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Cotabato City

BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY PARLIAMENT 2022-2025

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CALL TO ORDER

At 1:34 p.m., the Presiding Officer, Deputy Speaker Lanang T. Ali, Jr., called the session to order.

INVOCATION

MP Ibrahim D. Ali 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. Lanang T. Ali, Jr.
7. Hon. Eddie M. Alih
8. Hon. Abdulaziz M. Amenodin
9. Hon. Baintan A. Ampatuan
10. Hon. Susana S. Anayatin
11. Hon. Mohammad Kelie U. Antao
12. Hon. Mary Ann M. Arnado
13. Hon. Dan S. Asnawie
14. Hon. Ali Montaha D. Babao
15. Hon. Pangalian M. Balindong

16. Hon. Anna Tarhata S. Basman
17. Hon. Hashemi N. Dilangalen
18. Hon. Sha Elija B. Dumama-Alba
19. Hon. Suharto S. Esmael
20. Hon. Matarul M. Estino
21. Hon. Abdullah E. Gayak
22. Hon. Khalid Ma-Amor H. Hadji Abdullah
23. Hon. Abdullah B. Hashim
24. Hon. Hatimil E. Hassan
25. Hon. Rasul E. Ismael
26. Hon. Raissa H. Jajurie
27. Hon. Benjamin T. Loong
28. Hon. Don Mustapha A. Loong
29. Hon. Abdulraof A. Macacua
30. Hon. Amroussi A. Macatanong
31. Hon. Tarhata M. Maglangit
32. Hon. Hamid U. Malik
33. Hon. Baileng S. Mantawil
34. Hon. Ishak V. Mastura
35. Hon. Jaafar Apollo Mikhail L. Matalam
36. Hon. Amilbahar S. Mawallil
37. Hon. Froilyn T. Mendoza
38. Hon. Michael E. Midtimbang
39. Hon. Tawakal B. Midtimbang
40. Hon. Nurredha I. Misuari
41. Hon. Rasol Y. Mitmug, Jr.
42. Hon. Hussein P. Muñoz
43. Hon. Suwaib L. Oranon
44. Hon. Ubaida C. Pacasem
45. Hon. Abdulwahab M. Pak
46. Hon. Ramon A. Piang, Sr.
47. Hon. Ali O. Salik
48. Hon. Ali B. Sangki
49. Hon. Omar Yasser C. Sema
50. Hon. Romeo K. Sema
51. Hon. Said M. Sheik
52. Hon. Aida M. Silongan
53. Hon. Kadil M. Sinolinding, Jr.
54. Hon. Ali B. Solaiman
55. Hon. Adzfar H. Usman
56. Hon. Bassir D. Utto
57. Hon. Sittie Fahanie S. Uy-Oyod

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

1. Hon. Basit S. Abbas
2. Hon. Laisa A. Alamia
3. Hon. Bai Malelha B. Candao
4. Hon. Mohagher M. Iqbal
5. Hon. Muslimin A. Jakilan
6. Hon. Albakil D. Jikiri
7. Hon. Denmartin A. Kahalan
8. Hon. John Anthony L. Lim
9. Hon. Abdulkarim T. Misuari
10. Hon. Nabila Margarita P. Pangandaman

11. Hon. Randolph C. Parcasio
12. Hon. Diamila D. Ramos
13. Hon. Said Z. Salendab

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

1. Hon. Faisal G. Karon
2. Hon. Paisalin P. Tago
3. Hon. Suharto M. Ambolodto

The Members of the BTA Parliament who were on official business:

1. Hon. Ahod B. Ebrahim

The following Members of the BTA Parliament were absent:

1. Hon. Eduard U. Guerra
2. Hon. Jose I. Lorena
3. Hon. Abdullah G. Macapaar
4. Hon. Marjanie S. Macasalong
5. Hon. Nabil A. Tan
6. Hon. Mohammad S. Yacob

With seventy (70) Members of the Parliament present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

REMINDER OF THE CHAIR

The Chair reminded the Body that they may fill out the co-authorship form for any proposed resolutions they would want to co-author.

READING AND APPROVAL OF JOURNAL NO. 3

On motion of the Majority Floor Leader, MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of Journal No. 2 dated September 20, 2022 and approved the same, subject to style.

PROPOSED SIMPLE RESOLUTIONS

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the titles and the names of the 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. 02, entitled:

A RESOLUTION RE-AFFIRMING THE CONSENSUS OF THE BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY (BTA) ON THE APPOINTMENT OF SHIEK KHALIFA USMAN NANDO AS THE WALI OF THE BANGSAMORO GOVERNMENT, PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11054, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE BANGSAMORO ORGANIC LAW

Author: MP Baintan A. Ampatuan

Co-authors: MPs Amilbahar S. Mawallil, Laisa M. Alamia, Suharto M. Ambolodto, Rasol Y. Mitmug, Jr., Don Mustapha A. Loong, and Rasul E. Ismael

2. Proposed Resolution No. 13, entitled:

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHIES TO THE BEREAVED ROYAL FAMILY OF QUEEN ELIZABETH ALEXANDRA MARY OR QUEEN ELIZABETH II OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND OTHER COMMONWEALTH REALMS AND RECOGNIZING HER LEGACY AS THE LONGEST-SERVING MONARCH IN BRITISH HISTORY

Author: MP Lanang T. Ali, Jr.

Co-authors: MPs Bai Maleiha B. Candao, Eddie M. Alih, Froilyn T. Mendoza, Ishak V. Mastura, Khalid M. Hadji Abdullah, Baileng S. Mantawil, Diamila D. Ramos, Ramon A. Piang, Sr., Jaafar Apollo Mikhail L. Matalam, Mary Ann M. Arnado, Basit S. Abbas, and Nabila Margarita P. Pangandaman

3. Proposed Resolution No. 28, entitled:

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR RULES, PROCEDURES, AND PRACTICES OF THE BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY PARLIAMENT

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection , the Body proceeded to the Unfinished Business in the Order of Business.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At 1:51p.m., on motion of MP Dumama-Alba, the Chair suspended the session.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 1:52 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 composition of the following committees:

Parliamentary Committees

Committee on Rules

Chairperson: MP Sha Elijah B. Dumama-Alba

Vice-chairperson: MP Raissa H. Jajurie

Members:

1. MP Mohagher M. Iqbal
2. MP Kadil M. Sinolinding, Jr.
3. MP Eddie M. Alih
4. MP Anna Tarhata S. Basman
5. MP Eduard U. Guerra
6. MP Suharto S. Esmael
7. MP Aida M. Silongan
8. MP Matarul M. Estino
9. MP Randolph C. Parcasio
10. MP Amroussi A. Macatanong
11. MP Baileng S. Mantawil
12. MP Jose I. Lorena
13. MP Ubaida C. Pacasem
14. MP Mary Ann M. Arnado
15. MP Abdullah B. Hashim
16. MP Marjanie S. Macasalong
17. MP Rasol Y. Mitmug, Jr.
18. MP Susana S. Anayatin
19. MP Romeo K. Sema
20. MP Abdulraof A. Macacua
21. MP Said M. Sheik
22. MP Tawakal Midtimbang
23. MP Ramon A. Piang, Sr.
24. MP Laisa M. Alamia
25. MP John Anthony L. Lim
26. MP Adzfar H. Usman
27. MP Faisal G. Karon
28. MP Bassir D. Utto

Committee on Amendments

Chairperson: MP Mary Ann M. Arnado

Vice-chairperson: MP Mohagher M. Iqbal

Members:

1. MP Eddie M. Alih
2. MP Rasol Y. Mitmug, Jr.
3. MP Jose I. Lorena
4. MP Ubaida C. Pacasem
5. MP Amroussi A. Macatanong
6. MP Suharto S. Esmael
7. MP Froilyn T. Mendoza
8. MP Abdulwahab M. Pak
9. MP Abdullah E. Gayak
10. MP Ramon A. Piang, Sr.
11. MP Ali Montaha D. Babao
12. MP Tarhata M. Maglangit
13. MP Ishak V. Mastura
14. MP Susana S. Anayatin

Committee on Ethics

Chairperson: MP Omar Yasser C. Sema

Vice-chairperson: MP Abdullah B. Hashim

Members:

1. MP Said Z. Salendab
2. MP Mohammad S. Yacob
3. MP Tawakal B. Midtimbang
4. MP Ali O. Salik
5. MP Abdulwahab M. Pak
6. MP Ali B. Solaiman
7. MP Ibrahim D. Ali
8. MP Abdullah E. Gayak
9. MP Hussein P. Muñoz
10. MP Muslimin A. Jakilan
11. MP Hamid U. Malik
12. MP Hashemi N. Dilangalen
13. MP Khalid M. Hadji Abdullah
14. MP Rasol Y. Mitmug, Jr.
15. MP Michael E. Midtimbang

Committee on Ways and Means

Chairperson: MP Paisalin P. Tago

Vice-chairperson: MP Ubaida C. Pacasem

Members:

1. MP Bassir D. Utto
2. MP Bassit S. Abbas
3. MP Sittie Fahanie S. Uy-Oyod
4. MP Amroussi A. Macatanong
5. MP Matarul M. Estino
6. MP Akmad I. Abas
7. MP Baileng S. Mantawil
8. MP Ali O. Salik
9. MP Rasol Y. Mitmug, Jr.
10. MP Nabila Margarita P. Pangandaman
11. MP Muslimin A. Jakilan

12. MP Froilyn T. Mendoza
13. MP John Anthony L. Lim
14. MP Baintan A. Ampatuan
15. MP Denmartin A. Kahalan

Committee on Accounts

Chairperson: MP Anna Tarhata S. Basman

Vice-chairperson: MP Paisalin P. Tago

Members:

1. MP Eddie M. Alih
2. MP Khalid M. Hadji Abdullah
3. MP Suharto S. Esmael
4. MP Aida M. Silongan
5. MP Abdullah G. Macapaar
6. MP Ubaida C. Pacasem
7. MP Susana S. Anayatin
8. MP Marjanie S. Macasalong
9. MP Abdullah B. Hashim
10. MP Romeo K. Sema
11. MP Abdulaziz M. Amenodin
12. MP Matarul M. Estino
13. MP Laisa M. Alamia
14. MP Amilbahar S. Mawallil
15. MP Sittie Fahanie S. Uy-Oyod

Committee on Blue Ribbon

Chairperson: MP Lanang T. Ali, Jr.

Vice-chairpersons:

1. MP Kadil M. Sinolinding Jr.
2. MP Marjanie S. Macasalong

Members:

1. MP Diamila D. Ramos
2. MP Khalid M. Hadji Abdullah
3. MP Amroussi A. Macatanong
4. MP Eduard U. Guerra
5. MP Mohammad S. Yacob
6. MP Haron M. Abas
7. MP Mohagher M. Iqbal
8. MP Hussein P. Muñoz
9. MP Abdulraof A. Macacua
10. MP Michael E. Midtimbang
11. MP Baileng S. Mantawil
12. MP Suharto S. Esmael
13. MP Matarul M. Estino
14. MP Muslimin A. Jakilan
15. MP Romeo K. Sema
16. MP Randolph C. Parcasio
17. MP Mohammad Kelie U. Antao
18. MP Hashemi N. Dilangalen
19. MP Laisa M. Alamia
20. MP Don Mustapha A. Loong
21. MP Bassir D. Utto
22. MP Ali Montaha D. Babao

Special Committee on Marawi

Chairperson: MP Ali B. Solaiman

Vice-chairperson: MP Anna Tarhata S. Basman

Members:

1. MP Said M. Sheik
2. MP Marjanie S. Macasalong
3. MP Amroussi A. Macatanong
4. MP Basit S. Abbas
5. MP Abdulwahab M. Pak
6. MP Abdullah G. Macapaar
7. MP Ali Montaha D. Babao
8. MP Diamila D. Ramos
9. MP Nabila Margarita P. Pangandaman
10. MP Khalid M. Hadji Abdullah
11. MP Abdullah B. Hashim

Statutory Committees

Committee on Public Order and Safety

Chairperson: MP Suwaib L. Oranon

Vice-chairpersons:

1. MP Lanang T. Ali, Jr.
2. MP Dan S. Asnawie
3. MP Bassit S. Abbas
4. MP Faisal G. Karon

Members:

1. MP Jaafar Apollo Mikhail L. Matalam
2. MP Albakil D. Jikiri
3. MP Abdullah G. Macapaar
4. MP Ali O. Salik
5. MP Abdulraof A. Macacua
6. MP Adzfar H. Usman
7. MP Ramon A. Piang, Sr.
8. MP Hussein P. Muñoz
9. MP Akmad I. Abas
10. MP Ali B. Sangki
11. MP Michael E. Midtimbang
12. MP Suharto M. Ambolodto

Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, and Agrarian Reform

Chairperson: MP Matarul M. Estino

Vice-chairpersons:

1. MP Amroussi A. Macatanong
2. MP Ramon A. Piang, Sr.

Members:

