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CALL TO ORDER

At 1:37 P.M., Speaker Pangalian M. Balindong called the session to order.

INVOCATION

MP Ali B. Solaiman led the invocation.

SINGING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND THE BANGSAMORO HYMN

The Body sang the national anthem and the Bangsamoro Hymn.

ROLL CALL

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General, Prof. Raby B. Angkal, called the Roll and the following Members of the Parliament, who were physically present in the Session Hall, responded to the call:

1. Hon. Akmad I. Abas
2. Hon. Haron M. Abas
3. Hon. Mudjib C. Abu
4. Hon. Mosber E. Alauddin
5. Hon. Ibrahim D. Ali
6. Hon. Eddie M. Alih
7. Hon. Suharto M. Ambolodto
8. Hon. Abdulaziz M. Amenoden
9. Hon. Baintan A. Ampatuan
10. Hon. Susana S. Anayatin
11. Hon. Mohammad Kelie U. Antao
12. Hon. Mary Ann M. Arnado
13. Hon. Ali Montaha D. Babao
14. Hon. Pangalian M. Balindong
15. Hon. Anna Tarhata S. Basman
16. Hon. Hashemi N. Dilangalen
17. Hon. Sha Elijah B. Dumama-Alba

18. Hon. Ahod B. Ebrahim
19. Hon. Suharto S. Esmael
20. Hon. Matarul M. Estino
21. Hon. Abdullah E. Gayak
22. Hon. Khalid M. Hadji Abdullah
23. Hon. Abdullah B. Hashim
24. Hon. Hatimil E. Hassan
25. Hon. Mohagher M. Iqbal
26. Hon. Rasul E. Ismael
27. Hon. Raissa H. Jajurie
28. Hon. Denmartin A. Kahalan
29. Hon. Faisal G. Karon
30. Hon. Don Mustapha A. Loong
31. Hon. Abdulraof A. Macacua
32. Hon. Marjanie S. Macasalong
33. Hon. Amroussi A. Macatanong
34. Hon. Tarhata M. Maglangit
35. Hon. Hamid U. Malik
36. Hon. Baileng S. Mantawil
37. Hon. Ishak V. Mastura
38. Hon. Jaafar Apollo Mikhail L. Matalam
39. Hon. Amilbahar S. Mawallil
40. Hon. Michael E. Midtimbang
41. Hon. Tawakal B. Midtimbang
42. Hon. Abdulkarim T. Misuari
43. Hon. NurRedha I. Misuari
44. Hon. Rasol Y. Mitmug, Jr.
45. Hon. Hussein P. Muñoz
46. Hon. Suwaib L. Oranon
47. Hon. Abdulwahab M. Pak
48. Hon. Nabila Margarita P. Pangandaman
49. Hon. Randolph C. Parcasio
50. Hon. Ramon A. Piang, Sr.
51. Hon. Said Z. Salendab
52. Hon. Ali O. Salik
53. Hon. Ali B. Sangki
54. Hon. Omar Yasser C. Sema
55. Hon. Romeo K. Sema
56. Hon. Said M. Sheik
57. Hon. Aida M. Silongan
58. Hon. Kadil M. Sinolinding, Jr.
59. Hon. Ali B. Solaiman
60. Hon. Paisalin P. Tago
61. Hon. Bassir D. Utto
62. Hon. Sittie Fahanie S. Uy-Oyod
63. Hon. Mohammad S. Yacob

The following Members of the Parliament, who were virtually present, also responded to the call:

1. Hon. Basit S. Abbas
2. Hon. Laisa M. Alamia
3. Hon. Lanang T. Ali, Jr.
4. Hon. Bai Maleiha B. Candao
5. Hon. Muslimin A. Jakilan
6. Hon. Albakil D. Jikiri
7. Hon. Jose I. Lorena

8. Hon. Ubaida C. Pacasem
9. Hon. Diamila D. Ramos

The following Members of the Parliament appeared after the roll call:

1. Hon. Benjamin T. Loong
2. Hon. Froilyn T. Mendoza

The following Members of the Parliament were absent:

1. Hon. Dan S. Asnawie
2. Hon. Eduard U. Guerra
3. Hon. John Anthony L. Lim
4. Hon. Abdullah G. Macapaar
5. Hon. Nabil A. Tan
6. Hon. Adzfar H. Usman

With seventy-four (74) Members of the Parliament present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

AMENDMENT OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

On motion of Majority Floor Leader, MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body amended the Order of Business by including Proposed Resolution No. 29, entitled:

