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CALL TO ORDER

At 1:59 p.m., the Speaker, Hon. Ali Pangalian M. Balindong, called the session to order.

INVOCATION

Upon request of the Chair, Hon. MP Ibrahim D. Ali led the invocation.

SINGING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND THE BANGSAMORO HYMN

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

ROLL CALL

Upon direction of the Chair, Mr. Moludin G. Bernan, Chief of Reference and Research Division, called the Roll and the following Members of the BTA Parliament were physically present:

- 1. Hon. Akmad I. Abas
- 2. Hon. Mudjib C. Abu
- 3. Hon. Abdulla A. Ahang
- 4. Hon. Ibrahim D. Ali
- 5. Hon. Lanang T. Ali, Jr.
- 6. Hon. Zesar H. Alil
- 7. Hon. Baintan A. Ampatuan
- 8. Hon. Susana S. Anayatin
- 9. Hon. Muslima A. Asmawil
- 10. Hon. Ali Pangalian M. Balindong
- 11. Hon. Hatimil E. Hassan
- 12. Hon. Bainon G. Karon
- 13. Hon. Don Mustapha A. Loong
- 14. Hon. Jose I. Lorena
- 15. Hon. Amilbahar S. Mawallil
- 16. Hon. Datu Midpantao M. Midtimbang
- 17. Hon. Rasol Y. Mitmug, Jr.
- 18. Hon. Suwaib L. Oranon
- 19. Hon. Abdulwahab M. Pak
- 20. Hon. Diamila D. Ramos
- 21. Hon. Said Z. Salendab
- 22. Hon. Romeo C. Saliga

- 23. Hon. Ali O. Salik
- 24. Hon. Ali B. Sangki
- 25. Hon. Omar Yasser C. Sema
- 26. Hon. Melanio U. Ulama
- 27. Hon. Adzfar H. Usman
- 28. Hon. Narciso C. Yu Ekey

The following Members of the BTA Parliament were virtually present:

- 1. Hon. Laisa M. Alamia
- 2. Hon. Faiz S. Alauddin
- 3. Hon. Hamid Aminoddin D. Barra
- 4. Hon. Anna Tarhata S. Basman
- 5. Hon. Mohammad Zainoden P. Bato
- 6. Hon. Bai Maleiha B. Candao
- 7. Hon. Abdullah E. Gayak
- 8. Hon. Abdullah B. Hashim
- 9. Hon. Rasul E. Ismael
- 10. Hon. Maisara D. Latiph
- 11. Hon. Mussolini S. Lidasan
- 12. Hon. Marjanie S. Macasalong
- 13. Hon. Khadafeh G. Mangudadatu
- 14. Hon. Malik A. Mantawil
- 15. Hon. Sittie Shahara I. Mastura
- 16. Hon. Abdulmuhmin A. Mujahid
- 17. Hon. Hussein P. Muñoz
- 18. Hon. Edrieza N.H. Rimbang
- 19. Hon. Modayao M. Sacar
- 20. Hon. Romeo K. Sema
- 21. Hon. Said M. Sheik
- 22. Hon. Paisalin P. Tago
- 23. Hon. Nabil A. Tan
- 24. Hon. Mohammad S. Yacob

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

1. Hon. Ahod B. Ebrahim

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

- 1. Hon. Haron M. Abas
- 2. Hon. Eddie M. Alih
- 3. Hon. Abraham T. Burahan
- 4. Hon. Jamel D. Macaraya
- 5. Hon. Nabila Margarita P. Pangandaman

The following Members of the BTA Parliament were noted absent:

- 1. Hon. Zul Qarneyn M. Abas
- 2. Hon. Basit S. Abbas
- 3. Hon. Ziaur-Rahman Alonto Adiong
- 4. Hon. Suharto M. Ambolodto
- 5. Hon. Musa K.S. Diamla
- 6. Hon. Saffrullah M. Dipatuan
- 7. Hon. Hadji Abduladzis M. Esmael
- 8. Hon. Eduard U. Guerra
- 9. Hon. Mohagher M. Iqbal

