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CALL TO ORDER

*At 1:57 p.m.*, the Presiding Officer, Deputy Speaker Paisalin P. Tago, called the session to order.

INVOCATION

MP Abdullah E. Gayak 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. Basit S. Abbas
3. Hon. Mudjib C. Abu
4. Hon. Mosber E. Alauddin
5. Hon. Lanang T. Ali, Jr.
6. Hon. Eddie M. Alih
7. Hon. Suharto M. Ambolodto
8. Hon. Abdulaziz M. Amenoden
9. Hon. Baintan A. Ampatuan
10. Hon. Susana S. Anayatin
11. Hon. Mohammad Kelie U. Antao
12. Hon. Mary Ann M. Arnado
13. Hon. Dan S. Asnawie
14. Hon. Ali Montaha D. Babao
15. Hon. Anna Tarhata S. Basman
16. Hon. Hashemi N. Dilangalen

17. Hon. Suharto S. Esmael
18. Hon. Matarul M. Estino
19. Hon. Abdullah E. Gayak
20. Hon. Eduard U. Guerra
21. Hon. Khalid M. Hadji Abdullah
22. Hon. Abdullah B. Hashim
23. Hon. Hatimil E. Hassan
24. Hon. Rasul E. Ismael
25. Hon. Muslimin A. Jakilan
26. Hon. Albakil D. Jikiri
27. Hon. Faizal G. Karon
28. Hon. Benjamin T. Loong
29. Hon. Jose I. Lorena
30. Hon. Amroussi A. Macatanong
31. Hon. Tarhata M. Maglangit
32. Hon. Hamid U. Malik
33. Hon. Baileng S. Mantawil
34. Hon. Jaafar Apollo Mikhail L. Matalam
35. Hon. Froilyn T. Mendoza
36. Hon. Michael E. Midtimbang
37. Hon. Tawakal B. Midtimbang
38. Hon. NurRedha I. Misuari
39. Hon. Hussein P. Muñoz
40. Hon. Suwaib L. Oranon
41. Hon. Ubaida C. Pacasem
42. Hon. Abdulwahab M. Pak
43. Hon. Nabila Margarita P. Pangandaman
44. Hon. Randolph C. Parcasio
45. Hon. Said Z. Salendab
46. Hon. Ali O. Salik
47. Hon. Omar Yasser C. Sema
48. Hon. Said M. Shiek
49. Hon. Aida M. Silongan
50. Hon. Kadil M. Sinolinding, Jr.
51. Hon. Ali B. Solaiman
52. Hon. Paisalin P. Tago
53. Hon. Nabil A. Tan
54. Hon. Adzfar H. Usman
55. Hon. Bassir D. Utto
56. Hon. Mohammad S. Yacob

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

1. Hon. Haron M. Abas
2. Hon. Bai Maleiha B. Candao
3. Hon. Abdullah G. Macapaar
4. Hon. John Anthony L. Lim
5. Hon. Diamila D. Ramos
6. Hon. Ramon A. Piang, Sr.
7. Hon. Sittie Fahanie S. Uy-Oyod

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

1. Hon. Sha Elijah B. Dumama-Alba
2. Hon. Raissa H. Jajurie
3. Hon. Abdulraof A. Macacua

4. Hon. Abdulkarim E. Misuari

The following Members of the Parliament were on official business:

1. Hon. Ahod B. Ebrahim
2. Hon. Pangalian M. Balindong

The following Members of the Parliament were absent:

1. Hon. Laisa M. Alamia
2. Hon. Ibrahim D. Ali
3. Hon. Mohagher M. Iqbal
4. Hon. Denmartin A. Kahalan
5. Hon. Don Mustapha A. Loong
6. Hon. Marjanie S. Macasalong
7. Hon. Ishak V. Mastura
8. Hon. Amilbahar S. Mawallil
9. Hon. Rasol Y. Mitmug, Jr.
10. Hon. Ali B. Sangki
11. Hon. Romeo K. Sema

With sixty-three (63) Members of the Parliament present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

#### AMENDMENT OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

On motion of Acting Majority Floor Leader, Deputy Floor Leader MP Basman, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body amended the Order of Business by including Committee Report No. 1.

#### READING AND APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

On motion of MP Basman, duly seconded and there being no objection, the reading of the Journal of the previous session, Journal No. 10 dated November 22, 2022, was dispensed with and the same was approved.

#### READING AND REFERRAL OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the titles and the names of authors and co-authors of the following proposed resolutions which, in turn, on separate

motions of MP Basman, duly seconded and there being no objection, were referred to the appropriate committees:

1. Proposed Resolution No. 82, entitled:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MILG) TO URGE ALL THE CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (BARMM) TO DESIGN AND OPERATE SANITARY LANDFILL AS MANDATED BY REPUBLIC ACT 9003 OF 2001, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ECOLOGICAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT

Author: MP Baileng S. Mantawil

Co-authors: MPs Mary Ann M. Arnado, Tawakal B. Midtimbang, Bassir D. Utto, Mudjib C. Abu, Mohammad Kelie U. Antao, Suwaib L. Oranon, and Amroussi A. Macatanong

To the Committee on Local Government

2. Proposed Resolution No. 83, entitled:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DAY FOR THE IMMEDIATE ACTIVATION OF THE SHARI'AH PUBLIC ASSISTANCE OFFICE (SPA0), BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (BARMM)

Author: MP Baileng S. Mantawil

To the Committee on Bangsamoro Justice System

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At 2:11 p.m., the Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session.

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 2:12 p.m., the session was resumed.

#### PROPOSED SIMPLE RESOLUTION

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the title and the names of authors of Proposed Resolution No. 87 which, on motion of MP Basman, duly seconded and there being no objection, was treated as simple resolution., entitled:

RESOLUTION COMMENDING AL-BASHER “BASTY” JUMANGIT BUTO  
FOR COLLECTING SILVER MEDALS ON STANDARD EVENT,  
RAPID AND BLITZ CATEGORIES AND OBTAINING CANDIDATE  
MASTER (CM) WORLD TITLE IN THE 6TH EASTERN ASIA YOUTH  
CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2022 IN BANGKOK, THAILAND

Authors: MPs Ubaida C. Pacasem, Raissa H. Jajurie, Anna Tarhata S. Basman,  
Marjanie S. Macasalong, Aida M. Silongan, Mary Ann M. Arnado, Matarul  
M. Estino, Suharto S. Esmael, and Sha Elijah B. Dumama–Alba

AUTHORSHIP SPEECH OF MP ARNADO

In sponsoring Proposed Resolution No. 87, MP Arnado commended Al-Basher “Basty” Dumangit Utto, a 12-year-old Maranao who is a chess prodigy, that garnered silver medal on Boys under 12 standard event, Boys under 12 rapid individuals, and Boys under 12 blitz individual in the international event that was held in Bangkok, Thailand. She said that the player had been competing in several chess tournaments and had been recognized for his excellence, adding that the young man has a huge potential and it was the source of pride to the Bangsamoro.

PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

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

MANIFESTATION OF MP AMPATUAN

MP Ampatuan manifested her support to the resolution and wanted to put a continuity of the previous commendation during the first Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA) since it was not the first time that the young man acquired an international title. MP Ampatuan stated that it would be better if there was a way that could further improve the wordings of the resolution to connect to the previous resolution and give meaning to the full accomplishment of the young man. Whereas, MP Arnado responded that she agreed with MP Ampatuan and added that there was a deliberation with the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) which introduced a mechanism that would

provide more support to young athletes so that the Parliament would not be limited to issuing commendation but to put more incentives, support, and rewards.

#### INTERPELLATION OF MP LORENA

MP Lorena manifested that it was seldom to find prodigal chess player in the Bangsamoro homeland, adding that if efforts would not be sustained, it would end up mediocre because an excellent chess player needs to compete with best players in the world. Aside from granting rewards, he stressed that there should be a program that should be incorporated not only in the BYC but also the Bangsamoro Sports Commission (BSC) that would assist and sustain the chess players to participate in national and international tournaments.

MP Lorena sought clarification as to whether the intent of the author was to incorporate a program in the BYC or the BSC that would sustain the chess player, to which MP Arnado answered in the affirmative, adding that during their last deliberation in the Committee on Finance, Budget and Management (CFBM), they were informed that they were also providing assistance to the athlete by way of providing transportation support whenever there was a tournament and provide suitable competent coach.

