolution No. 248 was opened.

INTERPELLATION OF HON. MP PAISALIN P. TAGO

When recognized, Hon. MP Atty. Paisalin P. Tago clarified if it is true that they would need the resolution so that House Bill No. 6413 would be immediately approved by the Senate, to which Hon. MP Atty. Lanang T. Ali, Jr. responded in the affirmative.

As to whether the passage of the Proposed Resolution No. 248 would not be moot and academic, because the discussion of the said bill in Congress has been done already, Hon. MP Lanang T. Ali, Jr. answered negatively. He explained that the proposed

resolution does not particularly mention the House of Representatives, saying that it is addressed to the Congress of the Philippines which is composed of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Hon. MP Paisalin Tago then asked the proponent why the two proposed provinces are called Northern Maguindanao and Southern Maguindanao, to which Hon. MP Lanang T. Ali, Jr. replied that the names of the two proposed provinces were agreed upon by Congressman Toto G. Mangudadatu and Congressman Roonie Q. Sinsuat. He stated that he could not answer the question on the particular municipalities which compose the two provinces. Thus, he requested the Chair to recognize Hon. MP Khadafeh G. Mangudadatu to specify those municipalities.

RESPONSE OF HON. MP KHADAFEH G. MANGUDADATU

In response to the query of Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago, Hon. MP Khadafeh G. Mangudadatu stated that the proposed Southern Maguindanao Province is composed of 25 municipalities and that if Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago would wish him to name those municipalities, the Chair could direct the Secretariat to flash on the screen those municipalities. He informed the body that the proposed Northern Maguindanao Province is composed of the 11 municipalities in First District of Maguindanao.

FURTHER INTERPELLATION OF HON. MP PAISALIN P. TAGO

Whereupon, Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago manifested that he was worried about the names of the two provinces. He shared to the body that when Lanao Province was divided into the provinces of Lanao del Sur and Lanao del Norte, it resulted to the division of culture, and the people of Lanao who are relatives felt that they are no longer relatives after the division of the Province of Lanao. In view thereof, he asked again the principal sponsor of the proposed resolution if why the two proposed provinces named Northern Maguindanao and Southern Maguindanao, to which Hon. MP lanang T. Ali, Jr. responded that the names of the two proposed provinces in House Bill No. 6413 have been settled and agreed upon by Congressman Toto Mangudadatu and Congressman Roonie Sinsuat. Thus, he stressed that the Members of the Parliament should support House Bill filed by the two congressmen of Maguindanao.

Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago concluded his interpellation by manifesting for the record that he has a very big reservation on the names of the two proposed provinces, stating that it was the reason why he gave as an example of what has happened to them in Lanao del Sur and Lanao del Norte.

MANIFESTATION OF HON. MP ALI B. SANGKI

When recognized, Hon. MP Ali B. Sangki manifested that he noticed the Proposed Resolution 248 is in aid of legislation to be done by the Congress. He stressed that their role is just to manifest their support to the legislative function of Congress and that they should attune the Proposed Resolution No. 248 suitable to the leading conditions of their time. He said that there are 63 barangays in North Cotabato which have joined the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao and that if they look into the composition of the Province of Maguindanao, there are 36 municipalities and 508 barangays. He stated that the role of the BTA Parliament is to support the direction of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region, adding that if they talk of dividing the Province of Maguindanao into two, the 63 barangays should be incorporated into the two provinces that would be created.

He pointed out that one of the contentious issues to be looked into by the august body is Ligawasan Marsh. He explained that there were studies made about the potential of Ligawasan Marsh and that if they would leave a portion of the Ligawasan Marsh to the 63 barangays in North Cotabato, it would be a very challenging situation for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region. Thus, he suggested to the authors of Proposed Resolution No. 248 to probably amend the text of the resolution by incorporating the 63 barangays as part of the two new provinces to be created. He stated that if they look into the division of North Cotabato and Maguindanao, 60% of Ligawasan Marsh belongs to the Maguindanao and 40% belongs to North Cotabato.

He also suggested to the author of the proposed resolution that they should not confine the creation of the two provinces to the 508 barangays, but they should incorporate the 63 barangays, and thereby making the barangays into 571. He, however,

emphasized that the incorporation of the 63 barangays into the two proposed provinces would depend on how the body would craft the resolution.

MANIFESTATION OF HON. MP NABIL A. TAN

When recognized, MP Nabil Tan stated that they know the process in the House of Representatives and the Senate. Thus, he inquired if why they would not specify the Senate of the Philippines in the Proposed Resolution No. 248. He stressed, however, that the subject matter of the proposed resolution is within the province of Congress and that it would be misinterpreted by Congress that it has slowly acted on the House Bill No. 6413.

REMARK OF THE CHAIR

Whereupon, the Chair remarked that manifestation of Hon. MP Nabil A. Tan was noted.

SUSPENSION OF THE SESSION

At 4:55 P.M., the Chair *mutuo proprio* declared a one-minute suspension of the session.

RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION

At 4:57 P.M., the session resumed.

DEFERRAL OF CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 248

On motion of Hon. MP Lanang T. Ali, Jr. duly seconded and there being no objection, the consideration of the Proposed Resolution No. 248 was deferred.

TURNING OVER OF THE FLOOR BY HON. MP ZIAUR-RAHMAN ALONTO ADIONG

Subsequently, the Acting Majority Floor Leader, Hon. MP Ziaur-Rahman Alonto Adiong turned over the floor to the Majority Floor Leader, Hon. Lanang T. Ali, Jr.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: N O N E

THIRD AND FINAL STAGE: N O N E

OTHER MATTERS

At this juncture the body proceeded to take up the item under Other Matters in the order of Business which was Constitution of the Committee on Accounts.

INFORMATION OF THE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

When recognized, the Majority Floor Leader informed the body that after their discussion with the Minority Floor Leader, Hon. MP Laisa M. Alamia, they were already finalizing the list of the members of the Committee on Accounts. He said that the Minority Bloc has already submitted two names and that hopefully by next session, he would be able to announce the whole membership of the Committee on Accounts.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE SESSION

On motion of the Majority Floor Leader duly seconded, and there being no objection, the session was adjourned until July 21, 2020 at one o'clock in the afternoon.

It was 5:00 P.M.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

PROF. RABY B. ANGKAL
Secretary-General