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#### CALL TO ORDER

At 2:02 P.M., the Presiding Officer, Deputy Speaker Omar Yasser C.

Sema, called the session to order

#### INVOCATION

Upon request of the Chair, Hon. MP Ali B. Solaiman led the invocation.

#### SINGING OF NATIONAL ANTHEM AND BANGSAMORO HYMN

Thereafter, the singing of the 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. Mudjib C. Abu
- 2. Hon. Ziaur-Rahman Alonto Adiong
- 3. Hon. Faiz S. Alauddin
- 4. Hon. Ibrahim D. Ali
- 5. Hon. Lanang T. Ali, Jr.
- 6. Hon. Baintan A. Ampatuan
- 7. Hon. Susana S. Anayatin
- 8. Hon. Muslima A. Asmawil
- 9. Hon, Anna Tarhata S. Basman
- 7. Hon. Alma Tamata S. Dasina
- 10. Hon. Abraham T. Burahan
- 11. Hon. Saffrullah M. Dipatuan
- 12. Hon. Eduard U. Guerra
- 13. Hon. Hatimil E. Hassan
- 14. Hon. Raissa H. Jajurie
- 15. Hon. Bainon G. Karon
- 16. Hon. Jose I. Lorena
- 17. Hon. Jamel D. Macaraya
- 18. Hon. Marjanie S. Macasalong
- 19. Hon. Khadafeh G. Mangudadatu
- 20. Hon. Amilbahar S. Mawallil
- 21. Hon. Datu Midpantao M. Midtimbang
- 22. Hon. Rasol Y. Mitmug, Jr.
- 23. Hon. Abdulmuhmin A. Mujahid
- 24. Hon. Suwaib L. Oranon
- 25. Hon. Ubaida C. Pacasem

- 26. Hon. Abdulwahab M. Pak
- 27. Hon. Modayao M. Sacar
- 28. Hon. Said Z. Salendab
- 29. Hon. Romeo C. Saliga
- 30. Hon. Ali O. Salik
- 31. Hon. Ali B. Sangki
- 32. Hon. Omar Yasser C. Sema
- 33. Hon. Romeo K. Sema
- 34. Hon. Ali B. Solaiman
- 35. Hon. Paisalin P. Tago
- 36. Hon. Melanio U. Ulama
- 37. Hon. Adzfar H. Usman
- 38. Hon. Mohammad S. Yacob

# The following Members of the BTA Parliament were virtually present:

- 1. Hon. Haron M. Abas
- 2. Hon. Basit S. Abbas
- 3. Hon. Abdulla A. Ahang
- 4. Hon. Laisa M. Alamia
- 5. Hon. Eddie M. Alih
- 6. Hon. Zesar H. Alil
- 7. Hon. Suharto M. Ambolodto
- 8. Hon. Hamid Aminoddin D. Barra
- 9. Hon. Mohammad Zainoden P. Bato
- 10. Hon. Bai Maleiha B. Candao
- 11. Hon. Musa K.S. Diamla
- 12. Hon. Abdullah E. Gayak
- 13. Hon. Abdullah B. Hashim
- 14. Hon. Rasul E. Ismael
- 15. Hon. Maisara D. Latiph
- 16. Hon. Mussolini S. Lidasan
- 17. Hon. Don Mustapha A. Loong
- 18. Hon. Malik A. Mantawil
- 19. Hon. Datu Tucao O. Mastura
- 20. Hon. Sittie Shahara I. Mastura
- 21. Hon. Diamila D. Ramos
- 22. Hon. Edrieza H. N.Rimbang
- 23. Hon. Alzad T. Sattar
- 24. Hon. Said M. Sheik
- 25. Hon. Aida M. Silongan
- 26. Hon. Nabil A. Tan
- 27. Hon. Narciso C. Yu Ekey

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

#### 1. Hon. Ahod B. Ebrahim

# The Members of the BTA Parliament who were noted absent:

- 1. Hon. Akmad I. Abas
- 2. Hon. Zul Qarneyn M. Abas
- 3. Hon. Ali Pangalian M. Balindong
- 4. Hon. Hadji Abduladzis M. Esmael
- 5. Hon. Mohagher M. Iqbal
- 6. Hon. Muslimin A. Jakilan

- 7. Hon. Abdulraof A. Macacua
- 8. Hon. Abdullah G. Macapaar
- 9. Hon. Hussein P. Muñoz
- 10. Hon. Nabila Margarita P. Pangandaman
- 11. Hon. Abdul R. Sahrin
- 12. Hon. Al-Syed A. Sali
- 13. Hon. Punduma B. Sani
- 14. Hon. Sahie S. Udjah

With sixty-five (65) Members of the BTA Parliament, including the Presiding Officer, physically and virtually present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF THE PREVIOUS SESSION

Thereafter, on motion of the Majority Floor Leader, Hon. MP Lanang T. Ali, Jr., duly seconded and there being no objection, the reading of the journal of the previous session, Journal No. 32 dated February 20-21, 2020, was dispensed with and the same was approved, subject to style.

## POINT OF INQUIRY OF HON. MP BAINTAN A. AMPATUAN

When recognized, Hon. MP Baintan A. Ampatuan raised a point inquiry if the body would proceed with the discussion of the proposed resolutions whose authors were not physically present. She cited as a precedent the case of Hon. MP Bai Maleiha B. Candao who was not allowed to defend her proposed resolution via zoom in their previous session.

# RESPONSE OF THE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

In response thereto, the Majority Floor Leader stated that the body would not discuss the proposed resolutions considering that based on their titles, they are not simple resolutions, hence they would be referred to the appropriate committees.

# FOLLOW UP QUERY FROM HON. MP BAINTAN A. AMPATUAN

Whereupon, Hon. MP Baintan A. Ampatuan stated for the record, that they have filed so many resolutions and bills which have not yet been tackled in the

plenary. In view thereof, she inquired from the Majority Floor Leader if what are the priority criteria for including the proposed resolutions and bills in the agenda.