MP Lorena recommended that the budget for sports development and program that could cater to chess players should be incorporated or should have been incorporated in the 2023 General Appropriations Act of the Bangsamoro. If it was not incorporated in the budget, he said they could direct the BYC to allocate some amount for the participation and coaching during tournament. He informed the Body that he wanted to be associated with the proposed resolution.

#### TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

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

## PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

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

## AMENDMENT OF MP BABAO

As proposed by MP Babao, accepted by the proponent and there being no objection, the words “COLLECTING” was replaced with “GARNERING”.

## AMENDMENT OF MP LORENA

As proposed by MP Lorena, accepted by the proponent, MP Arnado, and there being no objection, the words “*OBTAINING*” in the titled of the proposed resolution was replaced with the word “ACHIEVING”.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF MP HASSAN

MP Hassan proposed an amendment in the first whereas clause to add the word “SPECIAL AUTONOMOUS REGION” after the word “HONGKONG” and to add the word “CHINA” after the word “TAIWAN”. The proponent did not accept the proposed amendment.

## AMENDMENT OF MP AMPATUAN

MP Baintan proposed that the title of the proposed resolution be amended to read as follows:

RESOLUTION EXTENDING ANOTHER COMMENDATION TO AL-BASHER “BASTY” JUMANGIT BUTO FOR COLLECTING SILVER MEDALS ON STANDARD EVENT, RAPID AND BLITZ CATEGORIES AND OBTAINING CANDIDATE MASTER (CM) WORLD TITLE IN THE 6TH EASTERN ASIA YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2022 IN BANGKOK, THAILAND

*At this point*, MP Ampatuan withdrew her proposed amendment in the title. She however, proposed that her proposed amendment be form part of the Body of the resolution.

## REMINDER OF MP TAN

*At this juncture*, MP Tan reminded the Body that they should first amend the body of the resolution before amending its title.

## AMENDMENT OF MP SEMA (OY)

MP Sema (OY) introduced the following amendments:

1. To insert the acronym “SAR” after the words “*HONG KONG*” in the first whereas clause;
2. To amend the title which shall be read as follows:

RESOLUTION COMMENDING AL-BASHER “BASTY” JUMANGIT BUTO  
FOR ACHIEVING CANDIDATE MASTER (CM) WORLD TITLE IN  
THE 6<sup>TH</sup> EASTERN ASIA YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2022 IN  
BANGKOK, THAILAND

The foregoing amendments of MP Sema (OY) were accepted by the proponent, subject to style.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF MP JAKILAN

MP Jakilan proposed an amendment to also include the delegation of Al-Basher in their commendation and congratulations, to which MP Arnado responded that there was already a mention of the delegation in the first whereas clause. She opined that there was enough attribution that Al-Basher belongs to the delegation, however, the title did not belong to the delegation but to the winning athlete himself.

## TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

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

## APPROVAL OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 87

On motion of MP Basman, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body approved Proposed Resolution No. 87.



## PROPOSED SIMPLE RESOLUTION NO. 88

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the title and the names of the authors of Proposed Resolution No. 88 which, in turn, on motion of MP Basman, duly seconded and there being no objection, was treated by the Body as simple resolution, entitled:

### RESOLUTION COMMENDING YASSER ABDULAZIZ NECOR BINSUAN FOR GARNERING 10<sup>TH</sup> PLACE WITH A REMARKABLE RATING OF 89.20% AMONGST THE 117,938 EXAMINEES OF THE 2022 CAREER SERVICE PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATION

Authors: MPs Ubaida C. Pacasem, Raissa H. Jajurie, Anna Tarhata S. Basman, Marjanie S. Macasalong, Aida M. Silongan, Mary Ann M. Arnado, Matarul M. Estino, Suharto S. Esmael, and Sha Elijah B. Dumama – Alba

## AUTHORSHIP SPEECH OF MP ESMAEL

In sponsoring Proposed Resolution No. 88, MP Esmael delivered the following speech:

*Assalamo alaikom warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.*

We all know here in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao that one of the clamors of many takers of the Civil Service Examination here are the low rates of passers in the Bangsamoro and the slots. In this resolution, we want Yasser Abdulaziz Necor Binsuan for garnering 10<sup>th</sup> place with remarkable rating of 89.20% which we think is really remarkable especially in the Bangsamoro. Considering the number of takers, we have 117, 938 examinees. Mr. Binsuan is a proud Bangsamoro residing here in Cotabato City and he is a graduate of Business Accountancy in Notre Dame University. And we are asking here in this resolution to give commendation to this young man for us to motivate our Bangsamoro youth to excel in their chosen profession.

Thank you very much.

## OMNIBUS MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS AND AMENDMENTS

On motion of MP Basman, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the periods of interpellations and amendments.

## APPROVAL OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 88

On motion of MP Basman, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body approved Proposed Resolution No. 88.

## PROPOSED SIMPLE RESOLUTION NO. 89

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the title and the names of the author and co-authors of Proposed Resolution No. 89 which, in turn, on motion of MP Basman, duly seconded and there being no objection, was treated by the Body as simple resolution, entitled:

RESOLUTION STRONGLY APPEALING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DFA) TO RE-OPEN ITS CONSULAR OFFICE IN COTABATO CITY TO CATER TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (BARMM)

Author: MP Baintan A. Ampatuan

Co-authors: MPs Amilbahar S. Mawallil, Laisa M. Alamia, Suharto M. Ambolodto, Don Mustapha A. Loong, Rasol Y. Mitmug, Jr., Rasul E. Ismael, Khalid M. Hadji Abdullah, Jaafar Apollo Mikhail L. Matalam, and Bassir D. Utto

## SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At 2:46 p.m., on motion of MP Basman, the Chair declared a suspension of session.

## RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 2:49 p.m., the session was resumed.

## AUTHORSHIP SPEECH OF MP AMPATUAN

In her sponsorship speech, MP Ampatuan shared to the Body the difficulties that the constituents of the BARMM were experiencing in order to process their passports. She stated that the resolution was an appeal to the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) to reopen their office in the Cotabato City, BARMM. She also mentioned that even the local government unit (LGU) of Cotabato City also wanted to have such services again.

## MANIFESTATION OF SUPPORT OF MP SEMA (OY)

MP Sema (OY) manifested his full support on the said proposed resolution. He said that the consular services in Cotabato City which was open during his father's time was one of the revenue generating offices in Cotabato City since there were a lot of people obtaining their passport. He also mentioned that the importance of a passport is not only for employment purposes but also for valid identification during those times.

## PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

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

## INTERPELLATION OF MP LORENA

As to whether the proponent considered opening a consular office because Cotabato City is the regional center of the BARMM, MP Ampatuan responded in the affirmative.

As to whether MP Ampatuan recognized that one of the powers of the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL) was to have hajj services which is separate from the National Commission on Muslim Filipino (NCMF), MP Ampatuan answered in the affirmative.

As to whether MP Ampatuan considered the difficulty of people going to other city just to have their passport, MP Ampatuan responded affirmatively.

MP Lorena then manifested his intent to be co-author of the said proposed resolution.

## TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

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

## PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

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

#### AMENDMENT OF MP TAN

MP Tan introduced an amendment in the title and eight whereas clause by inserting the word “SERVICES” between consular and office.

MP Ampatuan accepted the proposed amendment with the premise that it include services in passporting, to which MP Tan assured that it was the purpose of the said amendment.

#### AMENDMENT OF MP PARCASIO

MP Parcasio introduced an amendment to the title to replace the word “CATER” with “SERVE” thus, the title as amended would read as follows:

“STRONGLY APPEALING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DFA) TO RE-OPEN ITS CONSULAR OFFICE IN COTABATO CITY AND TO *SERVE* TO THE RESIDENTS OF BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (BARMM)”

The proposed amendment of MP Parcasio was accepted by the proponent.