1. MP Mohammad S. Yacob
2. MP Mohagher M. Iqbal
3. MP Eddie M. Alih
4. MP NurReddha I. Misuari
5. MP Muslimin A. Jakilan
6. MP Basit S. Abbas
7. MP Nabila Margarita P. Pangandaman
8. MP Mosber E. Alauddin
9. MP Ibrahim D. Ali
10. MP Ali B. Sangki
11. MP Akmad I. Abas
12. MP Tawakal B. Midtimbang
13. MP John Anthony L. Lim
14. MP Ali O. Salik
15. MP Suwaib L. Oranon

16. MP Mudjib C. Abu
17. MP Montaha D. Babao
18. MP Denmartin A. Kahalan
19. MP Suharto M. Ambolodto
20. MP Baintan A. Ampatuan
21. MP Rasul E. Ismael
22. MP Jaafar Apollo Mikhail L. Matalam

Committee on Public Works

Chairperson: MP Hussein P. Muñoz

Vice-chairpersons:

1. MP Abdullah B. Hashim
2. MP Mudjib C. Abu

Members:

1. MP Aida M. Silongan
2. MP Bassit S. Abbas
3. MP Baileng S. Mantawil
4. MP Abdulraof A. Macacua
5. MP Mosber E. Alauddin
6. MP Mohammad Kelie U. Antao
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10. MP Abdulaziz M. Amenodin
11. MP Denmartin A. Kahalan
12. MP Baintan A. Ampatuan
13. MP Don Mustapha A. Loong
14. MP Rasul E. Ismael

Committee on Trade, Investment and Tourism

Chairperson: MP Marjanie S. Macasalong

Vice-chairpersons:

1. MP John Anthony L. Lim
2. MP Benjamin T. Loong

Members:

1. MP Raissa H. Jajurie
2. MP Mary Ann M. Arnado
3. MP Ali Montaha D. Babao
4. MP Matarul M. Estino
5. MP Mosber E. Alauddin
6. MP Hashemi N. Dilangalen
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10. MP Hamid U. Malik
11. MP Amilbahar S. Mawallil
12. MP Ishak V. Mastura
13. MP Suharto M. Ambolodto

Committee on Education

Chairperson: MP Eddie M. Alih

Vice-chairpersons:

1. MP Rasol Y. Mitmug, Jr.

2. MP Mary Ann M. Arnado
3. MP Marjanie S. Macasalong

Members:

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9. MP Romeo K. Sema
10. MP Haron M. Abas
11. MP Baintan A. Ampatuan
12. MP NurReddha I. Misuari
13. MP Diamila D. Ramos

Committee on Health

Chairperson: MP Kadil M. Sinolinding, Jr.

Vice-chairpersons:

1. MP Hashemi Nur Dilangalen
2. MP Ubaida C. Pacasem

Members:

1. MP NurReddha I. Misuari
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5. MP Denmartin A. Kahalan
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10. MP Nabila Margarita P. Pangandaman
11. MP Hamid U. Malik
12. MP Suharto M. Ambolodto
13. MP Sittie Fahanie S. Uy-Oyod
14. MP Khalid M. Hadji Abdullah

Committee on Finance, Budget and Management

Chairperson: MP Eduard U. Guerra

Vice-chairpersons:

1. MP Ubaida C. Pacasem
2. MP Baintan A. Ampatuan
3. MP Paisalin P. Tago

Members:

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23. MP Faisal G. Karon
24. MP Amilbahar S. Mawallil
25. MP Hashemi N. Dilangalen
26. MP Ishak V. Mastura
27. MP Don Mustapha A. Loong

Committee on Science and Technology

Chairperson: MP Omar Yasser C. Sema

Vice-chairperson: MP Kadil M. Sinolinding, Jr.

Members:

1. MP Abdullah B. Hashim
2. MP Aida M. Silongan
3. MP Ali B. Sangki
4. MP Mudjib C. Abu
5. MP Anna Tarhata S. Basman
6. MP Hashemi N. Dilangalen
7. MP Hamid U. Malik
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10. MP Ishak V. Mastura
11. MP NurReddha I. Misuari
12. MP Baintan A. Ampatuan
13. MP Michael E. Midtimbang
14. MP Rasul E. Ismael

Committee on Social Services

Chairperson: MP Aida Silongan

Vice-chairpersons:

1. MP NurRedha I. Misuari
2. MP Baileng S. Mantawil

Members:

1. MP Said M. Shiek
2. MP Raissa H. Jajurie
3. MP Suharto S. Esmael
4. MP Mudjib C. Abu
5. MP Tarhata M. Maglangit
6. MP Bai Maleiha B. Candao
7. MP Mosber E. Alauddin
8. MP Susana S. Anayatin
9. MP Tawakal B. Midtimbang
10. MP Abdullah G. Macapaar
11. MP Nabila Margarita P. Pangandaman

12. MP Amilbahar S. Mawallil
13. MP Sittie Fahanie S. Uy- Oyod
14. MP Rasul E. Ismael

Committee on Environment, Natural Resources, and Energy

Chairperson: MP Tawakal B. Midtimbang

Vice-chairpersons:

1. MP Suharto S. Esmael
2. MP Romeo K. Sema

Members:

1. MP Ramon A. Piang, Sr.
2. MP Tarhata M. Maglangit
3. MP Michael E. Midtimbang
4. MP Said Z. Salendab
5. MP Matarul M. Estino
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11. MP Don Mustapha A. Loong
12. MP Suwaib L. Oranon
13. MP Rasul E. Ismael
14. MP Jaafar Apollo Mikhail L. Matalam

Committee on Indigenous Peoples' Affairs

Chairperson: MP Ramon A. Piang, Sr.

Vice-chairperson: MP Mary Ann M. Arnado

Members:

1. MP Froilyn T. Mendoza
2. MP Raissa H. Jajurie
3. MP Said Z. Salendab
4. MP Anna Tarhata S. Basman
5. MP Kadil M. Sinolinding, Jr.
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9. MP Ali Montaha D. Babao
10. MP Hamid U. Malik
11. MP Susana S. Anayatin
12. MP Laisa M. Alamia
13. MP Don Mustapha A. Loong
14. MP Mohammad Kelie U. Antao

Committee on Human Settlement and Development

Chairperson: MP Don Mustapha A. Loong

Vice Chairperson:

1. MP Baeling S. Mantawil
2. MP Ali O. Salik
3. MP Susana S. Anayatin

Members:

1. MP Eduard U. Guerra
2. MP Diamila D. Ramos
3. MP Abdullah E. Gayak
4. MP Marjanie S. Macasalong
5. MP Aida M. Silongan
6. MP Said M. Shiek

7. MP Mohammad Kelie U. Antao
8. MP John Anthony L. Lim
9. MP Tarhata M. Maglangit
10. MP Albakil D. Jikiri
11. MP Abdullah G. Macapaar
12. MP Laisa M. Alamia
13. MP Jose I. Lorena

Committee on Transportation and Communication

Chairperson: MP Lanang T. Ali, Jr.

Vice-chairpersons:

1. MP Eddie Alih
2. MP Adzfar Usman

Members:

1. MP Suharto M. Ambolodto
2. MP Mohammad S. Yacob
3. MP John Anthony L. Lim
4. MP Haron M. Abas
5. MP Ubaida C. Pacasem
6. MP Baileng S. Mantawil
7. MP Nabila Margarita P. Pangandaman
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11. MP Denmartin A. Kahalan
12. MP Amilbahar S. Mawallil
13. MP Abdulaziz M. Amenoden
14. MP Jaafar Apollo Mikhail L. Matalam

Committee on Bangsamoro Justice System

Chairperson: MP Jose I. Lorena

Vice-chairpersons:

1. MP Sha Elijah B. Dumama-Alba
2. MP Mary Ann M. Arnado

Members:

1. MP Ibrahim D. Ali
2. MP Abdullah E. Gayak
3. MP Abdulwahab M. Pak
4. MP Raissa H. Jajurie
5. MP Anna Tarhata S. Basman
6. MP Ubaida C. Pacasem
7. MP Mohammad S. Yacob
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17. MP Amilbahar S. Mawallil
18. MP Laisa M. Alamia
19. MP Rasol Y. Mitmug, Jr.
20. MP Sittie Fahanie S. Uy-Oyod
21. MP Dan S. Asnawie

Committee on Local Government
Chairperson: MP Raissa H. Jajurie

Vice-chairpersons:

1. MP Benjamin T. Loong
2. MP Mohammad Kelie U. Antao

Members:

1. MP Mohagher M. Iqbal
2. MP Kadil M. Sinolinding, Jr.
3. MP Ramon A. Piang, Sr.
4. MP Marjanie S. Macasalong
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25. MP Ishak V. Mastura
26. MP Sittie Fahanie S. Uy-Oyod

MANIFESTATION OF MP SEMA (R)

MP Sema (R) manifested that he refused to be a member of Committee on Labor and Employment.

DEFERMENT OF CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body deferred the constitution Committee on Labor and Employment.

CLARIFICATORY QUERY OF MP LOONG (B)

MP Loong (B) sought clarification as to whether deputy speakers are *ex officio* members of all the committees to which the Chair responded in affirmative, adding that the speaker and the majority floor leader are also *ex officio* members.

MANIFESTATIONS OF MP SANGKI

MP Sangki manifested his intent to be a member of the Committee on Environment, Natural Resources, and Energy; Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, and Agrarian Reform; Committee on Indigenous Peoples' Affairs; and Committee on Local Government.

MANIFESTATION OF MP MENDOZA

MP Mendoza manifested that she wanted to be included in the sectors that she represent such as Indigenous Peoples' Code, Local Government Code, Electoral Code, Justice, and Security. She opined that those committees have connections on what she represents.

MANIFESTATION OF MP CANDAO

Due to personal reasons, MP Candao manifested that she does not want her name to be included in all committees at that point of time. She said that she would be sending her formal request to the Office of the Parliament Speaker.

MANIFESTATION OF MP SEMA (R)

MP Sema (R) manifested that he declined to be vice-chairperson of Committee on Environment, Natural Resources, and Energy.

He also manifested that he withdrew his membership or vice-chairmanship in the Committee on Environment Natural Resources and Energy, explaining that he respects the Government of the day and the leadership of the MILF in deciding the chairmanship of committees in the Parliament.

MANIFESTATION OF USMAN

MP Usman manifested to settle as a member of the Committee on Transportation and Communication and he respectfully declined the position as vice-chairperson.

MANIFESTATION OF MP UTTO

MP Utto expressed his heartfelt thanks for being a member of some committees in the Parliament, stating that he would then be part of the Moral Governance in the BARMM.

CLARIFICATORY OF QUESTION OF MP MENDOZA

MP Mendoza inquired why MP Arnado was the vice chairperson of the Committee on Indigenous Peoples' Affairs where in fact there were only two non-Moro Indigenous People who were members of the chamber.

MANIFESTATION OF MP MENDOZA

MP Mendoza manifested her desire to be part of the member of the Committee on Indigenous People.

REMARK OF THE CHAIR

The Chair reminded the Body that the main purpose of approving the constitution of different committees is for the committees to start transacting their businesses. He remarked that any Members may request the Majority Floor Leader in writing their intent to be included or not as member of a certain committee.

MANIFESTATION OF MP CANDAO

MP Candao manifested that she was acknowledging the statement of MP Sema (R) that he has the right to express his emotions. However, she expressed her view that she would like also to acknowledge the efforts of Interim Chief Minister Ahod B. Ebrahim and all the leaders in BARMM who were doing their best in institutionalizing the unity

and reconciliation. She added that the leadership of BARMM has always been very inclusive and it has been very open to reconciliation on peace and unity.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY

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

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the consideration of the Resolution No. 2 which was earlier treated as simple resolution, entitled:

Proposed Resolution No. 02

A RESOLUTION RE-AFFIRMING THE CONSENSUS OF THE BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY (BTA) ON THE APPOINTMENT OF *SHIEK KHALIFA USMAN NANDO* AS THE *WALI* OF THE BANGSAMORO GOVERNMENT, PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11054, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE BANGSAMORO ORGANIC LAW

Author: MP Baintan A. Ampatuan

Co-authors: MPs Amilbahar S. Mawallil, Laisa M. Alamia, Suharto M. Ambolodto, Rasol Y. Mitmug, Jr., Don Mustapha A. Loong, and Rasul E. Ismael

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF MP AMPATUAN

In sponsoring Proposed Resolution No. 2, MP Ampatuan delivered the following speech:

Bismillahi rahmani raheem. Assalamu alaykum warahmatullahi ta'ala wabarakatuh. Peace be upon all of you.

To the Speaker, the Members of this Parliament, the secretariat, guests, ladies and gentlemen, good afternoon.

Section 1, Article VIII of our Bangsamoro Organic Law, the BOL for brevity, provides for the appointment of the Wali, who shall serve as the ceremonial head of the Bangsamoro Government.

Shiek Khalifa Usman Nando has served as Wali since his appointment last 2019. He possesses the qualifications of Wali as provided under Section 2, Article VIII of the BOL.

Furthermore, Section 4 of the same provision provides for the oath and term of office of the Wali. The first Wali, who shall hold office for three (3) years, shall be appointed by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority through a resolution reflecting its consensus. The Wali shall take his oath of office before a duly authorized officer...