#### RESPONSE OF THE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

In his response to the follow up query of Hon. MP Baintan A. Ampatuan, the Majority Floor Leader explained that they were not able to hold sessions for several days due to the effect of COVID-19. Thus, he stressed that there were several proposed resolutions which were lined up for inclusion in the Order of Business. He assured Hon. MP Baintan A. Ampatuan that in the succeeding sessions of the BTA Parliament, those proposed resolutions would be included in the agenda.

#### READING AND REFERRAL OF THE PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

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

#### 1. Proposed Resolution No. 300, entitled:

DIRECTING THE MINISTRY OF RESOLUTION **SERVICES DEVELOPMENT** (MSSD) AND COLLABORATION WITH THE MINISTRY OF BASIC, HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (MBHTE) TO THE EDUCATIONAL STRENGTHEN **INCREASE** AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM THAT IS INCLUSIVE TO THE DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN AND OTHER FAMILIES IN THE REGION

Author: Hon. MP Maisara D. Latiph

To the Committee on Social Services and Development and the Committee on Basic, Higher and Technical Education

# 2. Proposed Resolution No. 301, entitled:

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MINISTRY OF BASIC, HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (MBHTE) TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE BY DISTRIBUTING EQUIPMENTS ESSENTIAL TO MODULAR DISTANCE LEARNING TO SCHOOLS IN THE BANGSAMORO REGION, GIVING PRIORITY TO THOSE IN AREAS WITH WEAK TO NO INTERNET ACCESS

Author: Hon. MP Maisara D. Latiph

# To the Committee on Basic, Higher and Technical Education

3. Proposed Resolution No. 303, entitled:

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE BANGSAMORO WOMEN COMMISSION (BWC) IN COORDINATION WITH THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT (MSSD) TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE CENSUS AND ASSESSMENT REPORT ON THE SITUATION OF WIDOWS IN THE BANGSAMORO REGION

Author: Hon. MP Maisara D. Latiph To the Committee on Social Services and Development

- 4. Proposed Resolution No. 308, entitled:
  - A RESOLUTION INSTRUCTING THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENGT (MILG) TO MANDATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS WITHIN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION TO ESTABLISH AND ALLOCATE SPACE AS PRAYER ROOM/AREA, BOTH IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE BUSINESSES/ESTABLISHMENTS

Author: Hon. MP Mohammad S. Yacob To the Committee on Interior and Local Government

5. Proposed Resolution No. 309, entitled

RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE "BANGSAMORO FISHERIES CODE" AS PRIORITY LEGISLATION OF THE BANGSAMORO GOVERNMENT AND CALLING FOR ITS IMMEDIATE PASSAGE

Author: Hon. MP Mohammad S. Yacob To the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Agrarian Reform

6. Proposed Resolution No. 311, entitled:

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (MOH)
TO DEVELOP INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION
MATERIALS, SUCH AS INFOGRAPHICS, WEBINARS, AND
COMMERCIALS, AMONG OTHERS, ON COVID-19 IN THE
MAJOR LOCAL LANGUAGES OF THE BANGSAMORO
REGION

Author: Hon. MP Maisara D. Latiph To the Committee on Health

- 7. Proposed Resolution No. 317, entitled:
  - RESOLUTION **EXPRESSING** THE **SENSE** OF THE TRANSITION **AUTHORITY** BANGSAMORO ON IMPORTANCE OF ENSURING THAT SCHOOLS' LEARNING CONTINUITY PLANS HAVE STRENGTHENED MENTAL HEALTH **COMPONENT** WITH **CORRESPONDING**

# GUIDELINES DUE TO THE INCREASING REPORTED CASES OF SUICIDE

Author: Hon. MP Maisara D. Latiph To the Committee on Basic, Higher and Technical Education

#### 8. Proposed Resolution No. 323, entitled:

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE CONCERNS OF VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS IN THE EDUCATION SECTOR IN RELATION TO THE OPENING OF CLASSES AMIDS PANDEMIC

Author: Hon. MP Maisara D. Latiph

Co-authors: Hon. MPs Suharto M. Ambolodto, Nabil A. Tan, Sittie Shahara I. Mastura, Mohammad S. Yacob, Ibrahim D. Ali, Eddie M. Alih, and Don Mustapha A. Loong

To the Committee on Basic, Higher and Technical Education

# 9. Proposed Resolution No. 324 entitled:

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION IN THE ALARMING INCREASE OF COVID-19 CASES AMONG FRONTLINERS AT THE DATU HAGON SAQUILAN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL WITH THE ENVIEW OF CRAFTING LONG TERM IMMEDIATE AND LONG-TERM MEASURES TO PREVENT OR MITIGATE THE OCCURANCE OF SIMILAR INCIDENTS

Author: Hon. MP Maisara D. Latiph

Co-authors: Hon. MPs Abdullah B. Hashim, Abdullah E. Gayak, Abdulmuhmin A. Mujahid, Abdulwahab M. Pak, Al-Syed A. Sali, Amilbahar S. Mawallil, Bainon G. Karon, Don Mustapha A. Loong, Eddie M. Alih, Ibrahim D. Ali, Laisa M. Alamia, Melanio U. Ulama, Modayao M. Sacar, Mohammad S. Yacob, Nabil A. Tan, Nabila Margarita P. Pangandaman, Paisalin P. Tago, Rasol Y. Mitmug, Jr., Sittie Sahara I. Mastura, Suharto M. Ambolodto, and Susana S. Anayatin