#### AMENDMENT OF MP LORENA

MP Lorena introduced the following amendments:

1. To add the following whereas clauses after the eight whereas clause:

WHEREAS, COTABATO CITY IS CURRENTLY THE REGIONAL OFFICE OF THE BARMM;

WHEREAS, THE BOL PROVIDES THAT THE BARMM CAN HAVE ITS OWN SEPARATE HAJJ SERVICES PURSUANT TO SECTION 42, ARTICLE VII OF THE BOL WHICH PROVIDES THAT “THE PARLIAMENT MAY CREATE OTHER OFFICES SUCH AS FOR THE YOUTH, WOMEN, SETTLER COMMUNITIES, DISASTER RISK REDUCTION MANAGEMENT, AND PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING A BANGSAMORO PILGRIMAGE AUTHORITY WHICH SHALL EXERCISE JURISDICTION OVER HAJJ AND UMRAH MATTERS AFFECTING PILGRIMS FROM WITHIN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION”;

MP Baintan accepted the proposed amendments with the condition of changing the words “REGIONAL OFFICE” to “TEMPORARY GOVERNMENT CENTER” in the first proposal, which was between “CURRENTLY THE” and “REGIONAL”.

#### AMENDMENT OF MP SEMA (OY)

MP Sema (OY) introduced amendment in the amendment of MP Lorena to replace the words “IS CURRENTLY THE REGIONAL OFFICE” with “PRESENTLY HOSTS THE GOVERNMENT CENTER”. The proponent accepted the amendments of MP Sema (OY).

#### INCLUSION OF ALL MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT PRESENT AS CO-AUTHORS

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

#### TERMINATION OF PERIOD AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

On omnibus motion of MP Basman, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of amendments and approved the proposed resolution.

#### REFERRAL OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO COMMITTEE

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the title and the names of author and co-authors of Proposed Resolution No. 91 which, in turn, on motion of MP Basman, duly seconded and there being no objection, was referred to the Committee on Environment, Natural Resources, and Energy, entitled:

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT,  
NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (MENRE) TO INTENSIFY  
ITS REFORESTATION PROGRAMS ESPECIALLY IN THE  
LANDSLIDE PRONE AREAS

Author: MP Baintan A. Ampatuan

Co-authors: MPs Amilbahar S. Mawallil, Rasol Y. Mitmug, Jr., Laisa M. Alamia, Suharto M. Ambolodto, Don Mustapha A. Loong, Rasul E. Ismael, Khalid M. Hadji Abdullah, Jaafar Apollo Mikhail L. Matalam, and Bassir D. Utto

## OTHER MATTERS

*At this point*, the Body proceeded to the consideration of Other Matters in the Order of Business as amended.

## CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 01

*At this juncture*, the Body proceeded to the consideration of Committee Report No. 01 as reported by the Committee on Rules, thru Committee Member, MP Alih, re-BTA-Proposed Resolution No. 45, entitled:

RESOLUTION AMENDING ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 97,  
RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE TOP RANKED BANGSAMORO  
QUR'AN RECITERS WHO REPRESENTED THE COUNTRY IN  
VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL QUR'AN RECITING COMPETITIONS  
FOR AROUND HALF A CENTURY SINCE 1969"

Author: MPs Eddie Mapag Alih, Nabil A. Tan, Jose I. Lorena, Mohammad S. Yacob, Haron M. Abas, Ibrahim D. Ali, Abdullah B. Hashim, Abdullah E. Gayak, Aida M. Silongan, Susana S. Anayatin, Maleiha B. Candao, Ali O. Salik, Said M. Shiek, Said Z. Salendab, Akmad I. Abas, Mudjib C. Abu, Basit S. Abbas, Suwaib L.Faisal G. Karon, John Anthony L. Lim, Amroussi A. Macatanong, Baileng S. Mantawil, Tawakal B. Midtimbang, Rasol Y. Mitmug Jr., Randolph C. Parcasio, Ramon A. Piang, Romeo K. Sema, Kadil M. Sinolinding Jr., Adzfar H. Usman, Bassir D. Utto, Hatimil E. Hassan, Benjamin T. Loong, Abdulkarim T. Minsuari, and Omar Yasser Sema

With recommendation that the said Resolution be approved with committee amendments.

## DEFERMENT OF CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1

On motion of MP Basman, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body deferred the consideration of Committee Report No. 01 entitled : re-BTA-Proposed Resolution No. 45, entitled:

RESOLUTION AMENDING ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 97,  
RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE TOP RANKED BANGSAMORO  
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## BILL ON SECOND READING

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the title and the name of the author of BTA-Parliament Bill No. 127 on Second Reading, entitled:

### AN ACT EXTENDING THE 2020 AND 2021 SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

Author: The Government of the Day

## AUTHORSHIP SPEECH OF MP PACASEM

MP Pacasem delivered the following authorship speech on BTA-Parliament Bill No. 127:

To the Honorable Speaker of the Bangsamoro Parliament and esteemed colleagues in the Bangsamoro Transition Authority,

*Assalamu alaykum wa rahmatullah wa barakatuh.*

No less than the Bangsamoro Organic Law mandates the Bangsamoro Government to intensify the development efforts for the rehabilitation, reconstruction, and development of the autonomous region. Entrusted with this heavy mandate, the Bangsamoro Government carries the imperative to see these development efforts through to fruition.

The Law likewise directs the National Government to provide a special development fund for this very purpose. In keeping with this directive, the Bangsamoro Government has been allocated a Five Billion Peso—Special Development Fund in the General Appropriations Act for the years 2020, 2021, and 2022. The same will be provided for seven more years, totaling to Fifty Billion Pesos. Charged to the said Fund were over two hundred programs, activities, and projects in 2020 and in 2021, all of which are aimed at rebuilding, rehabilitating, and developing conflict-affected communities in the region.

The implementation of said programs were, however, delayed for a number of reasons. Among these reasons are the bureaucratic processes indispensable to the release of the fund from the National Government to the Bangsamoro Government, and from the latter to the Ministries and Offices which will implement the said programs and projects. For the 2020 Special Development Fund, the approval of the proposed PAPs was done in the early months of 2021. The fund was first released to implementing Ministries, after submission of necessary documents, in the months leading to the second half of 2021. The 2021 Special Development Fund underwent the same rigid processes, and was first released to the implementing Ministries and Offices in the second quarter of 2022.

Moreover, the constitution and operationalization of the SDF - Project Management Office, which was tasked to spearhead the preparation, consolidation, packaging, and approval of programs, activities, and projects and to oversee and monitor the implementation of SDF PAPs, was completed in 2021.

Also in play were the limitations in human resources and capacity during the early phases of the transition period. In its formative years, the Bangsamoro Government dealt with pressures from the National Government to establish the bureaucracy, streamline systems and improve government service, using what remained of its predecessor's resources as its springboard, all while striving to achieve its goals of enduring peace and sustained socio-economic development.

This proved to be more difficult upon the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. Like most government efforts and endeavors, the implementation of SDF programs, activities, and projects were greatly hampered by the pandemic due to the frequent lockdowns, the imposition of movement restrictions, and the shifting of government priorities to the mitigation of the adverse effects of the pandemic.

While there are no acceptable excuses for delays in the delivery of service to the public, there is also no perfect government which could have avoided these delays, given the circumstances. All of the foregoing factors considered, the Bangsamoro Government had to hurdle a mountain of challenges in the last three years. But the years that have gone by and the tribulations that came with it are of no moment, for if we are to move forward, we have to look forward.

Of paramount essence here is the end which is sought to be achieved—that is the rebuilding, rehabilitation, and the development of conflict-affected communities, addressing the needs of combatants and those of the internally displaced persons, widows, orphans, and poverty-stricken communities. With the espousal in the Organic Law of the Special Development Fund for this purpose, the people of the Bangsamoro who have suffered from decades of conflict, are promised with meaningful and sustainable transformation—a promise that the Bangsamoro Government ought to make good on.

As we are constantly reminded, the Bangsamoro Government, specifically this august body, wields the greatest power to drive the region towards socio-economic development and self-sufficiency, and it shall do so with higher regard and consideration of its goals than the bureaucratic aspects of governance. To ensure that this mandate to rebuild, rehabilitate and develop conflict-afflicted areas is fulfilled, along with its other decreed responsibilities to the Bangsamoro, is the very crux of Moral Governance.