By virtue of Republic Act No. 11593, the transition period was extended and the Bangsamoro Transition Authority was charged to continue as the interim government in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), which shall serve until June 30, 2025. Thus, it can be deemed that the Wali shall also serve for another three years.

As the ceremonial head of the Bangsamoro, the Office of the Wali, led by Shiek Nando, has continuously fulfilled its office's ceremonial functions. It has also involved itself in related projects, such as Ramadhan and Qur'an Symposium. The Sheik and his office have been working with utmost dedication and commitment to its office's duties for the Bangsamoro.

In line with the recently conducted inauguration of the Second Bangsamoro Transition Authority, and with the election of the different officers of the Parliament, along with the requirement under our Organic Law that the Wali shall be appointed by the BTA through a resolution reflecting our consensus, it is but proper that the Wali's appointment be confirmed by this august body through this legislative measure.

Thus, I humbly ask for the approval and adoption of this measure, so that the Wali may also take his oath of office.

Shukran, jazakallahu khairan, and wassalam.

OPENING OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATION

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

INTERPELLATIONS OF MP RAMOS

MP Ramos asked the process of selecting and appointing the Wali particularly in the context of extension of the transition as provided in the Bangsamoro Organic Law, to which MP Ampatuan replied that it is provided under Section 1, Article 8 of the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL) which provides that the Parliament shall issue a Resolution on the basis of nomination or by appointment of the Chief Minister.

As to whether Section 1, Article VIII of the BOL states that a list of names shall be submitted by the Council of Leaders to the Parliament before a Resolution would be passed by the Parliament, MP Ampatuan replied affirmatively.

MP Ramos inquired from the proponent on the use of the word “reaffirmation” in the resolution. MP Ampatuan replied that in the first BTA, they issued Resolution No. 1 which affirms the appointment of Sheikh Khalifa Nando, thus she said that they were reaffirming it because they are still in the extension period.

As to whether the consensus of the BTA could already give rise to the reappointment of the Wali even without the endorsement from the Council of Leaders, MP Ampatuan replied that Resolution no. 1, series of 2019 is the precedent of the current Resolution.

MP Ramos sought clarification on whether they could do away with the submission of names of nominees of Wali from the Council of Leaders if they would pass the Resolution. MP Ampatuan replied that the resolution would be needed to legitimize the actions that have been done in their Session No. 1. MP Ampatuan stressed that they are still in the interim government and still reconstituting all the systems, processes and structures, and that can not do them all together at a time.

MP Ramos clarified that she had no objection to the appointment of the Wali. Then she reminded the Body about the provision in the BOL which according to her is their bible.

At this juncture, MP Sema (OY) objected to the statement of MP Ramos that the BOL is the bible of the Members of the Parliament. He clarified that the BOL is not their bible but their basic law. He then manifested that he was waiting for the option of the Chief Minister on the matter and reserved his vote for the resolution.

MP Ampatuan stated that what happened during the inaugural session was an acknowledgment that the Body was in need of a Wali who is Sheikh Khalifa Usman Nando.

At this time, the Chair commented that the Body is still in the transition period of establishing the regular Bangsamoro Government. He said that Article VIII of the BOL shall be applied when they have a regular Bangsamoro Government.

MANIFESTATION OF MP BABAO

In contrary to what MP Sema (OY) stated that they should have waited for the Chief Minister on that matter, MP Babao supported the passage of the Proposed Resolution No. 02 and moved for its approval. Then he suggested to include the word “confirmation” on the consensus of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority on the appointment of Sheikh Khalifa Usman Nando as the Wali. He added that it is within the exclusive power of the Chief Minister to appoint such position. He explained that it would be difficult for the Body if they waited for the constitution of the Council of Leaders because the role of the Wali in the Parliament is important because he was the one who convened the session.

MANIFESTATION OF MP MIDTIMBANG (T)

MP Midtimbang (T) supported Proposed Resolution No. 02, stating that Shiekh Khalifa Usman Nando is a senior member of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF).

MANIFESTATION OF MP ALIH

MP Alih manifested that the Parliament should have a Wali. He stated that he support MP Ampatuan on the passage of the resolution. He then manifested his willingness to co-author Proposed Resolution No. 2.

INTERPELLATION OF MP BASMAN

MP Basman inquired whether Section 6, Title II, Book III of the Bangsamoro Administrative Code applies on the matter. MP Ampatuan replied that she acknowledged the provision of Bangsamoro Administrative Code. However, MP Ampatuan stated that Section 4, Article VIII of the BOL is not amended by the Bangsamoro Administrative

Code and should not be amended because it is only the Congress who can amend that particular provision. MP Ampatuan then expressed her view that the term of the first Wali should be three years only.

MP Basman stated that the interpretation of the previous BTA Parliament was that the term of the Wali was three years but also subject to the ascension of his successor. She pointed out that she did not object to the approval of the resolution.

MANIFESTATION OF MP TAGO

MP Tago manifested that the Wali they were discussing was for the BTA. He added that the Wali as stated in the BOL is for the regular Bangsamoro Government and needs the nomination of the Council of Leaders. He stated that the Wali of the BTA would continue his function until his successor shall have been designated or appointed. He then manifested his support for the resolution.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATION

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

OPENING OF PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

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

AMENDMENT OF MP ESMAEL

MP Esmael proposed an amendment that all Members of the Parliament present in the session hall would be made co-authors of Proposed Resolution No. 02.

The proposed amendment was accepted by the proponent, MP Ampatuan.

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.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 02

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body approved Proposed Resolution No. 02, subject to style.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At 3:14 p.m., the Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:53 p.m. the session was resumed.

At this juncture, the Presiding officer, MP Ali (L) Jr., relinquished the Chair to MP Sema (OY).

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 13

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the consideration of Proposed Resolution No. 13 which was earlier treated as simple resolution, entitled:

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHIES TO THE BEREAVED ROYAL FAMILY OF QUEEN ELIZABETH ALEXANDRA MARY OR QUEEN ELIZABETH II OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND OTHER COMMONWEALTH REALMS AND RECOGNIZING HER LEGACY AS THE LONGEST-SERVING MONARCH IN BRITISH HISTORY

Author: MP Lanang T. Ali, Jr.

Co-authors: MPs Bai Maleiha B. Candao, Eddie M. Alih, Froilyn T. Mendoza, Ishak V. Mastura, Khalid M. Hadji Abdullah, Baileng S. Mantawil, Diamila D. Ramos, Ramon A. Piang, Sr., Jaafar Apollo Mikhail L. Matalam, Mary Ann M. Arnado, Basit S. Abbas, and Nabila Margarita P. Pangandaman

ADDITIONAL CO-AUTHORS ON PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 13

MP Ali (L) Jr., manifested for the inclusion Members of the Parliament Omar Yasser Sema, Jose I. Lorena, Nabil A. Tan, Laisa A. Alamia, Paisalin P. Tago and Baintan A. Ampatuan as Principal Authors of Proposed Resolution No. 13.

OMNIBUS MOTION OF MP DUMAMA-ALBA

On omnibus motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the period of interpellations and debate and the period of amendment.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 13

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body approved Proposed Resolution No. 13, subject to style.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session.

It was 3:55 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:55 p.m., the session was resumed.

At this juncture, the Presiding Officer relinquished the Chair to MP Ali (L) Jr.

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 28

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the consideration of Proposed Resolution No. 28, entitled:

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR RULES, PROCEDURES, AND PRACTICES OF THE BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY PARLIAMENT

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

OPENING OF PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

Upon motion of the MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body opened the period of interpellations for Proposed Resolution No. 28.

INTERPELLATIONS OF MP AMPATUAN

As a general rule, MP Ampatuan asked whether the Body would be named as the BTA Parliament or Bangsamoro Parliament. MP Dumama-Alba responded that they should maintain naming themselves with BTA Parliament because they were inaugurated as the Bangsamoro Transition Authority but they act in exercise of their legislative function as Parliament.

On Section 3, Rule I, MP Ampatuan asked whether they should maintain the Majority Floor Leader and the Minority Floor Leader in the Parliament to which MP Dumama-Alba responded in the affirmative.

MP Ampatuan inquired if the process they have undertaken on the election of Majority Floor Leader during the inaugural session was the same process provided in Section 3, Rule III to which MP Dumama-Alba responded in the affirmative.

As to whether the set up they were doing that some Members of Parliament attending the session via Zoom was the reflection of Section 6, Rule III, MP Dumama-Alba replied that it was different from what they were observing, stating that it was just a proposal in the proposed rules. However, MP Dumama-Alba explained that they were still following or observing the old rules that they provisionally adopted for the purposes of the session.

When MP Ampatuan commented that their set up was not governed by the rules, MP Dumama-Alba clarified that their set up was sanctioned by the existing rules.

At this point, the Chair remarked that when the previous BTA Parliament approved the provisions of the Rules pertaining to the conduct of video conferencing, they agreed that it was temporary. He stated that if the *force majeure* or national emergency would end, then they would be back to normal where Members of Parliament would be required to appear physically.

As to whether Section 4 (j), Rule IV is a new rule or from the old Rules, MP Dumama-Alba responded that it was lifted from the old Rules.

In Section 6, Rule IV, MP Ampatuan sought clarification on the process of removing a Member from the Majority. MP Dumama-Alba responded that it would be officially in writing.

As to whether Section 1, Rule VII is a new rule or an old rule, MP Dumama-Alba responded that it is a new rule.

On whether Section 2, Rule VIII is a new rule or an old rule, MP Dumama-Alba replied that it is an old rule with minor re-languaging. As to the reason “*as far as practicable*” was used, MP Dumama-Alba replied that they are flexible in the idea that it is humanly possible to prepare Order of Business at least 3 days before the commencement of session. However, MP Dumama-Alba added that there is no reliable technology or internet connection that they could utilize at the moment. MP Dumama-Alba stressed that “*as far as practicable*” should always be based on reason and not as an excuse.

MP Ampatuan asked if Section 3, Rule XI is a new rule or an old rule. MP Dumama-Alba responded that it is an old rule but it was reworded.

On Sections 3 and 4, Rule VII, MP Ampatuan sought clarification on the reason the members of the committees were not even and why the Special Committee on Marawi was not included.

At this time, the Chair informed the Body that they decided in the Committee on Rules to amend the composition of the membership of committees. He then reminded them that the Rules could be amended anytime.

MANIFESTATION OF MP AMPATUAN

MP Ampatuan manifested that she would propose amendments on the following provisions of the Proposed Resolution No. 28 in due time:

1. Section 2, Rule III;
2. Section 3, Rule III;
3. Section 4, Rule IV;

4. Section 5, Rule IV; and
5. Section 4, Rule VI

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of the MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded, and there being no objection, the session was suspended until the following day.

It was 5:05 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

On September 22, 2022, at 1:56 p.m., the session was resumed with MP Sema (OY) presiding.

INVOCATION

MP Shiek led the invocation.

MANIFESTATION OF THE CHAIR

The Chair manifested that he would no longer be assuming as the chairperson of the Committee on Science and Technology as ordered by the Chief Minister, Ahod B. Ebrahim, and being a good soldier, he would abide by the order.

He also manifested that to make the process orderly, those who would want to speak from the right side of the room should use the right rostrum and vice versa those who would want to speak from the left side should speak on the left rostrum.