To the Committee on Health

# 10. Proposed Resolution No. 338, entitled:

RESOLUTION INSTITUTIONALIZING **THROUGH** THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT, A FRAMEWORK OF REPRESENTATION AND PARTICIPATION FOR DIFFERENTLY ABLED PERSON THE INCLUDING DEPTH **COMMUNITY** THE **BANGSAMORO REGION** 

Author: Hon. MP Maisara D. Latiph

Co-authors: Hon. MPs Abduladzis M. Esmael, Abdullah B. Hashim, Abdullah E. Gayak, Ali O. Salik, Al-Syed A. Sali, Bainon G. Karon, Basit S. Abbas and Diamila D. Ramos

To the Committee on Social Services and Development

#### FIRST STAGE OF BTA-CABINET BILL NO.76

Upon request of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the title and the name of the author of BTA-Cabinet Bill No. 76. Cabinet Bill No. 76, is entitled:

AN ACT EXTENDING THE AVAILABILITY OF THE 2020 BANGSAMORO APPROPRIATIONS TO DECEMBER 31, 2021, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 47 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS OF BANGSAMORO AUTONOMY ACT NO. 03, THE BANGSAMORO APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF FISCAL YEAR 2020

Author: Government of the Day

# INQUIRY FROM THE CHAIR

At this point, the Chair inquired from the Majority Floor Leader if BTA-Cabinet Bill No. 76 is an urgent bill coming from the cabinet, to which the Majority Floor Leader responded affirmatively.

SECOND STAGE OF BILLS: NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At 2:32 P.M. the Chair *motu propio*, declared a one-minute suspension of the session.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 2:39 P.M. the session resumed.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Thereafter, the body proceeded to consider the items under the Unfinished Business.

RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 357

At this juncture, the body resumed the consideration of Proposed Resolution No. 357, entitled:

URGENT RESOLUTION EXTENDING FURTHER THE PHASE OUT PLAN FOR ACCOUNTABLE OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY (BTA)

Authors: Hon. MPs Anna Tarhata S. Basman, Ubaida C. Pacasem, Raissa H. Jajurie and Paisalin P. Tago

Parliament Status: Period of Debate and Interpellation

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At 2:39 P.M., upon request of the Majority Floor Leader, the Chair declared a one-minute suspension of session.

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 2:44 P.M., the session resumed.

#### EXPLANATION OF HON. MP PAISALIN P. TAGO

When recognized, Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago, one of the co-authors, explained that Proposed Resolution No. 357 is to further extend the Phase Out Plan for the accountable officials and employees of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority. He mentioned that although they already have a Transition Plan, many positions have not yet been filled up. He stressed that, especially in the BTA Parliament, the extension of the accountable officials and employees would expire on December 31, 2020 and that if they would not be extended again, the operations of different offices would be paralyzed. Thus, he appealed to all the Members of the BTA Parliament to support the early approval of Proposed Resolution No. 357.

# INTERPELLATION OF HON. MP AMILBAHAR S. MAWALLIL

When recognized, Hon. MP Amilbahar S. Mawallil stated for the record that he was with the proponent, Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago. Then, he asked whether under Proposed Resolution No. 357, the Bangsamoro Transition Authority refers only to the Bangsamoro Parliament or it includes other ministries, line agencies and offices, to which Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago responded that the Bangsamoro Transition Authority does not only refer to the Parliament, stressing that it refers to the Bangsamoro Government pursuant to Article XVI of the

Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL) that during the transition, the Bangsamoro Transition Authority is the *interim* Bangsamoro Government.

As to who are the accountable officers of each offices referred to in the proposed resolution, Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago responded that the accountable officers are those who are performing accountable functions like the accountants, budget officers, the signatories, and those who are holding supervisory positions. He emphasized that, in the case of Bangsamoro Parliament, those serving in the Committee Affairs Division and other divisions are included as accountable officers.

As to whether there is an exact or specific number of accountable officers to be extended, Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago responded that he was speaking for the BTA Parliament that has around 57 accountable officers and employees to be extended. He mentioned that there are agencies listed such as the Bangsamoro Human Rights Commission, Bureau of Cultural Heritage, Bangsamoro Youth Commission, Bangsamoro Women Commission, Regional Board of Investment, the Development Academy of the BARMM, the Regional Budget and Management Office, and the Regional Darul Ifta. He added that even in the Ministry of Public Works, they have not yet appointed some accountable officers in the district offices. He also added that some accountable positions in the Office of the Regional Treasury have not yet been filled up.

As to how many estimated number of officers and employees that would be extended, Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago responded that there are estimated 100 officers and employees who would be extended.

Whereupon, Hon. MP Amilbahar S. Mawallil inquired from the proponent if those are the same officers and employees who were extended last June 2020 following the approval of Proposed Resolution No. 75, to which Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago answered in the affirmative.

As to whether those around 100 officers and employees are the same people who would be extended for another six months, Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago responded affirmatively.

Hon. MP Amilbahar S. Mawallil cited Section 101, Par. 1 of Presidential Decree No. 1445 or the Government Auditing Code of the Philippines defines "accountable officer as every officer of any government agency whose duties permit or require the possession or custody of government funds or property shall be accountable therefor and for the safekeeping thereof in conformity with law." He added the Local Government Code expands the said definition that the local government officials become accountable public officers either because of the nature of their functions or on account of their participation in the use or application of public funds. In view thereof, he asked if how the proponent defines the phrase "settlement of accountability reports and physical accomplishment", to which Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago replied that before the end of the extension of the accountable officers, if somebody would be appointed to his/her positions, there would be proper turn-over of official duties and functions.

As to whether the author is confident on the settlement of all accountability reports within the six months, Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago responded positively. He gave an assurance that there would be proper accountability of the functions and duties and the turn-over of documents.

Subsequently, Hon. MP Amilbahar S. Mawallil requested to have a furnished copies of the accomplishment reports of the accountable officers that they would extend for next six months, to which Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago responded that they would first approve the proposed resolution and that after a week, they would request the Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Finance, and Budget and Management to submit the names of the accountable officers and employees who would be extended to the Parliament.