Along these lines, this humble representation seeks your support to approve the extension of the 2020 and 2021 Special Development Fund. With this extension, the Bangsamoro Government will be given leverage to sustain its developmental gains and continue delivering quality services to the Bangsamoro.

There may have been delays brought about by the trials of the past years, but amidst all these, the Bangsamoro Government must, as one institution, show and prove that it is all the more emboldened to work towards the attainment of its aspirations for the Bangsamoro.



*Wa billahi tawfiq wal hidaya. Wassalamu alaykum warahmatullah.*

#### REFERRAL OF BILL TO COMMITTEE

On motion of MP Basman, duly seconded and there being no objection, BTA-Parliament No. 127 was referred to the Committee on Finance, Budget and Management.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At 3:27 p.m., on motion of MP Basman, the Chair suspended the session.

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:29 p.m., the session was resumed.

#### BILL ON SECOND READING

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the title and the name of the author of BTA-Parliament Bill No. 128 on Second Reading, entitled:

AN ACT EXTENDING THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF THE BANGSAMORO UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2023, EXCEPT PERSONNEL SERVICES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 48 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE 2022 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF THE BANGSAMORO

Author: The Government of the Day

#### AUTHORSHIP SPEECH OF MP GUERRA

MP Guerra delivered his authorship speech on BTA-Parliament Bill No. 128 as follows:

My salutations to the Chief Minister Ahod B. Ebrahim, the Speaker Atty. Pangalian M. Balindong, and to all the esteemed Members of the Bangsamoro Parliament who are here today. Ladies and gentlemen, *assalamu alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuhu.*

First, I would like to thank the BTA Parliament for passing the GAAB for Fiscal Year 2023 last night. Let me take this opportunity to commend the effort and the hard work of the MFBM, led by MP Atty. Ubaida Pacasem and express my deepest gratitude to the all the Members of the CFBM, and the Members of the Parliament who had painstakingly participated, in the longest budget deliberations by far. It spanned 27

working days, *gabi man o bakasyon*. Let us also not forget those who worked silently in the background, the support staff of the Members of Parliament and of course the Committee Secretariat. *Mukhang walang nahospital this year. Alhamdullillah.*

Now to the business at hand.

Last year we requested President Duterte to allow the incumbent members to continue carrying out its mandate through BTA Resolution No. 173 dated October 12, 2021. We said, that in order to preserve and sustain the gains achieved under the various programs, projects and measures, the BTA should be extended. We asked then, humbly, for an extension in the transition period, sharing the collective desire of the Bangsamoro, in making sure that we have a strong regional bureaucracy. *Alhamdulillah*, the extension was eventually granted by the Congress and the Senate.

It is for this reason, we need to acknowledge that the 2022 budget extension, is necessary in achieving the outcomes we seek to preserve and sustain. We must admit that we need ample time to finish the job of establishing a system that befits the realities of the Bangsamoro and a system responsive to the changing times.

On my part, as a member of this august Body and the chair of the CFBM, I regret not having considered the implications of the election year, to a year with many challenges of a nation still under a State of Emergency. Then, there were uncertainties brought about by the reappointment of the Members of the Parliament, which also affected Ministers and the authorities they had over their offices. Ministers and other Head of Offices were prohibited from signing new contracts and approving new appointments. These limitations were prolonged by the Plebiscite in Maguindanao. *Ang daming nawalang mga araw, approximately mga 5 buwan.*

The National Government on the other hand took early action. The National GAA for 2022 was enacted with a 2 year validity – ending December 31, 2023.

We continuously strive to do better every year. Any shortcomings should serve as lessons for improvement. Last year, we should have enacted our 2022 GAAB with a 2 year validity. This bill will remedy that. A year should be ample time for the Ministries, Agencies and Offices, including the BTA, to finish Projects, Programs and Activities, while ensuring that sound fiscal policies are kept.

Our fiscal policies increased economic activity and helped to substantially reduce poverty in the region by two digits, first in the country. According to NEDA, we in the BARMM have the second highest economic growth in the country despite the global pandemic. We are second to CALABARZON.

I have a dream, and I know we share the same dreams and imagination - that is for the betterment of the Bangsamoro. *Mga pangarap at panaginip na pagkatapos nang negotiation at sa pagdating ng BARMM ay luminaw at naging colored pa ngayon.*

Together, we shall make those colored dreams come true.

We are asking for more time. It is us, the members of this body who holds the power to give time, and have the 2022 appropriation validity extended.

With the foregoing, I respectfully urge the passage into law, BTA Bill No. 128, extending the validity of the 2022 appropriations.

We cannot fail our people in delivering their expectations.

*Patuloy nating iparamdam na “Ramdam na namin ang BARMM”.*

*Shukran.*

#### REFERRAL OF BTA-PARLIAMENT BILL NO. 128 TO COMMITTEE

On motion of MP Basman, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body referred BTA-Parliament Bill No. 128 to the Committee on Finance, Budget, and Management.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At 3:40 p.m., on motion of MP Basman, the Chair suspended the session until further notice.

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

On December 22, 2022 at 2:50 p.m., the session was resumed with Deputy Speaker Sema presiding.

#### INVOCATION

MP Solaiman led the invocation.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUEST

The Acting Majority Floor Leader, Deputy Majority Floor Leader Jajurie acknowledged the presence of Hon. Congressman Ziaur-Rahman Alonto Adiong, the representative of 1<sup>st</sup> District of Lanao Del Sur.

## AMENDMENT OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

On motion of MP Jajurie, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Order of Business was amended to include the Proposed Resolutions Nos. 128, 131, 138 and 139 under Item No. VII (B) and Bills on Second Reading, Committee Report Nos. 03 and 04 under Item No. VIII.

## BILLS ON FIRST READING

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the titles and the names of authors and co-authors of the following bills on First Reading:

1. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 84, entitled:

AN ACT MEMORIALIZING THE VALOR EXEMPLIFIED BY THE MORO NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (MNLF) TOP 90 AND TOP 300 CORE MEMBERS, AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Author: MP Amilbahar S. Mawallil

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

2. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 85, entitled:

AN ACT PROMOTING THE MODERNIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF ALL AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING FACILITIES IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Author: MP Amilbahar S. Mawallil

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

3. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 86, entitled:

AN ACT CREATING THE SEAWEED INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION, AND DEFINING ITS OBJECTIVES, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

Author: MP Amilbahar S. Mawallil

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

4. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 87, entitled:

AN ACT DECLARING BALOBOK CAVE IN BONGAO, TAWI-TAWI AS A REGIONAL HERITAGE ZONE, PROVIDING FOR ITS PROTECTION, PRESERVATION, AND PROMOTION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

5. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 88, entitled:

AN ACT REQUIRING ALL HOSPITALS IN THE BANGSAMORO  
AUTONOMOUS REGION TO ESTABLISH A DIALYSIS UNIT, AND  
PROVIDE FREE DIALYSIS SERVICES TO INDIGENT PATIENTS

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

6. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 89, entitled:

AN ACT PROMOTING CLEAN WATER IN THE BANGSAMORO,  
INCLUDING SAFE DRINKING WATER, THROUGH EFFECTIVE  
WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

7. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 90, entitled:

AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 6 AS THE ANNUAL SIMULTANEOUS  
CLEAN-UP DAY IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION  
IN MUSLIM MINDANAO

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

8. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 91, entitled:

AN ACT CREATING THE BANGSAMORO PRINTING OFFICE,  
DEFINING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS, AND RESPONSIBILITIES,  
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

9. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 92, entitled:

AN ACT CREATING THE BANGSAMORO HOUSING OFFICE, DEFINING  
ITS MANDATES, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND PROVIDING  
FUNDS THEREFOR

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

Ismael, Diamila D. Ramos, Susana S. Anayatin, Khalid M. Hadji Abdullah, Jaafar Apollo Mikhail L. Matalam, Sittie Fahanie S. Uy-Oyod, Nabila Margarita P. Pangandaman, Bassir D. Utto, Froilyn T. Mendoza, and Mohammad Kelie U. Antao

10. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 93, entitled:

AN ACT CREATING THE BANGSAMORO COCONUT AUTHORITY, ESTABLISHING ITS POWERS AND JURISDICTION, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Author: MP Baintan A. Ampatuan