AMENDMENTS TO THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body included the following in the Order of Business:

Proposed Resolutions

1. Proposed Resolution No. 03, entitled:

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND EXTENDING PROFOUND GRATITUDE TO HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT FERDINAND “BONGBONG” ROMUALDEZ MARCOS JR. FOR HONORING AND SUSTAINING THE GAINS OF PEACE AGREEMENTS WHICH LED

TO THE UNPRECEDENTED UNIFICATION OF THE MORO
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Don Mustapha A. Loong, Suharto M. Ambolodto, and Rasu; E. Ismael

2. Proposed Resolution No. 34, entitled:

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND GRATITUDE AND SINCERE
CONDOLENCES OF THE BANGSAMORO PARLIAMENT ON THE
DEATH OF ABDULWALID “Jimmy” M. RADIAMODA, 122nd BASE
COMMANDER

Authors: MPs Ali B. Solaiman, Said M. Shiek, Basit S. Abbas, Abdullah G.
Macapaar, Marjanie S. Macasalong, and Amroussi A. Macatanong

Privilege Hour

1. MP Mohagher M. Iqbal
2. MP Abdullah B. Hashim
3. MP Amilbahar S. Mawallil
4. MP Laisa M. Alamia
5. MP Eddie M. Alih
6. MP Mohammad Kelie U. Antao

Bills on First Reading

1. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 29, entitled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE BANGSAMORO ELECTORAL CODE OF
THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM
MINDANAO

Author: The Government of the Day

2. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 30, entitled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE BANGSAMORO LOCAL GOVERNANCE
CODE

Author: The Government of the Day

3. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 31, entitled:

AN ACT CREATING THE BANGSAMORO REGIONAL INSTITUTE FOR
HIGHER ISLAMIC STUDIES, REPEALING MUSLIM MINDANAO
AUTONOMY ACT NO. 164, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
REGIONAL MADRASAH GRADUATE EDUCATION ACT OF 2003,
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Author: The Government of the Day

4. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 32, entitled:

AN ACT PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS OF THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO, PROVIDING MECHANISMS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Author: The Government of the Day

5. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 33, entitled:

AN ACT CREATING THE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF THE BANGSAMORO (EDCB), DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Author: The Government of the Day

6. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 34, entitled:

AN ACT CREATING THE BANGSAMORO DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Author: The Government of the Day

7. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 35, entitled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BANGSAMORO MEMORIAL MARKER AND ECO-PARK IN CAMP ABUBAKAR, MUNICIPALITY OF BARIRA, MAGUINDANAO TO HONOR THE SHUHADA/MARTYRS OF THE BANGSAMORO STRUGGLE WHO GAVE AND SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES FOR THE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND FREEDOM OF THE BANGSAMORO, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Author: The Government of the Day

8. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 36, entitled:

AN ACT TO DECLARE THE BURIAL SITE OF THE LATE SHEIKH SALAMAT HASHIM, MILF FOUNDING CHAIRMAN, AND THE LATE ALIM ABDUL AZIZ MIMBANTAS, MILF VICE CHAIRMAN & VICE CHAIRMAN FOR MILITARY AFFAIRS, AS “HASHIM AND MIMBANTAS MEMORIAL SITE”, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE SAME, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Author: The Government of the Day

9. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 37, entitled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BANGSAMORO SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Author: The Government of the Day

10. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 38, entitled:

AN ACT CREATING OFFICES FOR SPECIAL GEOGRAPHIC AREAS (SGA),
DEFINING ITS MANDATE, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Author: The Government of the Day

11. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 39, entitled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BANGSAMORO AGRICULTURE AND
FISHERIES TRAINING INSTITUTE

Author: The Government of the Day

12. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 40, entitled:

AN ACT DECLARING MAY 2 OF EVERY YEAR AS BATTLE OF BAYANG
DAY IN COMMEMORATION OF THE HEROIC SACRIFICES MADE
BY THE SULTAN OF BAYANG AND HIS PEOPLE AGAINST THE
ATROCITIES COMMITTED BY THE AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY
FORCES

Author: The Government of the Day

13. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 41, entitled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BUFFER FUND TO DEFRAID THE COST FOR
THE TIMELY PAYMENT OF SALARIES AND OTHER
REMUNERATION OF WORKERS OR PERSONNEL OF
NATIONALLY FUNDED PROGRAMS DEPLOYED IN THE
BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO
UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF ITS MINISTRIES AND OFFICES,
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Author: The Government of the Day

14. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 42, entitled:

AN ACT STRENGTHENING IRRIGATION SYSTEMS IN THE
BANGSAMORO REGION AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Author: The Government of the Day

15. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 43, entitled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE ADMINISTRATIVE CAPITAL OF THE
BANGSAMORO GOVERNMENT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
PARANG, PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO, APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Author: The Government of the Day

16. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 44, entitled:

AN ACT CREATING A BANGSAMORO VETERAN
MUJAHIDEEN/MUJAHIDAT AFFAIRS OFFICE, DEFINING ITS

BASIC ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE, PROVIDING FUNDS
THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Author: The Government of the Day

MANIFESTATION OF MP AMBOLODITO

MP Ambolodto manifested that he noticed they started with Proposed Resolution No. 34 instead of Proposed Resolution Nos. 1 to 33. He then expressed his view that the proposed resolutions might have been omitted.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At 2:00 p.m., on motion of MP Dumama-Alba, the Chair suspended the session.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 2:01 p.m., the session was resumed.

REMARK OF MP AMBOLODITO

MP Ambolodto remarked that he yielded to the articulate and profound explanation of MP Dumama-Alba, adding that he was no longer insisting to include Proposed Resolution Nos. 1 to 33.

PROPOSED SIMPLE RESOLUTIONS

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

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PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF MP IQBAL

MP Iqbal delivered the following privilege speech:

Bismillahir rahmanir raheem.

Assalamu 'alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh

Mr. Speaker, Deputy speakers; Majority Floor Leaders. Respective members of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority; Friends, partners, stakeholders, ladies, and gentlemen: Isang mapagpalang hapon sa ating lahat..

Mr. Speaker, I stand again today in this august hall to express what my heart has been longing to equivocate these past few days. My speech is entitled “Convergence for the future of the Bangsamoro.”

Moro history is replete with the tears, blood, and sweat of our people. This is culminated by the long years of armed struggles waged by our people against the colonizers and repressive forces of the “imperial Manila”. Mindanao and Sulu have always been the battleground for centuries. I cannot cite any time and instance in the past where our people had lived in real peace and tranquility. Our history is a history of wars.

For decades if not for centuries, this life-threatening situation of our people had been unknown to the outside world or kept under wraps by the national government. It was the carnage in Corregidor in Cavite known as Jabidah Massacre in March 1968 that unfurled the curtain allowing the whole world to know the bloody mess happening to our people. The massacre was truly a game-changer for the Bangsamoro people. They have concluded beyond reasonable doubt that under the Filipino flag they have no future.

A year after, the MNLF was born with the strong support of the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) and several Muslim states and leaders especially the late Muammar Gaddafi of Libya. In 1976, the Tripoli Agreement was signed between the MNLF and the Philippine Government.

Without delving into the intricacies and complexities of the situation because it is a thing of the past or a water under the bridge, the signing of this Agreement created a hiatus in the leadership of the MNLF and its members. This, later on led to the formation of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) under the leadership of the late Salamat Hashim.

Indeed, the separation was terribly excruciating, tormenting and troublesome for those who have parted ways with someone so dear to you. At that time, more than our individual or group interests, there couldn't be more supreme than that of the ideology based on Islam and of insuring the best interest of the Bangsamoro people.

Since then, the two fronts took a separate journey. But their pathways have never crossed. The spirit of Islamic brotherhood and the pursuit of the common struggle for right to self-determination kept them fully aware that despite their differences, the higher interest of the Bangsamoro people must always be supreme than any other considerations.

Almighty Allah decreed that on September 15, 2022, the historical convergence of brothers happened after four decades of separation. I am referring to the Inaugural Session of the BTA Parliament where all the key leaders of the MNLF and MILF were present. Chairman Nur Misuari, the main founder of the MNLF, Chairman Muslimin Sema, and MILF Chairman Al Haj Murad Ebrahim all graced the occasion. The reunion was a celebration filled with tears, hugs and happy conversations with no trace of prejudice or hatred but only happiness and longingness. It is indeed true that time heals all wounds.

Allah Subhana Wa Ta Allah says in Surah Al-Hujurat, verse 10: "The believers are nothing but brothers, so make settlement between your brothers. And fear Allah that you may receive mercy."

Muslims, should endure and be patient with his brother Muslim in order to avoid conflicts and further misunderstanding. Surah Al-Anfal, verse 46 states: "And obey Allah and his Messenger and do not dispute and (thus) lose courage and (then) your strength would depart; and be patient. Indeed, Allah is with the patient."

I know, dear colleagues, that you can not help but notice that most leaders of the two fronts are already in the twilight ages of their lives and we don't have so much time. I hope we were able to send a message to the young ones that relationship with our brother will be put to test, tests that are highly unimaginable to surpass. But at the end of the day, learn to forgive and remain steadfast in order to achieve your ultimate goal for the Muslim Ummah.

With this convergence, I see a ray of hope for the Bangsamoro. Allow me to quote one of former US President Franklin Roosevelt's famous quote: "We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future."

With this cooperation, we have shown our detractors that we are invincible. Our bond as brotherhood is our strength not available to some unscrupulous politicians. For one, we have unwavering support and loyalty of our people and to what the Holy Quran commands as well as the practices of Prophet Mohammad, peace be upon him. With this solidarity it will be very difficult for the external forces to crush, break or harm us. In fact, His Excellency, President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. is so proud that he cited in his speech yesterday before the UN General Assembly the success of the Philippine government in forging peace and paths of cooperation that resulted to the success of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

Admittedly, people feel strong and secure in those societies and networks where there are less conflicts and more understanding among its leaders.

Definitely, this will lead to faster growth of society and also to the realization of something bigger and better in this region. Solidarity and cohesiveness are the greatest blessings of Almighty Allah and the major elements of success in every aspect of life, we should nurture and strengthen this for a brighter tomorrow.

With this convergence, we will work together to provide the future generations of what is the best for them so that they will not suffer what their forefathers have suffered due to lack of education, extreme poverty, inequality and injustice. I know that the road towards the realization of this dream is a bumpy one which is full of trials and misgivings. We should always be reminded of Surah Al-Imran, verse 103: “And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided. And remember the favor of Allah upon you. When you were enemies and He brought your hearts together and become, by his favor, brothers. And you were on the edge of a pit of the fire, and saved you from it. Thus, Allah does make clear to you his verses that you may be guided.”

My dear colleagues of this august body, let us remain to be at peace and solidarity with one another so that we will not put to waste the sacrifices of our fallen brothers and sisters. Let us lend a helping hand in one another and continue in our pursuit towards our aspirations and claim all the deliverables of the government under various laws and agreements, for the Bangsamoro People.

Together, not as MILF or MNLF alone but as one brother, we shall reap all gains from the peace process for the betterment of the Bangsamoro People. If there are problems that crop up from time to time, we will handle them in the spirit of brotherhood and reconciliation.

May Allah Subhanahu Wa Ta Allah, grant us the wisdom and courage to overcome whatever tests ahead of us. Insha Allah.

Thank you, wassalam.

SUSPENSION OF THE SESSION

At 2:19 p.m., on motion of MP Dumama-Alba, the Chair declared a suspension of the session.

RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION

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

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF MP HASHIM

Given the privilege hour, MP Hashim delivered his speech as follows:

ونستغفره، ونستعينه نحمده لله، الحمد إن

Verily, all praise is due to Allah, we praise Him and we seek His assistance and ask for His forgiveness.

أعمالنا، سيئات ومن أنفسنا شرور من بالله ونعوذ

And we seek refuge in Allaah from the evils of our own selves and from the evils of our actions.

له، هادي فلا يضلل ومن له، مضل فلا الله يهده من

Whoever Allaah guides, there is no one that can leave him astray, and whoever is led astray, there is no guide for him.

ورسوله عبده محمدا أن وأشهد له، شريك لا وحده الله إلا إله لا أن وأشهد

I bear witness that there is no deity that has the right to be worshipped in truth except Allaah alone with no partner, and I bear witness that Muhammad is His servant and Messenger.

بعد أما:

As for what follows:

Assalaamu 'alaykum warahmatullaahi wabarakaatuh.

May the peace, mercy, and blessings of Allaah be upon you all.

Mr. Speaker, my courtesies, and greetings of peace to Speaker Atty. Pangaliam Balindong, Majority Floor Leader Atty. Sha Elijah Dumama-Alba, Deputy Speakers, Deputy Majority Floor Leaders, fellow Members of the Parliament, and all those who are present.

Mr. speaker,

الْمُؤْمِنِينَ تَنْفَعُ الذِّكْرَىٰ فَإِنَّ وَذِكْرُ

“And remind; for indeed, the reminder benefits the believers.”

Thus, I stand before you to remind this august body of an important matter. A matter of which we would not be here if not for its existence and promise, bi idhnillaah (by Allaah's permission). Peace - ladies and gentlemen, honorable members of this august body.

We would not be here today bi idhnillaah if not for the choice of our leaders to pursue the path of peace. It is not an easy path, as mentioned by our dear President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. But our leaders, after decades of struggle, chose this path, chose the path of compromise, cooperation, and dialogue. It is just befitting that we take this path of peace that our elders have chosen, and align ourselves with it, and Allaah forbid, not become an obstruction to it wal 'ayathubillaah (and we seek refuge from Allaah from that).

It is also fitting to be reminded of this as we begin a new chapter of the BTA, which is just a part, albeit a very important one, of the overall peace process. It is also befitting that we begin this chapter in this month of September, which is the “National Peace Consciousness Month”.

Mr. Speaker, due to Presidential Proclamation No. 675, s. in 2004, we celebrated in every month of September the “National Peace Consciousness Month”. A month wherein this Presidential Proclamation seeks to, and I quote “instill greater consciousness and understanding among the Filipino people on the comprehensive peace process... sustain institutional and popular support for... this effort” end of quote.

Mr. Speaker, as stated in our mother law, it is also one of our general principles and policies to “promote unity, peace, justice, and goodwill among all peoples”.

Mr. Speaker, we also remind ourselves that not only did our leaders have chosen the path of peace, but also they chose the path of unity as well, as is reflected now in this august chamber. We remind ourselves that just last September 15, a historic inaugural session has transpired before us. It was His Excellency President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.'s first visit to the Bangsamoro Government Center. It was H.E. affirmation of his support to the peace process and the BARMM. Not only that, but we have seen before our very eyes our leaders and elders in the struggle, side by side, pursuing the path of peace and unity.