Hon. MP Amilbahar S. Mawallil concluded his interpellation by manifesting that he yielded to the suggestion of his colleague and former Speaker of the Regional Legislative Assembly, Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago.

# INTERPELLATION OF HON. MP BAINTAN A. AMPATUAN

When recognized, Hon. MP Baintan A. Ampatuan stated that it would be the third time they would extend the accountable officers, to which Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago responded affirmatively.

As to whether the proponent is confident that the accountable officers could carry out their duties and responsibilities in the six months period, Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago gave a positive answer.

As to whether they would not be expecting any resolution later on that would talk about the extension of accountable officers, Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago replied affirmatively.

Whereupon, Hon. MP Baintan A. Ampatuan stated that they had been issuing extension thrice already, saying that it would not look good on the Parliament. Then, she inquired from the proponent if her impression was correct, to which Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago replied in the affirmative. He, however, informed the body that he had talked to the Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Finance, and Budget and Management who is responsible for the issuance of the Notice of Organization, Staffing, and Compensation Action (NOSCA) for the different ministries and agencies of the BARMM and according to him, they could issue the NOSCA within the next six months.

As to whether there are offices not included in the enumeration of offices which accountable officers would be extended, Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago replied that there is a possibility that there are offices not included in the enumeration, saying that the list of offices is still verified by the Deputy Minister of Finance, Budget and Management.

Thereupon, Hon. MP Baintan A. Ampatuan commented that they should be certain as to how many agencies, stressing that it would become a news the following day and that it might be interpreted that all accountable officers in the ministries and offices would be extended until June 30, 2021, to which Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago responded that it is the reason why the Deputy Minister of Finance, Budget and Management is requested to submit to the Parliament not only the names of agencies and bureaus but also the names of the accountable officers to be extended so that they would be properly guided.

As to how long they could be informed of the number of offices, ministries and bureaus that would be extended, Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago responded that as what he had said, it would be within seven calendar days, the Deputy of the Minister of Finance has to take action since the terms of the extended officers and employees would be until December 31, 2020 only.

#### COMMENT OF THE CHAIR

Whereupon, the Chair commented that they would not be able to pass the proposed resolution, if they would wait for seven days, to which Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago reacted that it is his appeal to his colleagues that they would approve Proposed Resolution No. 357 in the meantime, pending the submission of the list of agencies, bureaus and the names of the accountable officers by the Deputy Minister of Finance.

# QUERY OF THE CHAIR

At this juncture, the Chair inquired if they could meet the deadline in seven working days, to which the Majority Floor Leader responded in the affirmative, saying that based on the previous resolution approved by the Parliament, there is a *colatilla* that the Ministry of Finance, Budget and Management shall submit the list of the accountable officers to be extended.

# CONTINUATION OF INTERPELLATION OF HON. MP BAINTAN A. AMPATUAN

Subsequently, Hon. MP Baintan A. Ampatuan expressed hope that they would be given copies of the list of accountable officers who would be extended, stressing that it has implication on the benefits of those accountable officers. In view thereof, she inquired from the proponent whether the extended accountable would get the same computation of benefits based on the provisions of the BOL and what is the nature of their jobs, to which Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago responded that he understood the predicament of Hon. MP Baintan A. Ampatuan, saying that it is true. He, however, explained that the services rendered by the extended accountable officers would be counted as part of their government service.

#### INTERPELLATION OF HON. MP JOSE I. LORENA

When recognized, Hon. MP Jose I. Lorena inquired from the proponent if Proposed Resolution No. 357 is the third resolution extending the accountable officers of the ministries and agencies, to which Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago responded in the affirmative.

As to whether the two resolutions were extending only the accountable officers but not employees, Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago answered affirmatively.

As to whether the extension of employees means that even employees who are not accountable are also extended, Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago replied that if the term used is "employees", it includes other employees and not only the accountable officers.

As to whether the resolution would not impede the implementation of the Bangsamoro Administrative Code, considering that there are extensions, Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago responded negatively. He explained that the resolution is a temporary measure because agencies could not function if the accountable officers would not be extended.

Whereupon, Hon. MP Jose I. Lorena expressed hope that with the resolution, they would not suspend the portals for the recruitment of new officers

and the organization of the bureaucracy as provided under the BOL, to which Hon.

MP Paisalin P. Tago agreed.

As to whether the provincial offices of the agencies enumerated earlier are still functioning, Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago responded that he knew of only one which is the Ministry pf Public Works.

Hon. MP Jose I. Lorena also expressed hope that it would not become a precedent that would hamper the delivery of basic services in the provinces. He informed the body that he has been receiving information of non-operating agencies. He further expressed hope, for the record, that the resolution would not further delay the hiring of personnel for the provinces, to which Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago replied that it is also his apprehension. He stressed that they would see to it that the delay of the hiring of personnel in the provinces would not happen.

Hon. MP Jose P. Lorena manifested that the transition period as provided for in Article XVI of Republic Act 11054 contemplates that the bureaucracy should be organized earlier than the end of transition, but it should not go beyond the transition. Thus, he furthermore expressed hope that the extension under the resolution would not go beyond the transition period, to which Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago responded that pursuant to the text of the proposed resolution, the extension is until June 30, 2021 only.

Thereafter, Hon. MP Jose I. Lorena explained that his summation was that they would continue to hire the personnel thus a condition would be put in the resolution and would no longer have effect if the regular personnel are already hired, to which Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago replied that it is his understanding that the term until June 30, 2021 is a maximum period. He explained that if the agencies enumerated would have hired their accountable officers before the end of June 30, 2021, the extension of the accountable officers would end before June 30, 2021.