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPHATY AND CONDOLENCES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY AND LOVED ONES OF FORMER MINISTRY OF HEALTH DIRECTOR GENERAL DOCTOR AMERIL S. USMAN WHO RETURNED TO HIS CREATOR ON SAFAR 21, 1444 AH/ SEPTEMBER 17, 2022 AND RECOGNIZING HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE BANGSAMORO PEOPLE

Authors: MPs Hashemi N. Dilangalen, Sha Elijah B. Dumama-Alba, Jaafar Apollo Mikhail L. Matalam and Diamila D. Ramos

Co-authors: MPs Eddie M. Alih, Khadil M. Sinolinding, Jr., John Anthony L. Lim, Mudjib C. Abu, Bai Maleiha B. Candao, Suharto M. Ambolodto, Rasol Y. Mitmug, Jr., and Khalid M. Hadji Abdullah

READING AND APPROVAL OF JOURNAL NO. 1

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of Journal No. 1 dated September 15, 2022 and approved the same.

PROPOSED SIMPLE RESOLUTIONS

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the titles and the names of authors and co-authors of the following proposed resolutions which, in turn, on separate motions of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, were treated by the Body as simple resolutions and transferred to the Business for the Day:

1. Proposed Resolution No. 14, entitled:

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY OF THE LATE DR. AMIREL S. USMAN, DipHM, DPCHA, CHA RECOGNIZING AND HONORING HIS EXEMPLARY CONTRIBUTION AND STUPENDOUS DEDICATION AS PUBLIC SERVANT TO THE BANGSAMORO PEOPLE

Author: MP Susana S. Anayatin

2. Proposed Resolution No. 15, entitled:

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SINCEREST GRATITUDE TO DR. AMIREL SANDAY USMAN FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE BANGSAMORO PEOPLE AND CONVEYING THE DEEPEST CONDOLENCES OF BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY MEMBERS OF THE PARLIAMENT TO HIS FAMILY FOR HIS DEMISE

Authors: MPs Abdullah B. Hashim and Sha Elijah B. Dumama-Alba

3. Proposed Resolution No. 16, entitled:

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CALENDAR OF SESSION FOR THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE SECOND PARLIAMENT

Authors: MPs Sha Elijah B. Dumama-Alba, Raissa H. Jajurie, Anna Tarhata S. Basman, Mary Ann M. Arnado, and Ubaida C. Pacasem

4. Proposed Resolution No. 29, entitled:

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SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session.

It was 1:58 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 1:59 p.m., the session was resumed.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY

At this time, the Body proceeded to the Business for the Day in the Order of Business.

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS NO. 14, 15, AND 29

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the consideration of the following proposed resolutions which were earlier treated as simple resolutions:

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SPONSORSHIP SPEECH ON PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 14

In sponsoring Proposed Resolution No. 14, MP Anayatin delivered the following speech:

The Parliament of Bangsamoro Transition Authority of the Bangsamoro Government received the sad news with a shock on the passing of a wonderful health-care doctor, Dr. Amirel S. Usman. His untimely demise, indeed, brings sorrow in the Bangsamoro region. With sincere thoughts and prayers, we express to the bereaved family, friends, and colleagues our heartfelt condolences.

Dr. Amirel was an extraordinary young doctor with incomparable commitment in the service of Bangsamoro people. At his young age, he could not be appointed as Acting Chief of the Iranun District Hospital in Parang, Maguindanao and just recently appointed as Director-General of Ministry of Health, BARMM, if it were not for his stupendous involvement, contribution, and excellent participation to sustain a low (COVID-19) transmission in the region and advocated the communities across BARMM be vaccinated.

It is with pride to share with you that this representation would not have propounded the Proposed Bill No. 150 entitled "AN ACT ESTABLISHING AND CONSTRUCTING A BANGSAMORO MEDICAL SCHOOL IN COTABATO CITY TO BE KNOWN AS BANGSAMORO MEDICAL SCHOOL" if it were not for Dr. Usman's modest suggestion. His humble intent is to provide the young Bangsamoro who desires to be professional doctor but do not have the means to pursue such a dream.

It is such a great loss that a wonderful person as Dr. Usman left us this early. He could have other more brilliant ideas to contribute for more developed, COVID-19 free and healthier Bangsamoro.

This is the best chance to say thank you, Dr. Ameril S. Usman for all your hard work, effort, and unwavering commitment in rendering your utmost service for the health and safety of Bangsamoro people. Your exemplary commitment would not go unnoticed for you will be perpetually remembered.