- 10. Hon. Raissa H. Jajurie
- 11. Hon. Muslimin A. Jakilan
- 12. Hon. Abdulraof A. Macacua
- 13. Hon. Abdullah G. Macapaar
- 14. Hon. Datu Tucao O. Mastura
- 15. Hon. Ubaida C. Pacasem
- 16. Hon. Abdul R. Sahrin
- 17. Hon. Al-Syed A. Sali
- 18. Hon. Punduma B. Sani
- 19. Hon. Alzad T. Sattar
- 20. Hon. Aida M. Silongan
- 21. Hon. Ali B. Solaiman
- 22. Hon. Sahie S. Udjah

With fifty-two (52) Members of the BTA Parliament physically and virtually present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

READING AND APPROVAL OF 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. 35 of June 17, 2020 session, was dispensed with and the same was approved subject to style.

RESOLUTIONS, MESSAGES, PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND COMMUNICATIONS: N O N E

FIRST STAGE OF BILLS: NONE

SECOND STAGE OF BILLS: NONE

RELINQUISHMENT OF THE FLOOR BY THE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

At this juncture, the Majority Floor Leader relinquished the floor to Hon. MP Jose

I. Lorena as the former would render a committee report to the body.

CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 31

Subsequently, the body proceeded to consider Committee Report No. 31 as reported out by the Committee on Rules through Committee Chairman, Hon. MP Lanang T. Ali, Jr., re: BTA-Parliament Bill No. 24, entitled:

AN ACT ADOPTING AN OFFICIAL LOGO FOR THE PARLIAMENT OF THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO

Authors: MP Eddie M. Alih, MP Mudjib C. Abu, MP Datu Midpantao M. Midtimbang, MP Maisara D. Latiph, MP Sahie S. Udjah, Adzfar H. Usman, MP Muslimin A. Jakilan, MP Abdulmuhmin A. Mujahid and MP Abdul R. Sahrin

Co-Authors: MP Lanang T. Ali, Jr., MP Laisa M. Alamia, MP Anna Tarhata S. Basman, MP Don Mustapha A. Loong, MP Amilbahar S. Mawallil, MP Baintan A. Ampatuan, MP Omar Yasser C. Sema, MP Susana S. Anayatin, MP Romeo K. Sema, MP Suharto M. Ambolodto, MP Jose I. Lorena, MP Mohagher M. Iqbal, MP Haron M. Abas, MP Malik A. Mantawil, MP Raissa H. Jajurie, MP Ubaida C. Pacasem, MP Ali O. Salik, MP Hussein P. Muñoz, MP Melanio U. Ulama, MP Marjanie S. Macasalong, MP Aida B. Silongan, MP Abdullah E. Gayak, MP Narciso C. Yu Ekey, MP Rasul E. Ismael and MP Ibrahim D. Ali

Favorably endorsing the said bill to the Plenary with the following improvements:

- 1. The word "logo" in the title and sections 1, 2, and 4, is replaced with "seal".
- 2. Section 3 is further enhanced to read:

Section 3. Design, Symbolism and Interpretation. – The Official Parliament Seal shall be in circular design. Two green lines that form circles shall form the outer and inner borders of the logo, with the words BANGSAMORO PARLIAMENT written in green over white background in between the upper portion of the two line borders, while the word "BARMM" is written over red background in between the lower portion of the line borders, inside the inner line border.

In the center of the inner circle is the flag of the BARMM shaped in shield surrounded by eighty boxes representing the Bangsamoro Parliament in green formed in a horseshoe shape. The Kris represents the struggle for our right to self-determination. Crescent represents moral governance. The star represents the component provinces, cities and geographic areas composing the BARMM. Crescent and star together represents the BARMM. An open book, sitting on a stand, signifies the living adherence of the Parliament to rule of law, is placed above the Bangsamoro flag shaped in a shield.

ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 31

Thereupon, on motion of the Acting Majority Floor Leader, Hon. MP Jose I. Lorena, duly seconded and there being no objection, the body adopted the Committee Report No. 31.