Whereupon, Hon. MP Jose I. Lorena manifested that he fully understood the rationale of his good friend, Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago, in filing the Proposed Resolution No. 357. He, however, stated that he was also concerned with the legal and practical implication of the resolution. He hoped that the resolution would not be abused in order to perpetuate the accountable officers, explaining that even in labor law, when a person is hired for six months, he is already considered as permanent.

# INTERPELLATION OF HON. MP SUHARTO M. AMBOLODTO

When recognized, Hon. MP Suharto M. Ambolodto asked the proponent to enlighten the august body of the consequences of the non-passage of Proposed Resolution No. 357, to which Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago responded that if the proposed resolution would not be passed, the operations of the various offices within the BARMM would be paralyzed.

As to whether they would only extend the accountable persons who were previously extended and would not provide space for the designation of any other persons as accountable officers, Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago responded affirmatively.

As to whether the proposed resolution does not preclude the earlier appointment of regular accountable officers, Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago replied that definitely, the resolution would not preclude the hiring of accountable officers before the deadline, June 30, 2021.

As to whether it means that if by January 2021, a deserving accountable officer would be appointed in a certain agency, the extension of the accountable officer of that agency would be terminated, Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago answered in the affirmative.

#### INTERPELLATION OF HON. MP NABIL A. TAN

When recognized, Hon. MP Nabil A. Tan prefaced his interpellation by manifesting that he liked the way Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago was answering

questions, saying that it is direct to the point and that it is the proper way of answering questions.

Then, he inquired whether the accountable officers that the proposed resolution seeks to extend are permanent and old time employees or they are newly hired accountable officers, Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago responded that they are permanent and accountable officers of the Autonomous Region and Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) Government.

As to whether the extension of the accountable officers would not further delay the hiring of personnel, Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago responded in the negative, stressing that the hiring process of Bangsamoro Government is continuing.

# CLOSURE OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATION AND DEBATE

Thereafter, on motion of the Majority Floor Leader, duly seconded and there being no objection, the period of debate and interpellation was closed.

#### PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

Whereupon, on motion of the Majority Floor Leader, duly seconded and there being no objection, the period of amendments was opened.

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF HON. MP DON MUSTAPHA A. LOONG

Before presenting his proposed amendments, Hon. MP Don Mustapha A. Loong inquired first from the proponent whether the extension of the Phase Out Plan for the accountable officials and employees refers to the accountable officials of the BTA only or to the accountable officials and employees of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago responded that they are the accountable officials and employees of the BARMM Government, not only of the BTA Parliament.

Whereupon, Hon. MP Don Mustapha A. Loong moved to use "BARMM Government" instead of "BTA". Thus, the title of the proposed resolution would read as follows:

"URGENT RESOLUTION EXTENDING FURTHER THE PHASE OUT PLAN FOR ACCOUNTABLE OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BARMM GOVERNMENT"

The foregoing amendment of Hon. MP Don Mustapha A. Loong was accepted by Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago.

# REQUEST OF HON. MP NABIL A. TAN

At this juncture, Hon. MP Nabil A. Tan requested that the proposed resolution be flashed on the screen so that they could follow.

#### DIRECTION OF THE CHAIR

Thereafter, the Chair directed the Secretariat to share the copy of the proposed resolution to the Members of the Parliament in the zoom.

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF HON. MP JOSE I. LORENA

Upon recognition by the Chair, Hon. MP Jose I. Lorena proposed that the title of Proposed Resolution No. 357 be amended to read as follows:

"URGENT RESOLUTION EXTENDING FURTHER THE PHASE OUT PLAN FOR ACCOUNTABLE OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BARMM GOVERNMENT UNTIL THE RECRUITMENT OF THE REGULAR OFFICIALS IS COMPLETED BUT NOT BEYOND JUNE 30, 2021"

The amendment of Hon. MP Jose I. Lorena was heartily accepted by Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago.

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENT HON. MP BAINTAN A. AMPATUAN

When recognized, Hon. MP Baintan A. Ampatuan proposed that the title of Proposed Resolution No. 357 be amended to read as follows:

"RESOLUTION EXTENDING FURTHER THE PHASE OUT PLAN FOR ACCOUNTABLE OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BANGSAMORO GOVERNMENT UNTIL JUNE 30, 2021"

The proposed amendment was duly accepted by Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago.

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF HON. MP AMILBAHAR S. MAWALLIL

Subsequently, Hon. MP Amilbahar S. Mawallil, when recognized, proposed that another prayer be added in the resolution which says "The accountable officers that will be extended shall render reports to the Bangsamoro Parliament at the end of their terms."

# ACCEPTANCE OF THE AMENDMENT BY HON. MP PAISALIN P. TAGO

Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago accepted the foregoing amendment of Hon. MP Amilbahar S. Mawallil.

#### REQUEST OF THE CHAIR

Whereupon, the Chair requested Hon. MP Amilbahar S. Mawallil to submit his proposed amendment, saying that they would resolved the resolution subject to style.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At 3:34 P.M. the Chair, *motu propio* declared a one-minute suspension of session.

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:38 P.M. the session resumed.

# CLOSURE OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

Thereafter, 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. 357

Thereupon, on motion of Majority Floor Leader, duly seconded and there being no objection, Proposed Resolution No. 357 was approved by the body, subject to style.

# SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At 3:40 P.M., on motion of the Majority Floor Leader, the Chair declared a 15-minute suspension of session.

#### RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION

At 4:04 P.M., the session resumed.

RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 349

At this point, the body resumed the consideration of the Committee on Accounts and Audit Proposed Resolution No. 349, entitled:

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY (BTA)

Parliamentary Status: Period of Debate and Interpellation

#### CLOSING OF THE PERIOD OF DEBATE AND INTERPELLATION

On motion of the Majority Floor Leader, duly seconded and there being no objection, the period of interpellation and debate was closed.