Co-authors: MPs Amilbahar S. Mawallil, Laisa M. Alamia, Suharto M. Ambolodto, Don Mustapha A. Loong, Rasol Y. Mitmug, Jr., Rasul E. Ismael, Diamila D. Ramos, Susana S. Anayatin, Khalid M. Hadji Abdullah, Jaafar Apollo Mikhail L. Matalam, Sittie Fahanie S. Uy-Oyod, Nabila Margarita P. Pangandaman, Bassir D. Utto, Froilyn T. Mendoza, and Mohammad Kelie U. Antao

#### READING AND REFERRAL OF THE PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the titles and the names of authors and co-authors of the following proposed resolutions which, in turn, on successive motions of MP Jajurie, duly seconded and there being no objection, were referred to appropriate committees:

1. Proposed Resolution No. 84, entitled:

RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS NATIONAL THRU DPWH-BARMM AND MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS-BARMM TO IMPROVE, UPGRADE AND RECONSTRUCT ALL BRIDGES LOCATED WITHIN THE BARMM REGION

Author: MP Baileng S. Mantawil

Co-authors: MPs Mary Ann M. Arnado, Tawakal B. Midtimbang, Bassir D. Utto, Mudjib C. Abu, Mohammad Kelie U. Antao, Suwaib L. Oranon, and Amroussi A. Macatanong

To the Committee on Public Works

2. Proposed Resolution No. 94, entitled:

RESOLUTION URGING THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD, TO INCLUDE IN ITS PRIORITY AGENDA THE REHABILITATION AND UPGRADING OF THE NARCISO RAMOS HIGHWAY IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION

Author: MP Baintan A. Ampatuan

Co-authors: MPs Amilbahar S. Mawallil, Laisa M. Alamia, Suharto M. Ambolodto, Don Mustapha A. Loong, Rasol Y. Mitmug, Jr., Rasul E. Ismael, Khalid M. Hadji Abdullah, Jaafar Apollo Mikhail L. Matalam, and Bassir D. Utto

To the Committee on Rules

3. Proposed Resolution No. 99, entitled:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS (DPWH) – NATIONAL TO PRIORITIZE THE MAINTENANCE AND REHABILITATION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (BARMM)

Author: MP Baintan A. Ampatuan

Co-authors: MPs Amilbahar S. Mawallil, Laisa M. Alamia, Suharto M. Ambolodto, Don Mustapha A. Loong, Rasol Y. Mitmug, Jr., Rasul E. Ismael, Khalid M. Hadji Abdullah, Jaafar Apollo Mikhail L. Matalam, and Bassir D. Utto

To the Committee on Public Works

4. Proposed Resolution No. 101, entitled:

A RESOLUTION URGING CONCERNED BARMM MINISTRIES AND LGUs TO PROVIDE HOUSING SETTLEMENT FOR VICTIMS OF TYPHOON PAENG IN BARMM AREAS WHO WERE RENDERED HOMELESS

Author: MP Susana S. Anayatin

Co-authors: MPs Eddie M. Alih, Abdullah B. Hashim, Said Z. Salendab, Abdullah G. Macapaar, Rasul E. Ismael, Ramon A. Piang, Sr., Abdulaziz M. Amenoden, Bassir D. Utto, and Diamila D. Ramos

To the Committee on Human Settlement and Development

## PROPOSED SIMPLE RESOLUTION

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the title and the names of authors Proposed Resolution No. 128 which, in turn, on motion of MP Jajurie, duly seconded and there being no objection, was treated by the Body as simple resolution, entitled:

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND EXPRESSING SINCERE APPRECIATIONS AND GRATITUDE OF THE BANGSAMORO GOVERNMENT TO THE PRIVATE SECTORS-SIVIC, RELIGIOUS, ACADEME, BUSINESS, YOUTH, WOMEN, AND THE MEDIA-RADIO, TELEVISION, AND SOCIAL MEDIA, AND TO THE CONCERNED CITIZINES FOR PROVIDING TIMELY DISASTER RELIEF AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE PEOPLE OF BANGSAMORO WHO SUFFERED CATASTROPHIC DAMAGE CAUSED BY SURGE TROPICAL STORM PAENG

Authors: MPs Susana S. Anayatin and Baintan A. Ampatuan

#### AUTHORSHIP SPEECH OF MP ANAYATIN

The importance of the Private Sectors role in mitigating the adverse impact of climate change was once again highlighted during the recent surge of tropical storm Paeng. Almost always they are the first responders and proactive in performing disaster-related activities, from preemptive evacuation to the restoration of people's livelihood.

Their responsive and quick assistance in providing skilled services in form of technical manpower or in-kind donations of goods or services somewhat lessened the vulnerability of communities to physical, social, and economic shocks.

Therefore, the Bangsamoro Government, in gratitude and appreciation, is sincerely commending the contributions of the private sectors which were adequately performed when the region was severely hit by Tropical Storm Paeng, such as but not limited to public information, debris removal, and emergency medical care on top of distributing other basic necessities of assorted food packs, rice, water, toiletries, relief goods, sleeping bags, hygiene kits, and other provisions.

This august assembly hence, acknowledges and acclaim the modern heroes of our time in the persons of various Private Sectors who had braved their way to the remote and perilous affected areas, who generously shared financial resources, time and exerted effort and performed heroic undertakings to give aid to Bangsamoro people who were in dire needs humanitarian assistance.

Hence, the adoption of this Resolution.

#### OPENING OF PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

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

#### TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

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



## OPENING OF PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

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

## TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

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

## APPROVAL OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 128

On motion of MP Jajurie, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body approved the Proposed Resolution No. 128, subject to style.

## READING AND REFERRAL OF THE PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the titles and names of the authors and co-authors of the following proposed resolutions which, in turn, on separate motions of MP Jajurie, duly seconded and there being no objection, were referred to the appropriate committees:

### 1. Proposed Resolution No. 102, entitled:

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE INCREASE OF CALAMITY ASSISTANCE FUND UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MINISTER AND RELEVANT BANGSAMORO GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES OR OFFICES.

Authors: MPs Suharto S. Esmael, Sha Elijah B. Dumama-Alba, Marjanie S. Macasalong, Aida M. Silongan, Ubaida C. Pacasem, Matarul M. Estino, Hashem N. Dilangalen, Khalid M. Hadji Abdullah, Mary Ann M Arnado, and Anna Tarhata S. Basman.

Co-authors: MPs Ramon A. Piang, Sr., Kadil M. Sinolinding Jr., Mosber E. Alauddin, Michael E. Midtimbang, Abdulaziz M. Amenoden, Eddie M. Alih, Nurredha I. Misuari, Don Mustapha A. Loong , Diamila D. Ramos , Hatimil E. Hassan , and Abdullah E. Gayak

To the Committee on Finance and Budget and Management

2. Proposed Resolution No. 131, entitled:

A RESOLUTION URGING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE AND OTHER AUTHORITIES OF THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO TO IMMEDIATELY ACT AND INVESTIGATE THE BRUTAL KILLING OF MS. JOCELYN S. PALAO OF THE MINISTRY OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AFFAIRS FOR JUSTICE."