OBSERVATION OF HON. MP BAINTAN A. AMPATUAN

Upon recognition by the Chair, Hon. MP Baintan A. Ampatuan stated that the coauthors of the BTA-Parliament Bill No. 24 are not reflected in the Committee Report No. 31. Thus, she requested that all the co-authors of the said bill be reflected in the committee report.

DIRECTION OF THE CHAIR

Whereupon, the Chair directed the Secretariat to include the co-authors of the BTA-Parliament Bill No. 24 in the record.

PERIOD OF DEBATE AND INTERPELLATION

Subsequently, on motion of Hon. MP Jose I. Lorena duly seconded, and there being no objection, the period of debate and interpellation was opened.

MANIFESTATION OF HON. MP ROMEO C. SALIGA

At this juncture, Hon. MP Romeo C. Saliga, when recognized manifested that they should include the year 2019 in the Logo of the Parliament.

SUSPENSION OF THE SESSION

At 2:23 p.m., the Chair *motu proprio* declared a one-minute suspension of the session.

RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION

At 2:24 p.m., the session resumed.

INTERPELLATION OF HON. MP DON MUSTAPHA A. LOONG

When recognized, Hon. MP Don Mustapha A. Loong stated for the record that in order to avoid confusion in the future, he would like to be clarified on the basis of the official colors of the Logo of the Parliament, to which Hon. MP Lanang T. Ali, Jr. responded that the basis of the colors used in the Official Logo of the Parliament is taken from the colors of the official flag of the BARMM.

Whereupon, Hon. MP Don Mustapha A. Loong manifested that they were clarified that for reference purposes, the colors yellow, green and red can be validated as to the technical description stated in the Parliament Bill No. 7 where the body defined the colors of the flag. He stressed that in view of the hundreds of combination of color, there would be confusion later on if they would not define the colors. He added that he saw other colors in the Logo and their computer engineers might be having difficulty when there would be conflict in the future on the definition of other colors, like the color of the book is neither green, yellow nor red.

In view thereof, he inquired as to how they would define the color of the book in the Logo, to which Hon. MP Lanang T. Ali, Jr. replied that the color of the book in the Logo is brown and that if there is a proposal from Hon. MP Don Mustapha A. Loong to define the color brown, he would welcome the proposal in the period of amendments.

Whereupon, Hon. MP Don Mustapha A. Loong stated that the Logo itself has technical descriptions and that they could refer the colors green red and yellow to the flag. He, however, said that the proponent must at least define the color brown as well as the color gray boundary in the center of the logo as there are many types of gray. He expressed hope that the proponent would be able to define the colors technically so that in the future, they could refer to the minutes of the current discussion to settle on the colors brown and gray.

COMMENT OF HON. MP LANANG T. ALI, JR.

Thereupon, Hon. MP Lanang T. Ali, Jr. commented that the proposal of Hon. MP Don Mustapha A. Loong was noted, saying that it would be discussed in the period of amendments.

INTERPELLATION OF HON. MP ALI B. SANGKI

Upon recognition by the Chair, Hon. MP Ali B. Sangki stated that he noticed that the Logo has some meanings, citing as an example the Kris which represents the struggle for their right to self-determination. Then he pointed out that the Star has seven (7) sharp-pointed objects which represent the five (5) provinces and the two (2) cities and that recently, Cotabato City has become part of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao. Thus, he inferred that in the representation of the Star, there is something to be corrected. In view thereof, he inquired from the proponent as to whether they would have to correspondingly amend the seven sharp-pointed Star, when other provinces and cities would join the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, like in the case of Cotabato City.

SUSPENSION OF THE SESSION

At this juncture, the Chair *motu proprio* declared a one-minute of the session.

It was 2:32 p.m.

RESUMPTIO OF THE SESSION

At 2:33 p.m., the session resumed.

EXPLANATION OF HON. MP JOSE I. LORENA

Thereafter, the Acting Majority Floor Leader, Hon. MP Jose I. Lorena, when recognized, explained that all legislation are dynamic, stressing that laws are in accord to the dynamics of time and current and that if there would be new development in the Bngsamoro, legislation are not fixed. Hence, he stated that if there would be new development in the Bangsamoro, the laws can be amended by the succeeding Parliament.