#### OPENING OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

Subsequently, on motion of the Majority Floor Leader, duly seconded and there being no objection, the period of amendments for Proposed Resolution No. 349 was opened.

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF HON. MP DIAMILA D. RAMOS

When recognized, Hon. MP Diamila D. Ramos presented the following proposed amendments:

1. On the Legislative Technical Affairs and Information Services, particularly on Public Information, Publication and Media Relation Division, she proposed to add a provision which says that "It shall likewise take on the role of providing sources and resources to the visitors of Parliament explaining what is parliament and how it works. To promote deeper public engagement, it may conduct outreach activities and hosting engagements".

The foregoing amendment was accepted by the proponent, Hon. MP Anna Tarhata S. Basaman.

2. On Policy Research and Legal Services, she proposed to add the following provision to read as follows: "The said research shall be accessible to the public, subject to limitations as may be provided by law."

Hon. MP Anna Tarhata S. Basman accepted the amendment, subject to style.

3. On Legislative Research Division, she proposed to add a provision which reads "Upon request by any member of the Parliament, the LRD may also entertain confidential inquiry service in line with their legislative functions."

Hon. MP Anna Tarhata S. Basman, likewise, accepted the amendment, subject to style.

# MANIFESTATION OF HON. MP MAISARA D. LATIPH

When recognized, Hon. MP Maisara D. Latiph manifested for the record, that under Section 4, Rule VII of the BTA Rules, they could not see the jurisdiction of the Committee on Accounts and Audit over the Proposed BTA Organizational Structure. She pointed out that the jurisdiction of the Committee on Accounts and Audits pertains only on matters relating to income and internal auditing of the funds for all expenditures and activities of the BTA and other ministries, agencies and offices of the Bangsamoro Government. She explained that it means that they were proceeding with the current plenary session with the agreement that it would not happen again, as they are government of laws and they cannot just ignore their Rules. She emphasized that she was putting her manifestation on the record, so that in the future, it will not happen again that a certain committee takes over a certain function of the Parliament without jurisdiction. She informed the body that she would allow the continuation of the proceeding but with a warning that she will object, if it will happen again in the future.

#### REMARK OF THE CHAIR

Whereupon, the Chair remarked that the manifestation of Hon. MP Maisara D. Latiph was duly noted.

#### MANIFESTATION OF HON. MP BAINTAN A. AMPATUAN

When recognized, Hon. MP Baintan A. Ampatuan manifested that she is a member of the Committee on Accounts and Audit. She explained that one of the reasons why the Committee on Accounts and Audit is given the mandate with respect to income, revenue, and internal auditing of the funds and all the expenditures for the activities of the BTA is because they cannot go into the funds unless they have a settled organizational structure. She emphasized that they would not have the basis for allocation if they do not have the framework or the organizational structure.

#### REMARK OF THE CHAIR

Whereupon, the Chair remarked that the manifestation of Hon. MP Baintan A. Ampatuan was duly noted.

#### REQUEST OF HON. MP DON MUSTAPHA A. LOONG

When recognized, Hon. MP Don Mustapha A. Loong stated that he wanted to see the offices of the Majority Floor Leader and the Minority Floor Leader to be reflected in the organizational structure.

# COMMENT OF HON. MP ANNA TARHATA S. BASMAN

Whereupon, Hon. MP Anna Tarhata S. Basman commented that it is part of the group of documents that were distributed to the members when the Proposed BTA Organizational Structure was first tackled in the plenary. She, however, requested the Secretariat to flash on the screen the relevant organogram for the offices of the Majority Floor Leader and the Minority Floor Leader.

#### REACTION OF HON. MP DON MUSTAPHA A. LOONG

Thereupon, Hon. MP Don Mustapha A. Loong reacted that while there is an individual organogram, the office of the Majority Floor Leader is not reflected under the overall organogram. He stressed that the Office of the Majority Floor Leader deserves to have its own line in the main organogram.

#### REMARK OF THE CHAIR

At this juncture, the Chair remarked that they would take note of the observation and manifestation of Hon. MP Don Mustapha A. Loong and indicate the Office of the Majority Floor Leader if needed.

#### OBSERVATION OF HON. MP DON MUSTAPHA A. LOONG

In his observation, Hon. MP Don Mustapha A. Loong pointed out that the Office of the Speaker as well as the Office of the Deputy Speaker is shown in the main organizational structure. In addition, he stated that the Office of the Majority Floor Leader as well as the Office of the Minority Floor Leader should also be seen in the organogram, to which Hon. MP Anna Tarhata S. Basman stated that all of the officers of the Parliament fall within the box of the Parliament. She explained that whatever functions of officers of the Parliament under the Rules of the Parliament are covered by the box of the Parliament. She emphasized that the organogram depicts the relationship with the other units within the bureaucracy of the Parliament. She also explained that whatever the relationship between the Speaker and Deputy Speaker, Majority Floor Leader, the Deputy Majority Floor Leader, the Minority Floor Leader, and the Deputy Minority Floor Leader is encompassed by the House Rules of the Parliament and need not be reflected in the organizational structure. She stressed that they only have the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker in the organizational structure to denote the relationship of the Speaker with respect to the other units in the Parliament bureaucracy.

Hon. MP Don Mustapha A. Loong asked whether the Office of the Majority Floor Leader box fall under the BTA members or under Office of the Speaker, to which Hon. MP Anna Tarhata S. Basman replied that the structure under the office of the Majority Floor Leader and the rest of the officers of the Parliament were in the later pages of her presentation.