Authors: MPs Froilyn T. Mendoza, Susana S. Anayatin, Nurredha L. Misuari, Laisa M. Alamia, Baintan A. Ampatuan, Raissa H. Jajuric, Sha Elijah B. Dumama-Alba, Bailing S. Mantawil, Bai Maleiha B. Candao, Anna Tarhata S. Basman, Alda M. Silongan and Tarhata M. Maglangit

Co-authors: MPs Adzfar Usman, and Khalid M. Hadji Abdullah

To the Committee on Public Order and Safety and the Committee on Human Right

3. Proposed Resolution No. 139, entitled:

RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE PHILIPPINE POLICE (PNP) AND THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (NBI) TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION AND FILE THE APPROPRIATE CRIMINAL ACTION ON THE KILLING OF MS. JOCELYN S. PALAO, EX-OFFICIO COMMISSIONER OF THE BANGSAMORO WOMEN COMMISSION, AND THE CHIEF OF ANCESTRAL DOMAIN DIVISION OF THE MINISTRY OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S AFFAIRS

Authors: Eddie Mapag Alih, Mohagher M. Iqbal, Pangallan M. Balindong, Abdulraof A. Macacua, Mohammad S. Yacob, Amilbahar S. Mawallil, Eduard U. Guerra, Ubaida C. Pacasem, Ali B. Solaiman, Sha Elijah B. Dumama-Alba, Raissa H. Jajurie, Aida M. Silongan, Anna Tarhata S. Basman, Mary Ann M. Arnado, Lanang T. Ali, Jr., Omar Yasser C. Sema, Haron M. Abas, Ibrahim D. Ali, Abdullah B. Hashim, Nabil A. Tan, Jose I. Lorena, Paisalin P. Tago, Hatimil E. Hassan, Kadil M. Sinolinding, Jr., Mudjib C. Abu, Susana S. Anayatin, Marjanie S. Macasalong, Suharto S. Esmael, Suwaib L. Oranon, Ali O. Salik, Tawakal B. Midtimbang, Said M. Shick, Said Z. Salendab, Ramon A. Piang, St.. Abdullah E. Gayak, Akmad I. Abas, Abdullah G. Macapaar, Hussein P. Muñoz, Abdulwahab M. Pak, Benjamin T. Loong, Romeo K. Sema, Randolph C. Parcasio, Bai Maleiha B. Candao, Baileng S. Mantawil, Amroussi A. Macatanong, Dan S. Asnawie, Mosber E. Alauddin, Abdullah G. Macapaar, Matarul M. Estino

Co-authors: Abdulaziz M. Amenoden, Khalid M. Hadji Abdullah, Diamila D. Ramos, Adzfar H. Usman, Muslimin A. Jakilan, Ali B. Sangki, Hashemi N. Dilangalen

To the Committee on Public Order and Safety and the Committee on Human Right

## PROPOSED SIMPLE RESOLUTION

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the title and the names of the authors and co-authors of Proposed Resolution No. 138 which, on motion of MP Jajurie, duly seconded and there being no objection, was treated by the Body as a simple resolution, entitled:

### RESOLUTION CONDEMNING IN THE STRONGEST SENSE THE KILLING OF MS. JOCELYN S. PALAO, EX OFFICIO COMMISSIONER OF THE BANGSAMORO WOMEN COMMISSION, AND CHIEF OF THE ANCESTRAL DOMAIN DIVISION OF THE MINISTRY OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' AFFAIRS

Authors: MPs Eddie M. Alih, Mohagher M. Iqbal, Pangalian M. Balindong, Abdulraof A. Macacua, Mohammad S. Yacob, Amilbahar S. Mawallil, Eduard U. Guerra, Ubaida C. Pacasem, Ali B. Solaiman, Sha Elijah B. Dumama-Alba, Raissa H. Jajurie, Aida M. Silongan, Anna Tarhata S. Basman, Mary Ann M. Arnado, Lanang T. Ali, Jr., Omar Yasser C. Sema, Haron M. Abas, Ibrahim D. Ali, Abdullah B. Hashim, Nabil A. Tan, Jose I. Lorena, Paisalin P. Tago, Hatimil E. Hassan, Kadil M. Sinolinding, Jr., Mudjib C. Abu, Susana S. Anayatin, Marjanie S. Macasalong, Suharto S. Esmael, Suwaib L. Oranon, Ali O. Salik, Tawakal B. Midtimbang, Said M. Shiek, Said Z. Salendab, Ramon A. Piang, Sr., Abdullah E. Gayak, Akmad I. Abas, Abdullah G. Macapaar, Hussein P. Muñoz, Abdulwahab M. Pak, Benjamin T. Loong, Romeo K. Sema, Randolph C. Parcasio, Maleiha B. Candao, Baileng S. Mantawil, Amroussi A. Macatanong, Dan S. Asnawie, Mosber E. Alauddin, Abdullah G. Macapaar, And Matarul M. Estino

Co-authors: MPs Abdulaziz M. Amenoden, Khalid M. Hadji Abdullah, Diamila D. Ramos, Adzfar H. Usman, Muslimin A. Jakilan, Ali B. Sangki, and Hashemi N. Dilangalen

### AUTHORSHIP SPEECH OF MP ALIH

In sponsoring Proposed Resolution No. 138, MP Alih delivered the following speech:

*Bismillahi Rahmani Raheem, Alhamdulillah rabil alameen, wasalatu wasalamu ala azrafil ambiyahi wal mursaleen sayidinna Mohammaden wa Allah'alihi wa'ashabihi adjma'in amaba'ad*

*Assalamu alaykum warahmatullahi ta'Allah wabarakatuhu.*

*Mr. Speaker, fellow members of this August Body, alam po natin lahat noong Tuesday, December 20, 2022, isa po sa kasamahan natin sa Bangsamoro Government na si Ms. Jocelyn S. Palao siya po ay isang Ex-official Commissioner of Bangsamoro Women Commission at siya po ang Chief of the Ancestral Domain Division ng Ministry of Indigenous Peoples' Affairs, siya po ay nabaril. She was gunned down. She was gunned on her way home. Pauwi napo siya galing sa trabaho dito sa atin at nabaril po siya sa bandang Teodoro Illanu Avenue sa Barangay Rosary Heights seven, eleven, I mean ng around 5:30 pm sa Cotabato City. At nasabi po ng Chief ng City Police Station*

*ng Cotabato City, na si Ms. Palao, ay senselessly murdered para bang walang kasalanan walang kalabanlaban at binaril at napatay po siya.*

*Si Ms. Palao po is a member of the Teduray tribe at resident ng South Upi, Maguindanao Del Sur, an active member po ng Indigenous Peoples at siya po ay nag adbokasya po ng protection at promotion ng rights ng mga IPs for their ancestral domain. Yan po si Ms. Palao, is live by her family may asawa po siya, dalawang anak, isang anak na, dalawang anak na lalaki, isang anak na babae, at maraming mga apo. At siya po ay kilala bilang mabait na tao kaya I ask the, my fellow Members of this Parliament na to condemn to the highest degree sa pagkamatay po ng ating kasama na member po ng empleyado po natin dito sa Bangsamoro Government Kaya po nakakalungkot mga kababayan po aking mga kasama na mawalan ng isang kasamahan sa trabaho na kilalang mabait pagkatapos ganito po ang nangyari a kanya. I appeal to all of you to pass and approve this resolution.*

*Wabillahi tawfik walhidaya, wa assalamu alaykum warahmatullahi ta'Allah wabarakatuhu.*

#### SUPPLEMENTAL SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF MP MENDOZA

In sponsoring Proposed Resolution No. 138, MP Mendoza, one of the authors, delivered the following supplemental speech:

To begin, Mr. Speaker, as the only IP woman representative and Member of Parliament, I stand before this honourable chamber and express my outrage at the brutal killing of Ms. Jocelyn Samar Palao, the Head of the Ancestral Domain Division, Ministry of Indigenous Peoples' Affairs.

On December 20, 2022 at around five o'clock late in the afternoon, unidentified gunmen fired multiple gunshots at Jocelyn while she was walking along the Primera Hotel in LR. Sebastian Cotabato City. Mr. Speaker, Jocelyn was a former public school teacher in Timanan Central Elementary School in South Upi, Maguindanao Del Sur before she was employed at the Ministry. Jocelyn was a pure blooded Teduray. She is survived by her husband and two sons. Mr. Speaker, there is more to the story behind Jocelyn's ruthless killing.

On November 26, 2022, the Timuay Justice and Governance, which is the political structure of the Teduray and Lambangian, and the MIPA BARMM conducted a levelling off meeting headed by Jocelyn and hosted by Timuay Rolando Juan, the municipal IP Mandatory representative of Upi. In that meeting, the discussion focused on the ancestral domain delineation and indigenous political structure, and an agreement was reached to conduct a series of meetings in the presence of Timuay Melanio Ulama, Minister for Indigenous Peoples, and the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples. The objective of the meetings is to reach a consensus plan for the Teduray Lambangian and Dulangan Manobo within the province of Maguindanao del Sur and Maguindanao Del Norte.

Before her untimely death, Mr. Speaker, Jocelyn led the very colourful IP Day celebration last October in the BARMM. She headed the reclamation of Urok Tantanawan now called PC Hill as a worship grounds of the Teduray where the shrine of the first Sgt Maw the legendary leader of the tribe will be in place.