Hence, the enactment of this resolution.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH ON PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 29

In sponsoring Proposed Resolution No. 29, MP Dilangalen delivered the following speech:

My courtesy and respect to Chief Minister Ahod Balawag Ebrahim; Speaker of the Parliament, Honorable Atty. Pangalian Balindong; the deputy speakers; the deputy ministers; the Floor Leader; and the rest of the esteemed and honorable members of the Parliament, assalaamu alaykum warahmatullahi taala wabarakatuhu!

I take great honor and pleasure in addressing this honorable BTA Parliament for the first time as its member. I thank all those who sent me welcome messages and those who provided me with the essential instructional materials I need in order to learn and understand the rules of this hall. Your kind gestures make me feel really on board now.

We passed this resolution Mr. Speaker, because Dr. Amirel Usman was a public servant who is loved by many for his humility and dedication to the public service.

In fact Mr. Speaker, yung day ng libing ni Doc Ams, pumunta po ako dun at kinausap ang kanyang asawa and I found out kahit na masama na ang pakiramdan niya, he tend to attend all the matters in the Ministry of Health.

Dr. Amirel Usman was a beloved brother in the medical profession who exemplified the virtues of a physician.

Being a doctor myself, I feel the selflessness of Dr. Usman in performing his sworn duties especially during the pandemic.

Ika nga may kasabihan sa ingles na ang pagkamatay ng isang doktor ay pagkamatay ng nakakarami.

Itong mga frontliners natin, nararapat lang na bigyan ng recognition, pagkilala at pagsuporta.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Assalamualaikum warahmatulahi wabarakatu.

CONSOLIDATION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

On motion of MP Sema (OY), duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body consolidated Proposed Resolutions No. 14, 15, and 29 considering that they all have the same subject-matter.

MANIFESTATION OF MP CANDAO

MP Candao manifested her support to all the proposed resolutions which express sympathy to the family and friends of late Dr. Ameril S. Usman. She informed the Body that Dr. Usman had supported all her projects under her Transitional Development Impact Fund (TDIF) for 2020. She said that the support of Dr. Usman made her feel that the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) was supportive of her programs.

OPENING OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

Upon motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the period of interpellations was opened.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

Upon motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body closed the period of interpellations.

SUGGESTION OF MP ALI (L) JR.

MP Ali (L) Jr. suggested to dispense with the period of amendments and to approve the consolidated proposed resolution, subject to style, explaining that it was just an expression of condolences.

ADDITIONAL CO-AUTHORS

On motion of MP Ampatuan, duly seconded and there being no objection, all Members of the Parliament present were included as co-authors of the consolidated proposed resolution.

APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Upon motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body approved the consolidated proposed resolution, subject to style.

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 16

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the consideration of Proposed Resolution No. 16 which was earlier treated as simple resolution, entitled:

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CALENDAR OF SESSION FOR THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE SECOND PARLIAMENT

Authors: MPs Sha Elijah B. Dumama-Alba, Raissa H. Jajurie, Anna Tarhata S. Basman, Mary Ann M. Arnado, and Ubaida C. Pacasem

OPENING OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

Upon motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the period of interpellations was opened.

INTERPELLATION OF MP TAGO

MP Tago inquired whether the Body would adopt the 3 weeks of session in a month in accordance to their agreement during their caucus meeting or they would continue observing the 2 weeks session in a month. MP Basman responded that they would adhere to the 2 weeks session which was still within the context of the prevailing Parliamentary Rules. She added that when a new Parliamentary Rules would be approved, then a new resolution containing the Calendar of Session would be in order.

As to whether the Body should discuss the Calendar of Session at the moment so that there was no need to go back to the Parliamentary Rules and once again, amend the Calendar of Session, MP Basman replied that they were open to amending the proposed resolution accordingly in due time.

As to the reason on choosing March 31 as the day of the mandatory adjournment, MP Basman answered that according to their research, March 31 would be the last Thursday before the start of the month of Ramadhan and April 31 would be the first day of Ramadhan in 2023.

MP Tago cited Rule VI, Section 5 of the Parliamentary Rules, Procedures and Practices which provides that “the BTA shall convene its regular session once every year

on the second Tuesday of the month after the month of Ramadhan (after *Eid'l Fitr*)...” He, however, stated that the Rules did not state when the mandatory adjournment would be, thus it needed to be clarified because it also stated that “...and not later than thirty (30) days before the opening of the next regular session.” He reiterated that it needed to be clarified in order for it to be consistent with the existing Parliamentary Rules.