Whereupon, Hon. MP Don Mustapha A. Loong expressed hope that the offices of the Majority Floor Leader and the Minority Floor Leader, being the officers of the Parliament, would be reflected in the organizational structure so that all the officers of the Parliament are reflected, to which Hon. MP Anna Tarhata S. Basman responded that it would be ideal if we would expect each of the officers to be accountable to the officers directly above them. She explained that if they would put the Majority Floor Leader, the Minority Floor Leader and other officers of the Parliament under the Office of the Speaker, it would imply that all their action would have to go through the approval of the Speaker, stressing that it is not the case with respect to the performance of the functions of the officers of the Parliament.

Whereupon, Hon. MP Don Mustapha A. Loong manifested that he submitted to the stand of Hon. MP Anna Tarhata S. Basman.

## CLARIFICATORY QUERY OF THE CHAIR

At this juncture, the Chair inquired from the proponent whether there is no accountability of the Majority Floor Leader to the Office of the Speaker, to which Hon. MP Anna Tarhata S. Basman responded that the accountability being asked from all units reflected in the organizational structure is not the same kind of the accountability that they expect from the officers of the Parliament. She explained that by virtue of *primus inter pares*, they cannot expect that the officers of the Parliament will be subject to certain level of supervision and control by the other officer of the Parliament.

When asked by the Chair if the *primus inter pares* rule applies with respect to the authority of the Speaker and the Members of the Parliament, or if it only applies to the Chief Minister, Hon. MP Anna Tarhata S. Basman replied that in any assembly where the positions of the occupiers or those holding the positions are collective and collegiate, the principle of *primus inter pares* applies. PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF HON. MP DON MUSTAPHA A. LOONG

Before presenting his proposed amendment, Hon. MP Don Mustapha A. Loong stated that there are two Deputy Majority Floor Leaders and two Minority Floor Leaders. Then, he inquired if the number of deputies is reflected in the proposed organizational structure, to which Hon. MP Anna Tarhata S. Basman answered in the negative. She wished that somebody would propose amendment on the particular matter. She informed the body that the committee report was reported out before the appointments of those additional officers. Hence, she stressed that they were not reflected in the Proposed BTA Organizational Structure.

Hon. MP Don Mustapha A. Loong manifested that the newly approved Deputy Majority Floor Leader Khadafeh G. Mangudadatu and the Deputy Minority Floor Leader Rasol Y. Mitmug, Jr. also be included thus there will be minimum of two (2) Deputy Majority and Deputy Minority Floor Leaders.

Whereupon, Hon. MP Don Mustapha A. Loong proposed that the two Deputy Majority Floor Leaders and the two (2) Deputy Minority Floor Leaders be in the Proposed BTA Organizational Structure.

The foregoing proposed amendment of Hon. MP Don Mustapha A. Loong was accepted by Hon. MP Anna Tarhata S. Basman.

At this juncture, Hon. MP Don Mustapha A. Loong inquired as to whether the proposed positions under the Deputy Majority Floor Leader and the Deputy Minority Floor Leader, are separate from the regular staff, to which Hon. MP Anna Tarhata S. Basman responded affirmatively.

# PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF HON. MP JOSE I. LORENA

When recognized, Hon. MP Jose I. Lorena thanked the proponent for already including Medical and Health Services in the Proposed BTA Organizational Structure. He, however, pointed out that while there is already a midwife item, there is no position for dental service. Thus, he proposed to include

one (1) position for dental service in the Medical and Health Services. He explained that old citizens, like them, have decaying teeth every now and then.

Hon. MP Anna Tarhata S. Basman accepted the foregoing proposed amendment of Hon. MP Jose I. Lorena, subject to the identification of the position and the concomitant salary grade.

Thereafter, Hon. MP Jose I. Lorena manifested that in order to put clarity to the earlier observation of Hon. MP Don. Mustapha A. Loong, they have to title the two (2) structures differently. He explained that in parliamentary system, the organization of support services is considered Parliamentary Services Structure and that as provided in the Rules of the BTA Parliament, a structure for the parliament is considered Parliamentary Structure. Thus, the Speaker, the Deputy Speaker, the Majority Floor Leader, and the Minority Floor Leader including the concomitant committees occur in the Parliamentary Structure.

#### CLOSING OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENT

Thereafter, on motion of the Majority Floor Leader, duly seconded and there being no objection, the period of amendment was closed.

#### APPROVAL OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 349

Subsequently, on motion of Hon. MP Jose I. Lorena, duly seconded and there being no objection, Proposed Resolution No. 349 was approved, as amended. RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 288

Thereafter, the body proceeded to resumed the consideration of Proposed Resolution No. 288, entitled:

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE TOP RANKED BANGSAMORO QUR'AN RECITERS WHO REPRESENTED THE COUNTRY IN VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL QUR'AN RECITING COMPETITIONS FOR AROUND HALF A CENTURY SINCE 1969

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Parliamentary Status: Period of Interpellation and Debate (Deferred on November 25, 2020)

#### OPENING OF PERIOD OF DEBATE AND INTERPELLATION

On motion of the Majority Floor Leader, duly seconded and there being no objection, the period of debate and interpellation was opened.

#### POINT OF INQUIRY OF HON. MP PAISALIN P. TAGO

In his point of inquiry, Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago asked the Majority Floor Leader if who is the principal author of Proposed Resolution No. 288, to which the latter answered that the principal author of the proposed resolution is Hon. MP Eddie M. Alih.

As to whether the principal author was around, the Majority Floor Leader responded that unfortunately, the principal author was not around.

Whereupon, Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago reminded the body that if the principal author of the resolution is not around, the resolution should not be taken up.

#### MANIFESTATION OF HON. MP KHADAFEH G. MANGUDADATU

When recognized, Hon. MP Khadafeh G. Mangudadatu manifested that he respected the observation of his good friend, Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago. He, however pointed out that under the Rules of the BTA Parliament, if the proponent of a resolution or bill is not physically present, he can delegate it to his/her co-author who is willing to defend the resolution or bill in the plenary. In view thereof, he suggested that they ask the principal author, if he would delegate his co-author, the authority to defend the resolution.