Jocelyn headed the establishment of the first school of living tradition in Upi, Maguindanao. She initiated the crafting of the comprehensive ancestral domain sustainable development and protection plan. And she initiated the ongoing review of the

finalization of the ADSDPP for ancestral domain. Three days before shot to death, Jocelyn led the ongoing social preparation for the delineation in Brgy. Sanyag in Ampatuan town. She was also able to lead in establishing seed capitals for IP cooperatives.

Mr. Speaker, we were surprised when we started receiving news circulating in social media and several calls from families and friends that Jocelyn was shot by two men riding in tandem. According to police investigations, nine shots from a calibre 45 pistol were sustained by Jocelyn which caused her immediate death.

Mr. Speaker, *ang pagpaslang kay Jocelyn ay isang karumal dumal na krimen sa isang babae at ina ng tahanan. Sa taong 2022, si Jocelyn ang ika-anim na biktima ng kasong pagpatay sa aming mga lider at sibilyan na simpleng namumuhay sa kani-kanilang mga komunidad.*

Mr. Speaker, the women and men of this Parliament condemn in the strongest possible terms this vicious attack against an IP woman. Many women's lives have been lost, families deprived of their mothers, sisters and daughters. This is unacceptable under any circumstances. As an IP woman and a member of this Parliament, my office is deeply concerned with the repeated and violent attacks against women. When an IP woman is targeted and attacked, not only is her life at risk but the future of her children is shattered, families are broken, and our communities are left suffering.

Mr. Speaker, we file this resolution to demonstrate our strongest condemnation of this heinous act. We offer our deepest condolences to the family and IP communities affected by these senseless acts. Together with the women and men in this Parliament, we call for justice for Jocelyn. We call for stronger efforts to protect all women in the Bangsamoro.

Thank you.

#### INCLUSION OF ALL MEMBERS AS AUTHORS

On motion of MP Jajurie, duly seconded and there being no objection, all the Members of the Parliament were included as authors of Proposed Resolution No. 138.

#### OPENING OF PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

On motion of MP Jajurie, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body opened the period of interpellations.

#### TERMINATION OF THE PERIODS OF DEBATE AND INTERPELLATIONS AND AMENDMENTS

On motion of MP Jajurie, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body dispensed the periods of interpellations and amendments for Proposed Resolution No. 138.

#### APPROVAL OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 138

On motion of MP Jajurie, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Chair approved the Proposed Resolution No. 138, subject to style.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At 3:33 pm., on motion of MP Jajurie, the Chair suspended the session.

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:10 p.m., the session was resumed.

#### CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 04

At this juncture, the Body proceeded to consider Committee Report No. 04 as reported out by the Committee of Finance, Budget, and Management, thru Committee Vice-Chairman, MP Tago, re: BTA-Parliament Bill No. 128, entitled:

AN ACT EXTENDING THE AVAILABILITY OF THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF THE BANGSAMORO UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2023, EXCEPT PERSONNEL SERVICES, AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT UNDER MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 48 AND 67 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE BANGSAMORO ACT NO. 23, THE 2022 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF THE BANGSAMORO

Author: Government of the Day

#### ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 04

On motion of MP Tago, duly seconded and there being no objection, the body adopted Committee Report No. 04 for deliberation.

#### OPENING OF PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

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

## TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

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

## OPENING OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

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

## AMENDMENTS OF MP AMPATUAN

MP Ampatuan introduced the following amendments:

1. Delete the last paragraph in section 1.
2. She also proposed to delete letter *(d)* in section 2 and add the following paragraph:

A PRINTED OR ELECTRONIC COPY OF THE QUARTERLY FINANCIAL AND PHYSICAL REPORTS SHALL BE FURNISHED TO THE PARLIAMENT AND THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, BUDGET, AND MANAGEMENT.

The foregoing amendments of MP Ampatuan were accepted by the proponent.

## TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

On motion of MP Jajurie, duly seconded and there being objection, the Body terminated the period of amendments.

## APPROVAL OF BTA-PARLIAMENT BILL NO. 128

On motion of MP Jajurie, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body approved Parliament Bill No. 128 on Second Reading by *viva voce* voting.

## CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 03

*At this juncture*, the Body proceeded to the consideration of Committee Report No. 03 as reported out by the Committee on Finance, Budget, and Management , through

the Committee Vice-Chairperson, MP Pacasem, re: BTA-Parliament Bill No. 127, entitled:

AN ACT EXTENDING THE 2020 AND 2021 SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

Author: MP Eduard U. Guerra

ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE REPORT

On motion of MP Pacasem, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Committee Report No. 3 was adopted for deliberation.

OPENING OF PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

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

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

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

OPENING OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

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

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF MP AMPATUAN

MP Ampatuan introduced an amendment to insert the word “ AVAILABILITY” in the title which shall read as follows:

AN ACT EXTENDING THE AVAILABILITY OF 2020 AND 2021 SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

The foregoing amendment was accepted by the sponsor, MP Pacasem.



## TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

On motion of MP Jajurie, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of amendment.

## APPROVAL OF BTA-PARLIAMENT BILL NO. 127

On motion of MP Jajurie, duly seconded and there being no objection the Body approved BTA-Parliament Bill No. 127 on Second Reading by *viva voce* voting.

## PARLIAMENTARY QUERY OF MP TAGO

As to whether BTA-Parliament Bill Nos. 127 and 128 were certified urgent by the Chief Minister, MP Jajurie responded affirmatively, she then requested the Secretary-General to flash the letter coming from the Chief Minister that signified the certification of the bills as urgent on the screen.

## SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At 4:34 p.m., the Chair *motu proprio* declared a suspension of session.

## RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:48 p.m., the session was resumed.

## APPROVAL OF BTA-PARLIAMENT BILL NO. 128 ON THIRD READING

On motion of MP Jajurie, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the voting on Third Reading of BTA-Parliament Bill No, 128, entitled:

AN ACT EXTENDING THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT OF THE BANGSAMORO UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2023, EXCEPT PERSONNEL SERVICES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 48 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE 2022 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF THE BANGSAMORO

## NOMINAL VOTING ON BTA-PARLIAMENT BILL NO. 128

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General called the roll of Members of Parliament for nominal voting.

### RESULT OF NOMINAL VOTING

The result of the voting is as follows:

In favor:

1. Hon. Akmad I. Abas
2. Hon. Haron M. Abas
3. Hon. Basit S. Abbas
4. Hon. Mudjib C. Abu
5. Hon. Mosber E. Alauddin
6. Hon. Lanang T. Ali, Jr.
7. Hon. Eddie M. Alih
8. Hon. Abdulaziz M. Amenoden
9. Hon. Baintan A. Ampatuan
10. Hon. Mohammad Kelie U. Antao
11. Hon. Mary Ann M. Arnado
12. Hon. Dan S. Asmawie
13. Hon. Anna Tarhata S. Basman
14. Hon. Bai Maleiha B. Candao
15. Hon. Hashemi N. Dilangalen
16. Hon. Sha Elijah B. Dumama-Alba
17. Hon. Suharto S. Esmael
18. Hon. Matarul M. Estino
19. Hon. Abdullah E. Gayak
20. Hon. Eduard U. Guerra
21. Hon. Abdullah B. Hashim
22. Hon. Hatimil E. Hassan
23. Hon. Raissa H. Jajurie
24. Hon. Muslimin A. Jakilan
25. Hon. Albakil D. Jikiri
26. Hon. Faizal G. Karon
27. Hon. John Anthony L. Lim
28. Hon. Abdulraof A. Macacua
29. Hon. Amroussi A. Macatanong
30. Hon. Hamid U. Malik
31. Hon. Baileng S. Mantawil
32. Hon. Jaafar Apollo Mikhail L. Matalam
33. Hon. Froilyn T. Mendoza
34. Hon. Michael E. Midtimbang
35. Hon. Tawakal B. Midtimbang
36. Hon. Abdulkarim T. Misuari
37. Hon. NurRedha I. Misuari
38. Hon. Hussein P. Muñoz
39. Hon. Abdulwahab M. Pak
40. Hon. Nabila Margarita P. Pangandaman
41. Hon. Randolph C. Parcasio
42. Hon. Ramon A. Piang, Sr.
43. Hon. Diamila D. Ramos

44. Hon. Salendab Z. Said
45. Hon. Ali O. Salik
46. Hon. Omar Yasser C. Sema
47. Hon. Said M. Sheik
48. Hon. Aida M. Silongan
49. Hon. Kadil M. Sinolinding, Jr.
50. Hon. Ali B. Solaiman
51. Hon. Paisalin P. Tago
52. Hon. Bassir D. Utto
53. Hon. Sittie Fahanie S. Uy-Oyod
54. Hon. Mohammad S. Yacob

Against: None

Abstention: None

With fifty-four (54) votes in favor, none against and no abstention, BTA-Parliament Bill No. 128 was approved on Third Reading.