Mr. Speaker, one of the greatest blessings which Allaah gives to a servant is the blessing of safety, peace, and security in the society.

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said:

الدُّنْيَا لَهُ جِزْرٌ فَكَأَنَّهَا يَوْمَهُ قُوْثٌ عِنْدَهُ سِرْبُهُ فِي أَمْنًا جَسَدِهِ فِي مُعَافَى مِنْكُمْ أَصْبَحَ مَنْ

“Whoever among you wakes up physically healthy, feeling safe and secure within himself, with food for the day, it is as if he acquired the whole world”.

Indeed, peace, and the blessing of safety and security is very important in Islam, regardless of what misguided individuals or groups may portray.

Mr. Speaker, the Sharee’ah seeks to preserve five: sound religious practice, life, sanity, the family, and personal and communal wealth. These five would not be preserved without the blessing of peace, safety and security. Pious Muslims seek to apply their religion, but this cannot be done without knowledge. As Imaam Al-Bukhaarii (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) said: “knowledge precedes speech and action”. But this knowledge cannot be obtained without the blessing of peace, safety and security. Islaam and the Muslim world flourished in the decades past due to long periods of peace, safety and security. Jihaad was established by some of those Muslim states of the past, yes, but mostly as a means of self-defense in preservation of this peace, safety and security, not as a platform for terror and chaos, as Islaam seeks order and serenity. Indeed terrorism, religious extremism, and religious innovation have instead further eroded this blessing and contributed to the decline of the Muslim world in general.

Therefore Mr. Speaker, I encourage and remind myself and my fellow honorable colleagues as well the Bangsamoro as a whole to help one another in doing good as Allaah commanded, including the preservation of this peace that we are currently having right now. We must transform our society into a peace-loving, God-fearing and law-abiding society. This must manifest in our policies, constituency works, dialogues, engagements, programs and services.

Mr. Speaker, let us all walk the path of peace, unity, and cooperation. I ask Allaah to guide us and guide our leaders to the straight path.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF MP MAWALLIL

Given the privilege hour, MP Mawallil delivered his speech as follows:

Mr. Speaker, fellow members of parliament, Assalumalaikum. I rise on a matter of personal and collective privilege-- as a colleague and member of this chamber, and as a representative of the people that we all hold dear.

I would like, Mr. Speaker, to first of all congratulate you on your unanimous election as leader of our august body. This is the first time that such a phenomenon has happened in our young parliament; I doubt that such a display of solidarity and collective resolve happens very often even in other, more mature democracies.

As you know, Mr. Speaker, I do not take the floor very often, and this is the first time I am speaking in plenary in this particular iteration of our parliament.

Alam din ng marami sa inyo: Bahagi ako ng minority noong nakaraang administrasyon. Ngunit pinili kong sumapi sa mayorya at ihalal kayo bilang pinuno sa pagkakataong ito nang dahil sa ilang paninindigan.

Una: Para sa akin, hindi lang slogan ang "One Bangsamoro, One BTA." I consider it my duty to live out with my actions and principles the words that come out of my mouth. And I say now without pretense and in utmost sincerity, Mr. Speaker: Naniniwala ako na kung hindi magkakaisa ang BTA, maaantala ang paglalakbay ng buong Bangsamoro tungo sa ating mga adhikain. We tread more quickly, more efficiently, and with greater purpose if we all look towards the same horizon.

Ikalawa, Mr. Speaker: In my short time so far as a member of this parliament, I have come to know many from across the political aisle. At bagaman minsan may mga dipagkakaintindihan, bagaman minsan may tensyon sa mga usapan, namulat ako nitong mga nakaraang taon: Magkakahayan ang pangarap natin para sa Bangsamoro. Most of us have the same dreams, and most of have the same intentions: To see our people flourish. To have the next generation wake up not to the sound of crashing mortars or the scent of gunpowder, but to peaceful, quiet mornings, where they have food on the table, enjoy laughter with their loved ones, and pursue a future brimming with human potential.

Gusto kong idiin sa lahat ng nandito, Mr. Speaker, na miski noong mga panahong nasa minority ako, hindi ko nakalimutan na ito ang mga pangarap at intensyon ng nakararami sa atin. And now that we stand solid as One BTA, I will continue to default to this faith in my colleagues. We may wear different party colors, and consider ourselves allies of different personalities in Manila or elsewhere, but here, in this chamber, in this land of our Moro forebears, I firmly believe that we stand united in our dreams.

And so allow me to preempt myself, Mr. Speaker: There will be times that I and some colleagues from the former minority will speak passionately about issues dear to our hearts-- when we ask, for example, for equipment for our hospitals, for extra beds in their wards, or when we take positions about issues close to our hearts. May mga pagkakataon na ilalagay namin ang buong puso namin sa bulwagang ito.

Sa mga panahong ito, Mr. Speaker, ang hiling namin, huwag sana natin itong masamain. Alalahanin natin na nagsasalita kami hindi para sa sarili namin, pero para sa "One Bangsamoro"-- sa mga taumbayang pinagsisilbihan nating lahat. When we ask questions, when we cannot help but raise our voices, remember, please, that all we are doing is pleading the case for the people who are not here-- people who need care and medicine and shelter and laws that will make their burdens a little lighter, their lives a bit better. We plead only for the people that we all, as one body, collectively represent.

This is what it means to be a parliament. Tandaan natin, Mr. Speaker, na ito ang ginusto nating uri ng pamahalaan. We demanded this parliamentary system in the BOL, and the one thread that is common among all functioning parliaments around the world is that on the floor, every voice is heard. Sa House of Lords at sa House of Commons ng Inglatera, sa Diet ng Japan, sa bawat Senado at Kongreso sa buong mundo, diskurso ang pamamaraan. Minsan nagdedebate, minsan nagkakataasan ng boses, minsan may naha-highblood o naiiyak o napapagtawanan-- pero lagi, napapakinggan ang lahat. Hindi ba ganito naman mag-usap ang tunay na magkakahayan, ang tunay na magkakaibigan, ang tunay na magkakapatid?

I am confident, Mr. Speaker, that in this united BTA, we will all treat each other as brothers and sisters worth listening to. And through this-- through listening to each other, trusting each other's intentions, and forging our laws and resolutions in the fires of debate-- I look forward to building a more inclusive, more progressive Bangsamoro region with all of you.

Again, Mr. Speaker, congratulations. I commit myself to supporting the BTA leadership under you and under our honorable Chief Minister-- knowing that your success means the success of this entire chamber, which redounds likewise to the success of our region and our people.

Maraming salamat, at magandang araw sa inyong lahat.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF MP ALAMIA

Given the privilege hour, MP Alamia delivered her speech as follows:

Our memories always find their way to the work that we do. In making decisions, both personal and political, what always comes to mind is a memory that will inevitably define our position or course of action. These memories serve as reminders of what is important to us, not only as public servants who make policy decisions on a daily basis, but as individuals who share in the struggles and triumphs of the Bangsamoro communities that raised us into the people we are today.

As we begin the work that awaits us in the next three years, I call upon each and every one of us to remember what brought us into the halls of this Parliament, and what we bring with us from beyond these walls built on the backs of our people. The memories that first come to mind as we face our daily tasks are a sobering reminder of who we are and whom we dedicate our work to.

What memories do we remember when we work? Who do we remember? Ano po ang naaalala natin kapag nandito tayo sa loob ng session hall? Ano po ang naaalala natin kapag nagtatrabaho na tayo at nagdedebate?

It would serve us very well to remember that the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao – the BARMM – was established as a response to our people’s assertion of the right to self-determination and our just calls for transitional justice and reconciliation. Everything we do must be an unequivocal affirmation of these things, otherwise we are setting ourselves and our communities up for failure – a failure we cannot afford, especially given the constraints we have to work with, for better or for worse.

In 2019, when many of us first took our seats as members of parliament, we knew for a fact that we only had three years to build and reinforce the legal and practical foundation on which the Bangsamoro regional government will be built. We had our sights set on seven legislative priorities, namely the creation of offices necessary for the BARMM bureaucracy, administrative code, civil service code, education code, electoral code, indigenous peoples code, internal revenue code, and local government code.

During the pandemic that plagued the first three years of our political transition, we worked hard to fulfill our duties despite the unprecedented challenges we have had to face in the process. The political transition is already difficult enough as it is, even without a global pandemic that shocked even the richest nations into a standstill. Through our collective efforts, we managed to deliver goods and services with a sense of urgency and accountability to our communities. We did well, and yet we also know that it is far from enough. We, the BARMM Government, tried to do our best, pero alam nating kulang pa rin. We only managed to pass half of the priority bills, many of them filed halfway into our term but failed to move forward in the legislative process.

Mr. Speaker, it is now 2022, and the parliament is once again made up of presidential appointees, with another three years of working on the success of the BARMM’s political transition ahead of us. If there is anything that the first three years of

the political transition has taught us, it is that there is never enough time to do everything that we want to do for our people, not when we have spent our entire lives imagining what can and must be done for the Bangsamoro.

What our people demand, however, are results. Ito po ang sinasabi ng mga tao, ng ating constituents: resulta. We cannot waste our time on mere imagining, when there is always work to be done. We cannot waste our time on mere conversation, when there is always action that must be taken. Our people demand to feel that our struggle has begun to bear fruit, and to know that the time for harvest is near. We cannot reap a full harvest if we refuse to engage in the difficult work of tending to the dreams we have planted together, making sure that our dreams take root in a way that runs deep and spreads wide across the land we have fought for.

We do not have the luxury of time, fellow members of parliament. We are, indeed, blessed to stand in these halls to represent our people, but we are working on borrowed time. We have spoken about our people's needs and struggles at length during our committee hearings, speaking engagements, and parliament sessions, but our peoples' struggles are not mere talking points for us to discuss and debate about as if we have time that stretches infinitely in front of us. Our lived realities are not mere teaching moments that we share with a willing audience. Our lived realities are reminders of what must change for the better, if we are to deliver the promise of autonomy and self-determination.

Our memory must be unflinching and uncompromising, if we are to look at the future with a clear vision of what we can and must do for the Bangsamoro. Every time we walk into the halls of parliament, let us remember what the past three years were like – what we have accomplished and what we could have done better, what we have delivered and what we could have provided sooner.

The past three years prior to our recent appointment into the parliament is something that we must sear into our collective memory. It is what we hold in our hands and carry in our hearts as we stand in the halls of the Bangsamoro Parliament, and the weight we carry must always be unbearable if we are to genuinely represent the people whom we have committed to serve. Otherwise, if the burden feels light, then maybe we are not here for the same reasons at all.

Transitional justice and reconciliation (TJR) is at the core of our people's struggle for autonomy and self-determination. Its importance to the Bangsamoro is such that the first section under RA 11054 or the Bangsamoro Organic Law's article on Basic Rights is devoted to transitional justice. In it, the parliament is expected to commit as it works to "enact a transitional justice mechanism to address the legitimate grievances of the Bangsamoro people and the indigenous peoples, such as historical injustices, human rights violations, and marginalization through unjust dispossession of territorial and proprietary rights and customary land tenure."

The members of the previous parliament recognized and acknowledged this important task. The Bangsamoro Human Rights Commission was, in fact, the first office created by an act of parliament, given its indispensable role in fulfilling the human rights component of TJR until a law establishing TJR mechanism is passed. This commitment to TJR also extends into the process of drafting the priority codes, as the Bangsamoro Education Code carries a provision to uphold and affirm the "historical identity, narratives, and aspirations of the Bangsamoro people."

Three resolutions were also passed in relation to TJR measures, namely Resolution 56 which calls for the creation of a National Transitional Justice and Reconciliation Commission for the Bangsamoro and the formulation and implementation of a transitional justice and reconciliation program at the national level; Resolution 58

which calls for the creation of a regional Transitional Justices and Reconciliation Commission in the BARMM; and Resolution 62 which requires all ministries and offices to annually commemorate the anniversary of the Jabitah Massacre on March 18 as part of the regional government's efforts towards transitional justice.

But, Mr Speaker, resolutions are not laws, and resolutions do not have budget allocations.

It is for this reason that I have drafted previously in the first Parliament and intend to refile all the bills I have submitted to the previous parliament with respect to transitional justice, including the Internally Displaced Persons Rights Bill.

It is my hope that we can work together to enact these bills into law, thus securing regular appropriations for TJR programs that are necessary to making TJR a part of the peoples' everyday life in the Bangsamoro.

I have mentioned that we are working on borrowed time, but we also need to remember that we are working with limited resources. The block grant that currently provides funding for a huge bulk of the regional budget is not forever, and the Mandanas Ruling is set to have an impact on the programs and projects that we will be implementing in coordination with local government units across the region. There are no surprises here, which is why we have no excuse to be unprepared in facing the changes and challenges that await us in the future. There is no excuse for us to not do our due diligence given these shifts in public funding and spending, and we need to be ready and self-sufficient once these changes happen.