# COMMENT OF HON. MP PAISALIN P. TAGO

Whereupon, Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago commented that in their previous ruling, there is no exemption. He mentioned that other principal authors before like Hon. MP Maisara D. Latiph and Hon. MP Bai Maleiha B. Candao, their

resolutions were not taken up in the plenary, because they were not physically present. He explained that he raised the issue because others might complain why all of a sudden they would change the Rules.

# FURTHER MANIFESTATION OF HON. MP KHADAFEH G. MANGUDADATU

Whereupon, Hon. MP Khadafeh G. Mangudadatu further manifested that he submitted to the wisdom of Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago.

#### REMARK OF THE CHAIR

Thereafter, the Chair remarked that he is also inclined to follow the thought of the Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago for the sake of fairness.

#### MANIFESTATION OF HON. MP NABIL A. TAN

When recognized, Hon. MP Nabil A. Tan opined that they should take a look again at the ruling, stressing that they can only apply it when the Rules of the BTA Parliament does not provide or authorize the participation in the plenary via zoom. He pointed out that since they have amended the Rules, it doesn't matter whether the participation in the plenary session is physical or via zoom. In view thereof, he opined that it is high time for them to review and change the rules, if it is for the better. He explained that if they would do nothing, they would let the resolution lie and die there. He proposed that they should change the Rules to allow online participation, otherwise all of them should be physically present. Thus, he moved that they should allow the consideration of proposed resolution filed in the BTA Parliament including the sponsorship through zoom and not only through physical presence.

### SECONDING OF MOTION BY HON. MP MAISARA D. LATIPH

Hon. MP Maisara D. Latiph seconded the foregoing motion of Hon. MP Nabil A. Tan.

#### MANIFESTATION OF HON. MP AMILBAHAR S. MAWALLIL

When recognized, Hon. MP Amilbahar S. Mawallil manifested that the topic they were discussing is not yet part of the Rules. He informed the body that

it is part of the guidelines issued by the Speaker at the time when they were deliberating his resolution on allowing a video-teleconference for their session. In view thereof, he inquired if there were amendments in the Rules of the BTA Parliament integrating such guidelines in the Rules, informing the body, however, that as far as he knew, being a member of the Committee on Rules, there were no such amendments. Hence, He stressed that it is high time for them to resolve the matter, saying that they have been in the pandemic for eight to ten months and they have already adjusted a bit in the session.

Hon. MP Amilbahar S. Mawallil concluded his manifestation by reiterating that the topic they were discussing is not part of the Rules of the BTA Parliament, stressing that it goes against the rights and privileges of the Members of the Parliaments to defend their proposed measures and interpellate during the session.

#### MANIFESTATION OF HON. MP BAI MALEIHA B. CANDAO

When recognized, Hon. MP Bai Maleiha B. Candao made a manifestation as her name was mentioned by Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago. She explained for the record that she was absent during the time when she was supposed to defend her resolution because of the pandemic. She added that they all knew that the President has been very vocal about having to be very keen in saving lives during the lockdown because of the pandemic.

# MANIFESTATION OF HON. MP NABIL A. TAN

When recognized, Hon. MP Nabil A. Tan emphasized that the guidelines should only apply when the body is considering the priority codes during which the consideration of resolutions should be set on another date. He, however, pointed that since they were not considering and deliberating any code, they should give time for the discussion of the proposed resolutions since the guidelines are not yet incorporated in the Rules of the BTA Parliament,

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At 5:03 P.M., the Chair *muto propio* declared a one-minute suspension of session.

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:06 P.M., the session resumed.

#### MANIFESTATION OF THE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

Thereafter, the Majority Floor Leader, Hon. MP Lanang T. Ali, Jr., made a short manifestation on the issue. He stressed that the Rules is clear when they approved the resolution allowing the Zoom participation of the Members of the Parliament. He affirmed the manifestation of Hon. MP Nabil A. Tan that there is no rule violated in the particular issue. He explained that it is just a guideline issued by the Office of the Speaker and that there is an order from the Speaker to amend the Rules of the Parliament on the first or second week of January 2021. He gave assurance that, when they would discuss the amendments of the Rules of the Parliament, the manifestations of the Members of the Parliament would be well recognized.

DEFERRAL OF CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NOS. 288, 305 AND 310  $\,$ 

Subsequently, on omnibus motion of the Majority Floor Leader, duly seconded and there being no objection, the consideration of the following proposed resolutions were deferred until the following day session, *viz*:

# 1. Proposed Resolution No. 288, entitled:

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE TOP RANKED BANGSAMORO QUR'AN RECITERS WHO REPRESENTED THE COUNTRY IN VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL QUR'AN RECITING COMPETITIONS FOR AROUND HALF A CENTURY SINCE 1969

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# 2. Proposed Resolution No. 305, entitled:

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND GRATITUDE TO THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES (USTP) FOR TEMPORARILY ACCOMODATING THE BANGSAMORO LSI BOUND FOR BASILAN, SULU, AND TAWI-TAWI LAST JULY 7, 2020

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# 3. Proposed Resolution No. 310, entitled:

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND GRATITUDE TO **GOVERNMENT OF** THE **CITY** SAN JUAN RESPONDING TO THE NEEDS OF BANGSAMORO LSI AND ROF WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTION AND FACILITATING **SAFE** THEIR RETURN TO **THEIR** RESPECTIVE **COMMUNITIES** 

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BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: NONE

THIRD AND FINAL STAGE: NONE

OTHER MATTERS

No Members of the BTA Parliament availed of the Other Matters. ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

On motion of the Majority Floor Leader, duly seconded and there being no objection, the session was adjourned until the following day, December 17, 2020 at 1:00 in the afternoon.

It was 5:10 P.M.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

PROF. RABY B. ANGKAL Secretary-General