FURTHER INTERPELLATION OF HON. MP ALI B. SANGKI

Whereupon, Hon. Ali B. Sangki further inquired from the proponent that, since Cotabato City has become part of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, instead of seven sharp-pointed Star, why they should not make it eight sharp-pointed Star, to which Hon. MP Lanang T. Ali, Jr. responded that the seven sharp-pointed Star represents the five (5) provinces of original ARMM, Cotabato City and the sixty-three (63) *barangays* in North Cotabato which joined the BARMM.

CLOSURE OF THE PEROD OF DEBATE AND INTERPELLATION

Considering that there was no other interpellation, on motion of Hon. MP Jose I.

Lorena duly seconded, and there being no objection, the period of debate and interpellation was closed.

PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

Thereafter, on motion of Hon. MP Jose I. Lorena duly seconded and there being no objection, the period of amendments for BTA-Parliament Bill No. 24 was opened.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF HON. MP ROMEO C. SALIGA

When recognized, Hon. MP Romeo C. Saliga proposed that the year 2019 be included in the Logo of the Parliament.

The proposed amendment was accepted by Hon. MP Lanang T. Ali, Jr.

AMENDMENT OF HON. MP DON MUSTAPHA A. LOONG

When recognized, Hon. MP Don Mustapha A. Loong proposed that, in order to prevent confusion in the future, the colors red, green and yellow used in the Flag be specifically stated in the BTA-Parliament Bill No. 24. He also proposed that the colors brown and gray be defined in the said bill.

The proposed amendments were accepted by Hon. MP Lanang T. Ali, Jr.

CLOSURE OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no other amendments, on motion of Hon. MP Jose I. Lorena duly seconded, and there being no objection, the period of amendments was closed.

APPROVAL OF BTA-PARLIAMENT BILL NO. 24 ON SECOND READING

Whereupon, on motion of Hon. Deputy Speaker Omar Yasser C. Sema, duly seconded and there being no objection, the body unanimously approved the BTA-Parliament Bill No. 24 on Second Reading by *viva voce* voting.

TURNING OVER OF THE FLOOR BY HON. MP JOSE I. LORENA

At this juncture, Hon. MP Jose I. Lorena turned over the floor to the Majority Floor Leader, Hon. MP Lanang T. Ali, Jr.

MOTION OF THE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

Considering that the BTA-Parliament Bill No. 24 was certified as an urgent bill by the Chief Minister, Hon. Ahod Balawag Ebrahim, the Majority Floor Leader, when recognized, moved that said BTA-Parliament Bill No. 24 be approved on Third and Final Reading by nominal voting.

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

NOMINAL VOTING OF BTA-PARLIAMENT BILL NO. 24 ON THIRD AND FINAL READING

Upon direction of the Chair, Mr. Moludin G. Bernan called the Roll of the Members of the BTA Parliament for nominal voting on BTA-Parliament Bill No. 24 on Third and Final Reading.

RESULT OF NOMINAL VOTING

The result of nominal voting was as follows:

In favor:

- 1. Hon. Akmad I. Abas
- 2. Hon. Haron M. Abas
- 3. Hon. Abdulla A. Ahang
- 4. Hon. Laisa M. Alamia
- 5. Hon. Faiz S. Alauddin
- 6. Hon. Ibrahim D. Ali