We need to take steps in order to ensure that the BARMM will be self-sufficient in the soonest possible time. Wala na po tayong panahon. Ang block grant ay hindi forever. This is what it means to have a federal parliamentary system, and this is the essence of a government that embodies our peoples' right to autonomy and self-determination. That the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao now exists as part of the national political landscape is, for sure, a step towards fulfilling the highest hopes and aspirations of our ancestors, but it does not stop there.

We cannot stop here. We cannot afford to stop, not when the Bangsamoro people are still dreaming of a better future. We cannot sleepwalk our way into a future where just and lasting peace is a reality shared by all of us. We must work, and I look forward to working every single day in the next three years with all of you, with memories of our people's suffering pushing me to be a better parliament member and with the dreams of our youth inspiring me to build a better future with every Bangsamoro, and for every Bangsamoro.

Together, we can do all of this and more.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF MP ALIH

In delivering his privilege speech, MP Alih delivered the following entitled "The Heart of the Bangsamoro Unity":

Bismillah walhamdulillah wassalatu wassalamu ala rasulillah wa ala alihi wa ashabihi ajmain. Amma ba'd.

Our beloved Chief Minister Ahod Balawag Ebrahim, Al-Hajj, distinguished Speaker Pangaliam M. Balindong, Deputy Speakers, Majority Floor Leader Atty. Sha Elijah Biruar Dumama-Alba, Deputy Floor Leaders, esteemed colleagues, other officers

and staff of the Parliament, Secretary General Prof. Raby B. Angkal, members of the Secretariat, guests, ladies and gentlemen, Assalamu'alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.

Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of personal and collective privilege to speak before you today to stress a very critical point as this august body moves forward in the attainment of the Bangsamoro dream - and that point is unity. More specifically - the heart of the Bangsamoro Unity.

Stymied by Disunity

History does not repeat itself. We repeat history. Let's just get that out of the way at the very outset. We've been held back by disunity for so long that it became unclear why we've been divided in the first place. Going through the pages of history, I've realized three things:

- 1. Our Ummah or nation is unstoppable when it is united;*
- 2. External forces are incessantly at work to divide us; and*
- 3. We've repeatedly fallen to this trap and tactic.*

Unless we learn from the past, we are bound to repeat it. I still talk to the young generations today about the golden age of the Bangsamoro struggle. A time when we were at our peak as a nation despite not having any form of autonomy back then. We were a force to reckon with because we were fighting for a cause bigger than ourselves. It was an amazing era to behold. The Philippine government recognized it and the world was in awe of this phenomenon. International books, articles, and literatures were written about how the brave Moro men of the Philippines have been engaged in jihad for centuries in pursuit of the God-given right of self-determination. How we were never conquered and how we have achieved so much with sheer determination and faith. That was only possible because it was clear to each and everyone of us what we were fighting for and we were united upon that cause. A cause that has not been contaminated by any personal interest or political agenda. It was jihad in every sense of the word - a struggle for the sake of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

Somehow, somewhere along the way, we faltered. We lost our footing and started to dwindle. But I am not here to linger on the faults of the past. Rather, I only wish to highlight the lessons we can extract from it so we don't repeat our mistakes; so that we can recognize the pitfalls as we traverse this new chapter of the Bangsamoro history and build a legacy that the future generations inherit.

Staying United

We cannot deny that the unity of the Bangsamoro movements had its ups and downs throughout history, and I've been a part of that tumultuous past. That is why it brings tears of joy and so much gratitude to my heart to see the Bangsamoro leaders united here once again. There is just no word to describe how happy I am to see our beloved great Bangsamoro leaders of the MNLF and MILF united as brothers. Alhamdulillah, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) allowed me to live long enough to witness this blessed moment and to actually be a part of this. I could honestly say that this is the highlight of my career. This moment is now etched in history that the future generations can look back to and say, our great leaders have chosen unity so we can reap the benefits of it today. Allahu Akbar! Allahu Akbar! Allahu Akbar!

But how can we keep this unity? I remind myself and my esteemed colleagues in this august body of the Surah Al-Imran, verse 103 in the Qur'an, which states:

“And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided. And remember the favor of Allah upon you - when you were enemies and He brought your hearts together and you became, by His favor, brothers.”

I am amazed by the imagery depicted in the Qur'an on unity. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) describes it as like holding on to a rope. A rope is always connected to something by its nature and purpose. By analogy, our unity is like a rope linked to a greater cause. It is not just unity for the sake of unity. We are uniting on something that transcends nations, tribes, politics, and our very existence. We are uniting to materialize the Bangsamoro cause for the sake of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). That is after all the very essence of Jihad. That is what differentiates our self-determination to all other revolutions in the history of mankind. Our identity is rooted within our very spirituality; not just in our DNA, skin color, geography, or tribe.

Prophet Mohammad (ﷺ) said, “The parable of the believers in their affection, mercy, and compassion for each other is that of a single body. When any part of it aches, the whole body becomes restless.” This prophetic tradition really brings the concept of unity home. Unity doesn't mean much if we are indifferent to the suffering of our Bangsamoro brothers and sisters. Regardless of ethnicity or tribe, whether you are Sama, Tausug, Maranao, Maguindanaon, Badjao etc., we are part of a single body. The pain of my brother is my own pain; and I will not rest until the pain of my brother is eased. The first Khalifa of the Muslims, Abu Bakr Siddiq (RadhiAllahu'anhu) said, “Taking pains to remove the pains of others is the true essence of generosity.” That is the essence of the Bangsamoro brotherhood and sisterhood. Alhamdulillah, I've felt that kind of brotherhood among us in the first BTA and we have nurtured that relationship even with the so-called majority and minority. Today, we have declared one and united Bangsamoro Transition Authority because our great Bangsamoro leaders have come together in unity.

A Legacy of Unity

I see that the next generation of Bangsamoro leaders are not just following the footsteps of their fathers, but are actually sitting among us right now within the four corners of this hall. The sons and daughters have inherited the amanah or trust of leadership from their parents, alhamdulillah. And what better way to pass the baton and set an example than to show them that unity and making peace among us is the way to go. What better legacy is there to give than the guidance of unity. This is the epitome of parenthood. To the next generations here, if I may give an advise to all of you, I would only echo the verse of the Qur'an – “hold firmly to the rope.” Do not let go. Bite on it with your molar teeth if you have to. Just do not let go and hold on together as one family. Your parents and your elders and those that have come before you have sacrificed their lives, their blood, and everything they could offer, so that a future where the Bangsamoro identity could finally thrive would be in your hands. Protect it and nurture it, and never be divided again.

Wabillahi tawfiq wal hidayah wassalamu'alaykum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF MP ANTAO

MP Antao delivered his privilege speech as follows:

Alhamdulillah wabihi nastain, wassalatu wassalamu ala ashrafi anbiyya-i wal mursalin.

Our beloved chief minister, Hon. Ahod “Al Haj Murad” B. Ebrahim, honorable speaker, our esteemed guests, honorable Members of this Bangsamoro Parliament, ladies and gentlemen, assalamu alaikum warahmatullahi taala wabarakatuh.

After navigating boundless seas of turbulent waves, infested with overland sharks and “crook-odds”, I successfully overcome the challenges of life, laying ahead my career-path as a member of the late MILF 1st Vice Chairman Ghazali Jaafar’s political staff, which he assigned in the political segment of our country. I am greatly honored to be with you this afternoon as a neophyte member of this honorable and prestigious body, the Bangsamoro Parliament.

It started more than two decades ago when the 1st vice chairman asked or commanded me to run for political position as municipal councilor in the christian dominated municipality of Libungan, North Cotabato. I unequivocally accepted with “yes” the command for me to run.

At the immediate opportunity, I ran as municipal councilor in Libungan, North Cotabato. I lost and I repeated it in the next chance. I was again in vain but my frolic conscience never gave up. It was my belief that a stranger will lost in tracking coinciding with the darkest night of the period of jihad fi sabilillah.

In the third chance, I succeeded and became my tender years of political career blessed with victories because I won in three consecutive terms as councilor, later as senior councilor in that christian majority town of Libungan. I stepped upward in the provincial slate of North Cotabato as board member and I won in that christian majority province. I continued finishing my three consecutive terms as provincial board member and the same I triumphed.

In the making and shaping of the Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL), now Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL), we led our comrades in the struggle in many rallies on the streets of our provinces, cities and municipalities calling our authorities to give chance to the Bangsamoro aspiration for self-determination and peace. We led the inclusion of the petitioning barangays, to the BARMM. We have also led groups, joined organizations, and participated in forums and gatherings for the passage of the BBL, now BOL. I have gone as far as Manila many times lobbying our senators and congressmen to enact our version of the BBL, now BOL.

I express thanks to Hon. Raissa H. Jajurie, now minister of the Ministry Of Social Services and Development, Hon. Naguib G. Sinarimbo, the current minister of the Ministry of Interior and Local Government, and Atty. Mohammad Jamalul Giducos, and whether they are around or not, who extended us legal assistance while working for the inclusion of the SGA to the BARMM. I brought 4 cartons of petitions from North Cotabato to COMELEC Central Office during the first trip of my weekly travels to Manila from October 2018 to February 14, 2019 watching for the result on the petitions for inclusion in the COMELEC. I spent here my personal resources without asking from outside sources, for transportation, hotel accommodation and others.

There were 48 barangays that filed petition for inclusion being contiguous to the existing 39 barangays that voted “yes” during the 2001 plebiscite. out of them, 28 were accepted and 20 were denied due to non-established contiguity. Consequently and after a two-part plebiscite on January 21, 2019 and on February 6, 2019 were held, only 63 barangays favored their inclusion to the BARMM. they were officially turned over to the BARMM on November 20, 2019. That was the founding birth of the Special Geographic Area (SGA).

The honorable chief minister issued an Executive Order No. 001, series of 2020, and signed on January 27, 2020, creating the Special Geographic Area Development

Coordinating Office (SGA-DCO). I was appointed on June 30, 2020 as Administrator of the office in concurrence to my then position as a graduating provincial board member of north cotabato. On the same date, the eight area cluster coordinators of the 63 barangays or SGA were also appointed. We, the administrator and the 8 area cluster coordinators along with our staff, manned the office created for the SGA.

We started our first year of operation in the SGA in 2020. Our main functions were coordination and development. The SGA became similitude of local government units lower than municipalities and a province. We were in smooth sailing with unclouded horizon. We rendered every service we can afford to our people. We embarked on building roads, barangay halls, health centers, covered courts, warehouses with solar dryers, etc. We surprisingly converted our stagnant surroundings into full blown developing communities. The residents and visitors expressed pride on our undertakings.

In the early part of 2021, a prosecution more by publicity struck my career way, but it only gave me inspiration that alhamdulillah, I unraveled the trial in life and I survived the political musketry. It rather became a pleasant perfumed fragrance in my favor. Otherwise, I could not have been with you today in this prestigious, honorable and historic assembly of honorable ladies and gentlemen now enjoying the fruits of our mujahedeen's blood, tears and sweats. My heart is crying as i pronounced these words and i remember my late superior in the struggle, the martyr Hon. Ghazali Jaafar, the 1st vice chairman of the MILF. We must equate every service we are rendering to its very foundation where our office was laid, such as the blood, tears and sweats of our martyred brothers and sisters mujahedeen.

On October 28, 2020, the Bangsamoro Administrative Code was enacted by the Bangsamoro Parliament. At the first instance of our receiving news on it, we rejoiced with reverberation towards the sky because it contained provisions strengthening our office into Special Geographic Area Development Authority (SGADA).

But the sad moment came to us on August 9, 2021 where on June 30, 2021 our appointments as workers in the SGA were denied renewals, meaning we were terminated in mass. Our helpless staff and myself continued serving our clientele on voluntary capacities. The predicament was felt not only by us workers but much by our citizenry residing in the SGA. We were like checks of a chicken left by their mother in the wilderness without someone to care and without a shelter. It was an addendum of worry to the electorate of the SGA because our local politicians treated us as non-member of their constituents.

The then Vice Governor, Hon. Lala Talino Mendoza of North Cotabato, who is now the governor feel it indispensable to produce representatives from the SGA to membership in the Bangsamoro Parliament and consequently, I was endorsed by the sangguniang panlalawigan of the province to the position. This is the reason, you can see my presence in your midst.

Let me convey to you my colleagues including the Hon. Chief Minister that on several occasions before and after our oath taking. The OPAPPRU Secretary, Hon. Carlito G. Galvez, Jr. called my attention, emphasizing that the 63 barangays or Special Geographic Area is a special concern of His Excellency President Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos, Jr. This means, we are under close-watch by our highest leadership on the matter of the SGA status and development. His Excellency had probably heard the voices of our citizenry shouting for a remedy on the interregnum of management and concern from the regional leadership.

Allow me also to say that I owe gratitude to the following persons and thus I am thanking them from the bottom of my heart, namely: North Cotabato Governor, Hon Emmylou "Lala" Talino J. Mendoza; Office of the Presidential Assistant on Peace

Process, Reconciliation and Unity, Hon. Carlito G. Galvez, Jr.; Interim Chief Minister, Hon. Ahod “Al Haj Murad” B. Ebrahim; Member of the Parliament and Senior Minister, Hon. Abdulraof A. Macacua; Minister of Public Works, Hon. Eduard U. Guerra, and most of all, the President of the Philippines, His Excellency Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos, Jr., for favoring, assisting, recommending and appointing me to this prestigious position I am holding.