At this juncture, the Chair reminded the Body that they would observe the current Rules of the Parliament which they have adopted.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

Upon motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body closed the period of interpellations.

OPENING OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

Upon motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body opened the period of amendments.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF MP SEMA (OY)

MP Sema (OY) proposed an amendment to the title of the resolution as follows:

“A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CALENDAR OF SESSIONS FOR THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE SECOND PARLIAMENT”

The proposed amendment was not accepted by the proponent, MP Basman.

SUSPENSION OF THE SESSION

At 2:15 p.m., on motion of MP Dumama-Alba, the Chair suspended the session.

RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION

At 2:16 p.m., the session was resumed.

AMENDMENTS OF MP JAJURIE

MP Jajurie manifested that she is also a co-author and stated that certain dates should be included in the list of sessions specifically the following week, September 27 for the resumption of session and September 29 as the adjournment.

MP Basman accepted the proposed amendment of MP Jajurie.

AMENDMENT OF MP ESMAEL

MP Esmael proposed an amendment to move the schedule of the mandatory adjournment of the session from March 31, 2023 to March 21, 2023.

MP Basman accepted the proposed amendment of MP Esmael.

SUSPENSION OF THE SESSION

At 2:20 p.m., on motion of MP Dumama-Alba, the Chair suspended the session.

RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION

At 2:21 p.m., the session was resumed.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the period of amendments was terminated.

SUSPENSION OF THE SESSION

At 2:22 p.m., the Chair, *mutuo proprio* declared a suspension of the session.

RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION

At 2:23 p.m., the session was resumed.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 16

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body approved Proposed Resolution No. 16, subject to style.

SUSPENSION OF THE SESSION

At 2:24 p.m., on motion of MP Dumama-Alba, the Chair suspended the session.

RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION

At 2:25 p.m., the session was resumed.

OTHER MATTERS

At this point, the Body proceeded to the Other Matters in the Order of Business.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAJORITY FLOOR LEADERS

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body elected the following Members of the Parliament as Deputy Majority Floor Leaders:

1. MP Raissa H. Jajurie;
2. MP Mary Ann M. Arnado;
3. MP Anna Tarhata S. Basman; and
4. MP Jose I. Lorena

SUSPENSION OF THE SESSION

At 2:26 p.m., on motion of MP Dumama-Alba, the Chair declared a suspension of the session to give way to the oath taking of the elected Deputy Majority Floor Leaders.

RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION

At 2:27 p.m., the session was resumed.

CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES AND COMPOSITION

On separate motions of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body approved the chairships of the following parliamentary and statutory committees:

Parliamentary Committees

1. Committee on Rules - MP Sha Elijah B. Dumama-Alba
2. Committee on Ethics and Privileges - MP Omar Yasser C. Sema
3. Committee on Accounts - MP Anna Tarhata S. Basman
4. Committee on Amendments, Revision, and Codification of Laws - MP Mary Ann M. Arnado
5. Committee on Ways and Means - MP Paisalin P. Tago
6. Committee on Good Government, Accountability of Public Officers and Investigation, otherwise known as the Blue Ribbon Committee - MP Lanang T. Ali, Jr.
7. Special Committee on Marawi - MP Ali B. Solaiman

Statutory Committees

1. Committee on Local Government - MP Raissa H. Jajurie
2. Committee on Social Services - MP Aida M. Silongan
3. Committee on Science and Technology - MP Omar Yasser C. Sema
4. Committee on Health - MP Kadil M. Sinolinding, Jr.
5. Committee on Basic, Higher, and Technical Education - MP Eddie M. Alih
6. Committee on Trade, Investment and Tourism - MP Marjanie S. Macasalong
7. Committee on Public Works - MP Hussein P. Munoz
8. Committee on Finance, Budget and Management - MP Eduard U. Guerra
9. Committee on Labor and Employment - MP Abas I. Akmad
10. Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Agrarian Reform - MP Matarul M. Estino

11. Committee on Public Order and Safety - MP Suwaib L. Oranon
12. Committee on Indigenous Peoples' Affairs - MP Ramon A. Piang, Sr.
13. Committee on Environment, Natural Resources, and Energy - MP Tawakal B. Midtimbang
14. Committee on Transportation and Communication - MP Lanang T. Ali, Jr.
15. Committee on Human Settlement and Development - MP Don Mustapha A. Loong
16. Committee on Bangsamoro Justice System - MP Jose I. Lorena

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the session was adjourned until September 21, 2022 at one thirty in the afternoon.

It was 2:45 p.m.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

PROF. RABY B. ANGKAL
Secretary-General