- 7. Hon. Lanang T. Ali, Jr.
- 8. Hon. Eddie M. Alih
- 9. Hon. Zesar H. Alil
- 10. Hon. Baintan A. Ampatuan
- 11. Hon. Susana S. Anayatin
- 12. Hon. Muslima A. Asmawil
- 13. Hon. Hamid Aminoddin D. Barra
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- 21. Hon. Abdullah B. Hashim
- 22. Hon. Rasul E. Ismael
- 23. Hon. Bainon G. Karon
- 24. Hon. Maisara D. Latiph
- 25. Hon. Don Mustapha A. Loong
- 26. Hon. Jose I. Lorena
- 27. Hon. Mangudadatu G. Khadafeh
- 28. Hon. Malik A. Mantawil
- 29. Hon. Sittie Shahara I. Mastura
- 30. Hon. Amilbahar S. Mawallil
- 31. Hon. Datu Midpantao M. Midtimbang
- 32. Hon. Rasol Y. Mitmug, Jr.
- 33. Hon. Abdulmuhmin A. Mujahid
- 34. Hon. Suwaib L. Oranon
- 35. Hon. Abdulwahab M. Pak
- 36. Hon. Nabila Margarita P. Pangandaman
- 37. Hon. Diamila D. Ramos
- 38. Hon. Said Z. Salendab
- 39. Hon. Romeo C. Saliga
- 40. Hon. Ali O. Salik
- 41. Hon. Ali B. Sangki
- 42. Hon. Omar Yasser C. Sema
- 43. Hon. Said M. Sheik
- 44. Hon. Paisalin P. Tago
- 45. Hon. Nabil A. Tan
- 46. Hon. Melanio U. Ulama
- 47. Hon. Adzfar H. Usman
- 48. Hon. Mohammad S. Yacob
- 49. Hon. Narciso C. Yu Ekey

Against: None

Abstention: None

With forty-nine (49) votes in favor, none against and no abstention, the Chair declared that BTA-Parliament Bill No. 24 was approved on Third and Final Reading.

THE MEMBERS OF THE BTA PARLIAMENT WHO EXPLAINED THEIR VOTES

The following Members of the BTA Parliament who explained their votes, to wit:

1. Hon. Maisara D. Latiph

- 2. Hon. Hon. Don. Mustapha A. Loong
- 3. Hon. Jose I. Lorena
- 4. Hon. Amilbahar S. Mawallil
- 5. Hon. Diamila D. Ramos
- 6. Hon. Ali B. Sangki

EXPLANATION OF HON. MP MAISARA D. LATIPH

When her name was called, Hon. MP Maisara D. Latiph explained that logos are unifying symbols which remind them of their struggles, and their dreams for themselves, their families and their people. She stated that as a Bangsamoro, that day was a historic one for all of them. That their collective voice signified their unity and cooperation to establish a government that truly pursues the political, economic, social and cultural aspirations of the people in the exercise of their right to self-determination. She concluded her explanation with a greeting of "Happy Bangsamoro Day" in behalf of the co-authors of the BTA-Parliament Bill. No. 24 and the Members of the Parliament, and by saying that in unity, they will have strength, In Shaa Allah.

EXPLANATION OF HON. DON MUSTAPHA A. MP LOONG

In explaining his affirmative vote, Hon. MP Don Mustapha A. Loong stated that in their celebration of the Bangsamoro Day, many of their fellow Bangsamoro would just think that it is just another Logo of a Parliament of the Bangsamoro and the flag is just another symbolism. In view thereof, he recalled the statement of his late father during their time with the late Hashim Salamat and the Bangsamoro *Wali*, Sheik Khalifa Nando in Cairo in the Anniversary of Egypt where all the scholars in the world were there and all the flags representing the peoples from all countries who were there voiced up and that unfortunately there are no representation of the Bangsamoro People and they cried and they yearned as a representation of the identity of Bangsamoro as a unique people in this part of the world. And with the Logo of the Bangsamoro Parliament that represent the legislative and executive powers vested in a Bangsamoro People who have struggled for five hundred years, he is happy that their dream is now a reality.

EXPLANATION OF HON. MP JOSE I. LORENA

In explaining his affirmative vote, Hon. MP Jose I. Lorena stressed that the approval of the Logo is not just a matter of symbol, it reflects that under R.A. 11054, the

Bangsamoro Transition Authority and subsequently the Parliament is the governing body

and that the executive and legislative powers emanate for the Parliament which is the

Parliament of the People. Thus, he inferred that due respect and courtesy and must be

afforded not only to the Seal and the Logo, but also to the Parliament and its members.

EXPLANATION OF HON. AMILBAHAR S. MAWALLIL

Hon. MP Amilbahar S. Mawallil prefaced the explanation of his yes vote by

greeting everyone "Happy Founding Anniversary and Happy New Year". Then he

manifested that the Bangsamoro Struggle needs to be retold and recast until their last

breath.