Finally and foremost, may I have this an opportunity to relay and request your considerate hearts and minds, especially to the honorable chief minister, the prayer of our people in the SGA for an immediate and effective implementation of the provisions concerning the Special Geographic Area Development Authority (SGADA) in the Bangsamoro Administrative Code which has already been long overdue. Secondly, may this honorable chamber consider the passage of a resolution that may lead to the future enactment creating the eight (8) cluster barangays into full pledge municipalities.

My colleagues, let us be partners in this legislative chamber working as legislators in advancing moral governance along with the search for peace, development and unity. To our dear leaders, show us the light and we will follow.

Thank you and wassalam.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At 3:15 p.m., the chair suspended the session.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:47 p.m., the session was resumed.

BILLS ON FIRST READING

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the titles and names of authors and co-authors of the following BTA-Parliament Bills on First Stage of Bill:

1. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 29, entitled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE BANGSAMORO ELECTORAL CODE OF
THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM
MINDANAO

Author: The Government of the Day

2. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 30, entitled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE BANGSAMORO LOCAL GOVERNANCE
CODE

Author: The Government of the Day

3. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 31, entitled:

AN ACT CREATING THE BANGSAMORO REGIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HIGHER ISLAMIC STUDIES, REPEALING MUSLIM MINDANAO AUTONOMY ACT NO. 164, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REGIONAL MADRASAH GRADUATE EDUCATION ACT OF 2003, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Author: The Government of the Day

4. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 32, entitled:

AN ACT PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS OF THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO, PROVIDING MECHANISMS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Author: The Government of the Day

5. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 33, entitled:

AN ACT CREATING THE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF THE BANGSAMORO (EDCB), DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Author: The Government of the Day

6. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 34, entitled:

AN ACT CREATING THE BANGSAMORO DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Author: The Government of the Day

7. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 35, entitled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BANGSAMORO MEMORIAL MARKER AND ECO-PARK IN CAMP ABUBAKAR, MUNICIPALITY OF BARIRA, MAGUINDANAO TO HONOR THE SHUHADA/MARTYRS OF THE BANGSAMORO STRUGGLE WHO GAVE AND SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES FOR THE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND FREEDOM OF THE BANGSAMORO, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Author: The Government of the Day

8. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 36, entitled:

AN ACT TO DECLARE THE BURIAL SITE OF THE LATE SHEIKH SALAMAT HASHIM, MILF FOUNDING CHAIRMAN, AND THE LATE ALIM ABDUL AZIZ MIMBANTAS, MILF VICE CHAIRMAN & VICE CHAIRMAN FOR MILITARY AFFAIRS, AS “HASHIM AND MIMBANTAS MEMORIAL SITE”, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE SAME, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Author: The Government of the Day

9. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 37, entitled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BANGSAMORO SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Author: The Government of the Day

10. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 38, entitled:

AN ACT CREATING OFFICES FOR SPECIAL GEOGRAPHIC AREAS (SGA), DEFINING ITS MANDATE, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Author: The Government of the Day

11. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 39, entitled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BANGSAMORO AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES TRAINING INSTITUTE

Author: The Government of the Day

12. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 40, entitled:

AN ACT DECLARING MAY 2 OF EVERY YEAR AS BATTLE OF BAYANG DAY IN COMMEMORATION OF THE HEROIC SACRIFICES MADE BY THE SULTAN OF BAYANG AND HIS PEOPLE AGAINST THE ATROCITIES COMMITTED BY THE AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

Author: The Government of the Day

13. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 41, entitled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BUFFER FUND TO DEFRAID THE COST FOR THE TIMELY PAYMENT OF SALARIES AND OTHER REMUNERATION OF WORKERS OR PERSONNEL OF NATIONALLY FUNDED PROGRAMS DEPLOYED IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF ITS MINISTRIES AND OFFICES, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Author: The Government of the Day

14. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 42, entitled:

AN ACT STRENGTHENING IRRIGATION SYSTEMS IN THE BANGSAMORO REGION AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Author: The Government of the Day

15. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 43, entitled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE ADMINISTRATIVE CAPITAL OF THE BANGSAMORO GOVERNMENT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PARANG, PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Author: The Government of the Day

16. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 44, entitled:

AN ACT CREATING A BANGSAMORO VETERAN MUJAHIDEEN/MUJAHIDAT AFFAIRS OFFICE, DEFINING ITS BASIC ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Author: The Government of the Day

MANIFESTATION OF MP AMPATUAN

MP Ampatuan manifested her request to the Majority Floor Leader to define the composition of the Government of the Day, to which MP Dumama-Alba responded that it is defined under Section 4 of the Bangsamoro Administrative Code.

CLARIFICATORY QUERY OF MP ESMAEL

MP Ambolodto asked MP Dumama-Alba if what was meant by the Government of the Day as mentioned in the authorship of the bills on first reading, to which MP Dumama-Alba responded that it is defined under Section 4 of the Bangsamoro Administrative Code.

CONTINUATION OF CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO.

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At this point, the Body proceeded to the continuation of consideration of Proposed Resolution No. 28 on period of interpellations.

Proposed Resolution No. 16, entitled:

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR RULES, PROCEDURES, AND PRACTICES OF THE BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY PARLIAMENT

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

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF INTERPELLATION

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

OPENING OF PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

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

AMENDMENTS OF MP AMPATUAN

MP Ampatuan introduced the following amendments:

1. On section 2, Rule III, MP Ampatuan proposed amendment by insertion as follows:

Section 2. Election of the Speaker. – THE WALI SHALL OPEN THE INAUGURAL SESSION OF THE PARLIAMENT THROUGH THE CEREMONIAL BANGING OF THE “AGONG” AND HIS DECLARATION OF THE OPENING OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE PARLIAMENT.

2. On Section 4, Rule IV, MP Ampatuan proposed an amendment to include 2 of the functions of the Speaker which was mentioned in Section 25, Article VII of the BOL as follows:

1. PRESENT TO THE CHIEF MINISTER EVERY BILL BEFORE SIGNING IN TO LAW; AND
2. SUBMIT TO THE PRESIDENT AND TO THE CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF ALL LAWS AND RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY THE PARLIAMENT.

At this time, MP Ambolodto reminded the Body that if they allow amendments to a particular provision, they should address it one at a time in order for some people who would like to propose other amendments to enhance and enrich the conversation.

3. MP Ampatuan proposed amendments in Section 3 and 4, Article XII by including COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY and SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MARAWI, respectively.

4. On Section 5, Rule XII, MP Ampatuan proposed an amendment as follows:

Section 5. Officers of the Committees. – Except for the Committee on Rules, the Chairperson of each Committee shall be elected by the Members of the Parliament in plenary. Each Committee shall elect at most three (3) Vice-Chairpersons from among its Members upon nomination by any of the members of the Committee as a whole, PROVIDED THAT ONE OF THE VICE-CHAIRPERSONS COMES FROM THE MINORITY.

5. On Section 10, Rule XVII, MP Ampatuan proposed an amendment to remove the words COMMITTEE BILLS after the words “*cabinet bills*”.

6. On Section 11, Rule XVII, she proposed an amendment by removing the phrase THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SPONSORING COMMITTEE after the words “*in the absence or inability of the Member of the Cabinet*”.

7. On Section 1, Rule XXIX, MP Ampatuan proposed amendments by adding commas after “*floor proceeding*” and “*members*” to read as

Section 1. Closed-Circuit Viewing of Floor Proceedings. – The Parliament shall establish a system for closed-circuit viewing of floor proceedings, in the offices of all Members, and in such other places in the Parliament as the Speaker considers appropriate.

8. MP Ampatuan also proposed amendment on Section 2, Rule XXIX to put heading as follows:

Section 2. Public Broadcasting and Recording of Floor Proceedings. – THE PUBLIC BROADCASTING AND RECORDING OF FLOOR PROCEEDINGS SHALL BE GUIDED BY THE FOLLOWING:

9. On Section 1 (a), Rule XXX, she proposed amendment by replacing the phrase “*for plenary sessions*” to BY THE BTA PARLIAMENT.

10. On Section 1 (c), Rule XXX, she proposed amendments on the style of the provisions to then read as

(B) THE PHILIPPINE FLAG, THE BANGSAMORO FLAG AND THE OFFICIAL EMBLEM OR SEAL OF THE PARLIAMENT SHALL BE DISPLAYED ALTOGETHER IN THE SESSION HALL OF PARLIAMENT.

THE PHILIPPINE FLAG, AS WELL AS THE BANGSAMORO FLAG SHALL BE OPEN TO VIEW IN CONSPICUOUS PLACES IN ALL OFFICES AND CONFERENCE ROOMS IN THE PREMISES OF PARLIAMENT.

(C) COMMUNICATIONS, DOCUMENTS, PUBLICATIONS, AND OTHER INFORMATION MATERIALS WRITTEN BY OR PREPARED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF A MEMBER, MAY BE DISTRIBUTED IN THE SESSION HALL BY SUCH MEMBER PERSONALLY OR THROUGH FACILITIES OR EMPLOYEES OF THE PARLIAMENT: PROVIDED, THAT THE AUTHOR OR SOURCE THEREOF IS PROPERLY IDENTIFIED IN SUCH COMMUNICATIONS, DOCUMENTS, PUBLICATIONS AND OTHER INFORMATION MATERIALS.

11. On Section 2, Rule XXX, MP Ampatuan proposed an amendment by inserting DEPUTY MINORITY LEADER after the phrase "*Minority Floor Leader*".

12. On Section 3, Rule XXX, she proposed amendment by adding the word SECOND in Section 3 (b) before the word "*row*".

13. On Section 1, Rule XXXI, she proposed amendment by adding the word BTA before the word "*Parliament*".

14. On Section 3, Rule XXI, MP Ampatuan proposed amendment to include the phrase IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION after the words "*solemn occasions*".

The foregoing proposed amendments of MP Ampatuan were accepted by the proponent, MP Dumama-Alba.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF MP AMPATUAN

MP Ampatuan introduced the following proposed amendments:

1. On Section 2, Rule VIII, she proposed amendment to delete the phrase "*as far as practicable*".

2. On Section 3, Rule XI, she proposed to delete the phrase "*or the Chief Minister so states in writing*".

3. On Section 1, Rule XIII, she proposed to insert "OF REGULAR SESSION OF THE PARLIAMENT" after the words "*held in the morning*".

4. On Section 6, Rule XIII, she proposed to strike the words "*Only official*".

The foregoing proposed amendments were not accepted by the proponent.

AMENDMENTS OF MP LIM

MP Lim introduced the following amendments:

1. On Section 1, Rule VII, MP Lim proposed to add subsection (d) which shall read as follows:

(D) FORCE MAJEURE EVENTS OR ACTS OF GOD SUCH AS BUT NOT LIMITED TO NATURAL DISASTERS LIKE TYPHOONS, FLOODS, EARTHQUAKES, TECHNICAL ISSUES WITH CARRIERS AND WEATHER DISTURBANCES MAKING TRAVEL IMPOSSIBLE OR UNSAFE.

2. On Section 2 (a) and (b), Rule XVII, he proposed to replace the words “*to be approved, and possibly amended, before becoming a law*” to FOR APPROVAL OR AMENDMENT.

The foregoing amendments were accepted by the proponent.

AMENDMENTS OF MP RAMOS

MP Ramos introduced the following amendments:

1. On Section 3, Rule XII, MP Ramos proposed amendment by insertion of the following committee:

16. COMMITTEE ON WOMEN, YOUTH, CHILDREN – THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN, YOUTH, AND CHILDREN SHALL HAVE 25 MEMBERS. IT SHALL HAVE JURISDICTION ON ALL MATTERS RELATING TO THE REPRESENTATION, PARTICIPATION, WELFARE, AND DEVELOPMENT OF WOMEN, YOUTH, CHILDREN.

2. On Section 3 (5), Rule XII, she proposed to include the phrase “ENACTMENT OF THE BANGSAMORO LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE AS WELL AS THOSE RELATING TO” which shall read as follows:

The Committee on Local Government shall have 29 members. It shall have jurisdiction on all matters relating to ENACTMENT OF THE BANGSAMORO LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE AS WELL AS THOSE RELATING to local administration and local government units such as the provinces, cities, municipalities, and barangays within the BARMM, including their revenues and expenditures. (Subject to style)

The foregoing proposed amendments were accepted by the proponent.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF MP RAMOS

MP Ramos proposed the following amendments:

1. On Rule XII, Section 14, insert the words “ENACTMENT OF THE BANGSAMORO REVENUE CODE AS WELL AS THE” which shall read as follows:

“ The Committee on Indigenous Peoples’ Affairs shall have 17 Members. It shall have jurisdiction on all matters relating ENACTMENT OF THE BANGSAMORO REVENUE CODE AS WELL AS THOSE RELATING TO indigenous peoples’ rights embodied in the OLBARMM and the development of their communities.”