EXPALANATION OF HON. MP DIAMILA D. RAMOS

In explaining her affirmative vote, Hon. MP Diamila D. Ramos emphasized that

the passage of the BTA-Parliament Bill No. 24 was timely as they celebrated the

Bangsamoro Foundation Day of the BARMM and that it is a historical milestone and a

symbol of the Bangsamoro Government, particularly the Parliament which is a new

system and something they should always be proud of.

EXPLANATION OF HON. MP ALI B. SANGKI

Hon. MP Ali B. Sangki explained that he voted yes to the Logo subject to the

observation that he had made earlier. He stated that it was clearly understood that should

there be additional provinces and cities, the seven (7) sharp-pointed Star in the Logo

would correspondingly adjusted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: N O N E

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: NONE

THIRD AND FINAL STAGE: NONE

OTHER MATTERS

At this juncture, the body proceeded to the Other Matters in the Order of Business.

ELECTION OF ADDITIONAL DEPUTY SPEAKERS OF THE BTA PARLIAMENT

Subsequently, on motion of the Majority Floor Leader duly seconded, and there

being no objection, Hon. MP Ziaur-Rahman Alonto Adiong and Hon. MP Nabil A. Tan

were elected as additional Deputy Speakers of the BTA Parliament.

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ELECTION OF ADDITIONAL DEPUTY MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

On further motion of the Majority Floor Leader duly seconded, and there being no objection, Hon. MP Paisalin P. Tago was elected as additional Deputy Majority Floor Leader of the BTA Parliament.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CHAIR

Thereupon, the Chair announced that since the additional officers were elected *in absencia*, they will take their oath in the session of the BTA Parliament.

ELECTION OF ADDITIONAL DEPUTY MINORITY FLOOR LEADER

Upon recognition by the Chair, Hon. MP Amilbahar S. Mawallil conveyed to the body that the Minority Bloc has elected Hon. MP Baintan A. Ampatuan as additional Deputy Minority Floor Leader of the BTA Parliament.

MANIFESTATION OF HON. MP AMILBAHAR S. MAWALLIL

Subsequently, Hon. MP Amilbahar S. Mawallil manifested that the changes in the number of officers be reflected in the Rules of the Parliament.

COMMENT OF THE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

Whereupon, the Majority Floor Leader, when recognized, commented that the manifestation of Hon. MP Amilbahar S. Mawallil was noted.

COMMENT OF HON. MP OMAR YASSER C. SEMA

In his comment to the manifestation of Hon. MP Amilbahar S. Mawallil, Hon. MP Omar Yasser C. Sema stated that there is no need to reflect the additional positions in the Rules of the Parliament, explaining that they are following the traditions of similar jurisdiction like the House of Representative and the Senate wherein they do not amend their Rules when they elect additional officers.

FURTHER COMMENT OF THE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

Whereupon, the Majority Floor Leader further commented that the manifestation of Hon. MP Amillbahar S. Mawallil would be discussed in the Committee on Rules.

REMARK OF THE CHAIR

At this juncture, the Chair commented that the manifestation of Hon. MP

Amilbahar S. Mawallil was noted, explaining that it is purely an administrative matter

which is the practice in all legislatures not only in the Philippines but also in other

countries.

MANIFESTATION OF HON. MP JOSE I. LORENA

Upon recognition by the Chair, Hon. MP Jose I. Lorena manifested that went

along with the statement of the Speaker that it has become a parliamentary practice even

in legislative body in a unitary system that additional officers may not be reflected in the

Rules that additional officers may be elected. He stated that for purposes of

operationalization and effective management of the legislative body, as part of the

administrative process, the legislative body or the parliament can elect additional officers

and there is no need to reflect the additional officers in the Rules.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of the Majority Floor Leader duly seconded, and there being no

objection, the session adjourned until January 26, 2021 at one o'clock in the afternoon.

It was 3:32 p.m.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

Prof. RABY B. ANGKAL

Secretary-General

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