2. On Rule XII, Section 3, add No. 17 as subsection which shall read as follows:

“THE COMMITTEE ON CULTURAL HERITAGE SHALL HAVE 17 MEMBERS. IT SHALL HAVE JURISDICTION ON ALL MATTERS RELATING TO THE PRESERVATION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ESTABLISHMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY OF CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS, PROGRAMS, AND PROJECTS IN THE REGION.”

3. On Rule XII, Section 3 add No. 18 as subsection which shall read as follows:

“THE COMMITTEE ON ELECTORAL PROCESSES SHALL HAVE 17 MEMBERS. IT SHALL HAVE JURISDICTION ON ALL MATTERS RELATING TO THE ENACTMENT OF THE BANGSAMORO ELECTORAL CODE AS WELL AS OTHER MEASURES FOR REGIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS. IT SHALL PROVIDE TIMELINE OF ITS ACTIVITIES AND THEIR COMPLETION TO THE PLENARY AND REGULARLY REPORT THE PROGRESS OF CONSULTATIONS, HEARINGS, AND MEETINGS ON THE ELECTORAL CODE AND OTHER MEASURES.”

4. On Rule XII, Section 3 add No. 18 as subsection which shall read as follows:

“THE COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS SHALL HAVE 25 MEMBERS. IT SHALL HAVE JURISDICTION ON ALL MATTERS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CONSIDERATION OF WRITTEN AND E-PETITIONS SUBMITTED TO THE PARLIAMENT AND ENGAGEMENT OF PUBLIC WITH THE WORK OF THE PARLIAMENT.”

5. On Rule XII, Section 3 (1) add the words “ENACTMENT OF THE BANGSAMORO REVENUE CODE AS WELL AS THE” which shall read as follows

“The Committee on Finance, Budget and Management shall have 31 Members. It shall have jurisdiction on all matters relating to the ENACTMENT OF THE BANGSAMORO REVENUE CODE as well as the preparation of budget and the appropriation of funds for the operations of the Bangsamoro Government including its expenditure, payment of public indebtedness, claims against the Bangsamoro Government, inter-governmental revenue sharing, and in general, all matters relating to public expenditures.”

The foregoing amendments were not accepted by the sponsor, MP Dumama-Alba.

AMENDMENT OF MP SEMA (R)

MP Sema (R) introduced amendment by adding the following whereas clause:

WHEREAS, THE BTA 1 APPOINTED BY FORMER PRESIDENT RODRIGO R. DUTERTE ADOPTED THE PARLIAMENTARY RULES, PROCEDURES, AND PRACTICES TO GOVERN THE BTA 1 PROCEEDINGS;

The proposed amendment of MP Sema (R) was accepted by the proponent.

AMENDMENT OF MP BABAO

On Section 3, Rule XII, MP Babao introduced amendment to the approved amendment of MP Ramos to add the words AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES after the words "*children*" to read as follows:

16. Committee on Women, Youth, Children, AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. – The Committee on Women, Youth, Children, AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES shall have 25 members. It shall have jurisdiction on all matters relating to the representation, participation, welfare, and development of women, youth, children, AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

The foregoing amendment was accepted by the proponent.

AMENDMENTS OF MP ALAMIA

On Section 4, Rule VI, MP Alamia introduced amendments to change the word "*2/3 vote*" to A SIMPLE MAJORITY and include the phrase VIDEO CONFERENCE, OR ANY HYBRID THEREOF after the words "*immediately succeeding session through teleconference*".

MP Dumama-Alba accepted the amendments of MP Alamia.

AMENDMENT OF MP ESMAEL

As proposed by MP Esmael, the amendment deleting the words "RISE AND" after the word "*request*" on the first paragraph of Section 4. Recognition of Member was accepted by the proponent.

AMENDMENTS OF MP LOONG (DM)

1. On Section 8, Rule IV, MP Loong (DM) proposed amendment by substitution as follows: “*Section 8. Minority Floor Leader - The MINORITY Floor Leader shall:*”
2. On Section 3 (11), Rule XII, MP Loong (DM) also proposed amendment by adding the word “SAFETY” before the words “*and repair*”.
3. On Section 19, Rule XII, MP Loong (DM) further proposed amendment by adding the words “LEADERS OF THE” after the words “*Majority*” and “*Minority*”.

The amendments were accepted by the proponent, MP Dumama-Alba.

AMENDMENT OF MP SINOLINDING

On Section 3 (6), Rule XII, MP Sinolinding proposed amendment by substitution as follows:

(6) COMMITTEE ON HEALTH. - THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH SHALL HAVE 17 MEMBERS. IT SHALL HAVE JURISDICTION ON ALL MATTERS RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE, MEDICAL, ALLIED HEALTHCARE, HOSPITAL, QUARANTINE SERVICES AND FACILITIES FOR THE PROMOTION OF HEALTH SERVICES AND AWARENESS TO THE PUBLIC, INCLUDING NUTRITION AND POPULATION AND ITS RELATED ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES”.

1The amendment was accepted by the proponent, MP Dumama-Alba.

AMENDMENT OF MP ALI (L), JR.

On Section 2 (b), Rule XVIII, MP Ali (L), Jr. proposed amendment by substitution as follows:

“THE PROPONENT SHALL DELIVER HIS/HER AUTHORSHIP SPEECH WHICH IS THE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT OF HIS/HER BILL OR RESOLUTION.”

The amendment was accepted by the proponent, MP Dumama-Alba.

COUNTER PROPOSALS TO PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

1. On Section 5, Rule IV, MP Ampatuan proposed amendment which was “SERVE AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER TO ALL COMMITTEES WITH A RIGHT TO

VOTE, EXCEPT WHEN HE/SHE IS ELECTED AS CHAIR/CO-CHAIR/VICE-CHAIR OF PARLIAMENTARY AND STATUTORY COMMITTEES”. MP Dumama-Alba offered a counter proposal to delete the words after “RIGHT TO VOTE”.

2. On Section 4, Rule VI, MP Ampatuan proposed amendment which was “NINE (9) O’CLOCK IN THE MORNING MONDAYS THROUGH FRIDAYS OF THE SECOND AND THIRD”. MP Dumama-Alba counter proposed the amendment to read as PLENARY SESSIONS SHALL COMMENCE AT ONE O’CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON ON MONDAYS THROUGH THURSDAYS OF THE THIRD AND FOURTH WEEK OF THE MONTH.

3. On Section 9, Rule XVII, MP Ampatuan proposed to include the words “SIX (6) HARD COPIES AND” which was counter proposed by MP Dumama-Alba, saying to replace SIX by ONE.

4. On Section 1, Rule XII, MP Hadji Abdullah proposed amendment by inserting another paragraph which was “IT SHOULD BE COMPOSED OF AT LEAST 20 MEMBERS AND NOT MORE THAN 40 MEMBERS”. MP Dumama-Alba counter proposed the amendment to read as THE MEMBERSHIPS OF STATUTORY COMMITTEES SHALL BE INDICATIVE ON THE BASIS OF PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION AFFILIATED WITH THE MAJORITY AND THE MINORITY OF THE PARLIAMENT, AND MAY BE INCREASED OR DECREASED AS MAY BE DEEMED PROPER BY THE MAJORITY LEADER.

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

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

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 28

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body adopted Proposed Resolution No. 28, subject to style.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Business for the Day in the Order of Business.

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 3

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the consideration of Proposed Resolution No. 3 which was earlier treated by the Body as simple resolution, entitled:

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND EXTENDING PROFOUND GRATITUDE TO HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT FERDINAND “BONGBONG” ROMUALDEZ MARCOS JR. FOR HONORING AND SUSTAINING THE GAINS OF PEACE AGREEMENTS WHICH LED TO THE UNPRECEDENTED UNIFICATION OF THE MORO FRONTS IN THE COUNTRY

Author: MP Baintan A. Ampatuan

Co-authors: MPs Laisa M. Alamia, Amilbahar S. Mawallil, Rasol Y. Mitmug, Jr., Don Mustapha A. Loong, Suharto M. Ambolodto, and Rasul E. Ismael

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH

In sponsoring Proposed Resolution No. 3, MP Ampatuan delivered the following speech:

Bismillahir Rahmanir Raheem. In the name of Allah, the most Gracious, the most Merciful.

Mr. Speaker, esteemed colleagues in this august Parliament, guests, Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatulahi Wa Barakatuh!

It is my honor to sponsor Proposed Resolution No. 03, entitled “A Resolution Commending and Extending Profound Gratitude to His Excellency President Ferdinand “Bongbong” Romualdez Marcos Jr. for Honoring and Sustaining the Gains of Peace Agreements Which Led to the Unprecedented Unification of the Moro Fronts in the Country.”

Section 13 of R.A. 11054 or the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL) was amended by Section 1 of R.A 11593, otherwise known as “An Act Resetting the First Regular Elections in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao” thereby postponing the first regular elections in BARMM. Therefore, the first regular election for the Bangsamoro Government shall be held and synchronized with the 2025 national elections.

It is also stated in R.A 11593 that during the extension of the transition period, the Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA) shall continue as the interim government of the BARMM; provided, however, that the President may appoint the eighty (80) new

interim members of the BTA who shall serve up to June 30, 2025 or until their successors shall have been elected and qualified.

On August 12, 2022, or just more than a month after President Bongbong Marcos took his oath as the 17th President of the Republic of the Philippines, he administered oath to the eighty (80) new and re-appointed members of the BTA, representing the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF), and various sectors from the Government of the Philippines (GPH).

OPENING OF PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the period of interpellations.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

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

OPENING OF PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the period of amendments.

AMENDMENTS OF MP MANTAWIL

1. On Proposed Resolution No. 3 MP Mantawil proposed amendment by adding the whereas clause “WHEREAS, IN CONFORMITY WITH THE IDEALS AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE INTERIM CHIEF MINISTER AHOD BALAWAG EBRAHIM TOWARDS ONE UNITED BANGSAMORO”.

2. He proposed amendment in the 9th whereas clause by deleting the word “*waring members of*” before the words “*MNLF and MILF*”.

The amendments were accepted by the proponent, MP Ampatuan.

AMENDMENT OF MP ALIH

As proposed by MP Alih, the proposed amendment by adding in the last page the resolved clause “RESOLVED FURTHER, THAT COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE FURNISHED TO THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES” was accepted by the sponsor.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

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

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 3

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body adopted Proposed Resolution No. 3, subject to style.

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 34

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body proceeded to consider Proposed Resolution No. 34, entitled:

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND GRATITUDE AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE BANGSAMORO PARLIAMENT ON THE DEATH OF ABDULWALID “JIMMY” M. RADIAMODA, 122nd BASE COMMANDER

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SPEECH OF MP MACATANONG

In sponsoring Proposed Resolution No. 34, MP Macatanong delivered the following speech:

Speaker, Colleagues good afternoon and assalamualaikum. Two days ago, one of our brother commanders return to the mercy of our lord. Hence, this simple resolution.

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND GRATITUDE AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE BANGSAMORO PARLIAMENT ON THE DEATH OF ABDULWALID “Jimmy” M. RADIAMODA, 122nd BASE COMMANDER”

WHEREAS, Abdulwalid “Jimmy” M. Radiamoda, 122nd base Commander, passed away and return to the mercy of ALLAH on Safar 24, 1444 / 20 September 2022;

WHEREAS, Commander Abdulwalid “Jimmy” M. Radiamoda, was a dutiful and dedicated Mujahideen who exuded bravery and was not afraid to risk his own life in defending the cause of the MILF. He was among the mujahideens who defended camp nusa during the 1977 battle between MNLF and AFP.lead his men in defending MILF camps during the 2000, 2003 and 2008 battle between MILF and AFP;

WHEREAS, Commander Abdulwalid “Jimmy” M. Radiamoda was known for his programs centered on peace and crime-free community. He himself ensured that peace reigned within his area of jurisdiction. He assisted in the arrest and imprisonment of criminals especially drug pushers and users. He had also settled several local feuds. He is a pious leader who is loved by his men for his unselfish and dedicated service to the MILF and the community;

WHEREAS, the passing away of a dedicated and passionate Mujahideen as Commander Abdulwalid “Jimmy” M. Radiamoda, is a great loss to the Moro people;

WHEREAS, his services to the Bangsamoro people will be remembered with great honor and pride and will never be forgotten;

NOW THEREFORE, be it;

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Bangsamoro Parliament to express, as it hereby expresses, its profound gratitude and sincerest condolences on the death of Commander Abdulwalid “Jimmy” M. Radiamoda;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the bereaved family of late Commander Abdulwalid “Jimmy” M. Radiamoda.

OMNIBUS MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE PERIODS OF INTERPELLATIONS AND AMENDMENTS

On omnibus motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the periods of debate and interpellations and amendments on Proposed Resolution No. 34.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 34

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body adopted Proposed Resolution No. 34, subject to style.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the session was adjourned until Monday, September 26, 2022, at one o'clock in the afternoon.

It was 5:21 p.m.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

PROF. RABY B. ANGKAL
Secretary-General