#### EXPLANATIONS OF VOTES

The following Members of the Parliament explained their votes on BTA-Parliament Bill No. 128:

##### MP ALIH

In explaining his affirmative vote, MP Alih explained that he voted yes to express his support to the Bangsamoro Government which was led by Chief Minister Hon. Ahod B. Ebrahim, and for the welfare of the people. Secondly, he informed that with what the Bangsamoro Government had been through, it was but right that the Parliament support the extension of 2022 budget.

##### MP AMPATUAN

MP Ampatuan voted yes for various reasons, firstly, she stated that there was an election in national and local level a year ago which had a restriction for the implementing agencies to do the implementation of their programs and projects. Secondly, he said that there was a plebiscite which was held in Maguindanao that resulted in the prohibition of some actions of the ministries and offices, and thirdly in the

national level, it was shared to her that they had also extended their 2022 budget to 2023 budget.

#### MP ANAYATIN

MP Anayatin stated that in compliance to the order of President Ferdinand “Bong Bong” R. Marcos, and support to the Bangsamoro Government which was in need of fund for peace project and development, she voted yes.

#### MP ANTAO

MP Antao stated that he favored yes because the Special Development Fund (SDF) was reserved for the rehabilitation, improvement for the Mujahideens, and the communities that were affected by decade event to the Bangsamoro, he added that there was no reason that he would not support the said program for the Bangsamoro.

#### MP MACACUA

In explaining his affirmative vote, MP Macacua stated that all the reasons of MP Baintan in her affirmative vote was also his reasons. He said that he was hesitant to vote yes because they experienced many extensions, but with the wisdom of the Body that wanted it to be extended, he chose yes.

#### MP SINOLINDING

In explaining his affirmative vote, MP Sinolinding shared that there were many concerns before they cast their votes even on the level of committee deliberations. Moreover, he added that due to unforeseen events that hampered implementation of various projects in the previous year in the region, it was only fair to give the agencies, offices, and ministries a chance to pursue their mandates using the funds for specific purposes intended for the people of the Bangsamoro including the Special Geographic Area of BARMM.

## MP TAGO

In explaining his affirmative vote, MP Tago explained that when they presented Committee Report No. 4 or BTA-Parliament Bill No. 128, he expected a rigorous battle but there were no questions. He added that he realized that the Bangsamoro Transition Authority becomes united when it was for the betterment of the Bangsamoro people, and support to the Chief Minister Ahod Balawag Ebrahim. He thanked the chairman of the Committee on Finance, Budget, and Management for patiently presiding the CFBM for several months. He also thanked the Senior Minister for being present to vote for the two bills. Moreover, he stated his vote yes, adding that his statement was both for BTA-Parliament Bill No. 128 and BTA-Parliament Bill No. 127.

## MP UTTO

MP Utto explained that he voted yes as a support to the BARMM Government since it will benefit the Bangsamoro, and as a support to the Chief Minister.

## APPROVAL OF BTA-PARLIAMENT BILL NO. 127 ON THIRD READING

On motion of MP Jajurie, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the voting on Third Reading of BTA-Parliament Bill No, 127, entitled:

AN ACT EXTENDING THE 2020 AND 2021 SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

## NOMINAL VOTING ON BTA-PARLIAMENT BILL NO. 127

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General called the roll of Members of Parliament for nominal voting.

## RESULT OF NOMINAL VOTING

The result of the nominal voting is as follows:

In favor:

1. Hon. Akmad I. Abas
2. Hon. Haron M. Abas
3. Hon. Basit S. Abbas

4. Hon. Mudjib C. Abu
5. Hon. Mosber E. Alauddin
6. Hon. Lanang T. Ali, Jr.
7. Hon. Eddie M. Alih
8. Hon. Abdulaziz M. Amenoden
9. Hon. Baintan A. Ampatuan
10. Hon. Susana S. Anayatin
11. Hon. Mohammd Kelie U. Antao
12. Hon. Dan S. Asnawie
13. Hon. Anna Tarhata S. Basman
14. Hon. Bai Maleiha B. Candao
15. Hon. Hashemi N. Dilangalen
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45. Hon. Said Z. Salendab
46. Hon. Ali O. Salik
47. Hon. Omar Yasser C. Sema
48. Hon. Said M. Shiek
49. Hon. Aida M. Silongan
50. Hon. Kadil M. Sinolinding, Jr.
51. Hon. Ali. B. Solaiman
52. Hon. Paisalin P. Tago
53. Hon. Bassir D. Utto
54. Hon. Mohammad S. Yacob

Against: None

Abstention: None

With fifty-three (53) votes in favor, none against and no abstention, the Body approved BTA-Parliament Bill No. 127 on Third and Final Reading.

#### EXPLANATIONS OF VOTES

The following Members of the Parliament explained their votes on BTA-Parliament Bill No. 127:

MP ALI (L), JR.

In explaining his affirmative vote, MP Ali (L), Jr. pointed out that the SDF is a special fund intended for all *mujahideens*, Moro Islamic Liberation Front, Moro National Liberation Front and even those in conflict-affected areas were also beneficiaries of the fund. He stated that it originated from the Comprehensive Agreement on Bangsamoro camp of the MILF and the Government of the Philippines and carried over in the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL). He also pointed out that it was also indicated in the Bangsamoro Expenditure Program, adding that it was important that the SDF would be fully implemented.

MP ALIH

In explaining his affirmative vote, MP Alih stated that the SDF was appropriated for the rebuilding, rehabilitation and development of the conflict affected communities in the Region. He mentioned that after 40 to 50 years of their struggles, there were a lot of damages and lives lost. He stressed that the SDF was for the community to rebuild, rehabilitate and to catch up with progress of the other regions in the country. He concluded his statement saying that he voted yes as a statement of support for the Bangsamoro Government to achieve its mandate for the betterment of the Bangsamoro.

MP AMPATUAN

In explaining her affirmative vote, MP Ampatuan stated that the approval with regards to the SDF happened last October 2021 and it is only in January 2023 that the

actual implementation of the programs and projects as contained in the SDF 2020 and 2021 will be done. She also explained that the process from the DBM going to the Bangsamoro Government happened only after they legislated the law that is why the lead time is only two years given on the implementing agencies where the 2022 national elections, plebiscite dividing the Province of Maguindanao into two, and issues on the appointments of the Members of Parliament and others that caused the delaying of the said fund.

#### MP ANAYATIN

In explaining her affirmative vote, MP Anayatin stated that their proposal on SDF is 10 Million and when it reached the congress, they only approved 5 Million for 10 years. She mentioned that for the current year, she had seen how happy the beneficiaries were, especially the widows of war since they were fortunate to source-out SDF amounting 2.5 Million. She stated further that they have given a small amount as a capital to 100 widows of war on Datu Piang and South Upi. She stressed that the SDF is allotted for rebuilding all the damages caused by war and the livelihood of the orphans and the Mujahideen.

#### MP ANTAO

In explaining his affirmative vote, MP Antao stated that they already knew that the Special Development fund is intended for rehabilitation of the communities of Mujahideen, especially the conflict affected areas outside the core territory of the BARMM. He pointed out that it was a chance that they could also feel that they are also part of the struggle of the Bangsamoro. He added that the widows and the orphans brought about by war are really in need of the support from the said fund.



#### MP CANDAO

In explaining her affirmative vote, MP Candao stated that she is fully supportive of the mission and vision of the leadership of Chief Minister Ahod Ebrahim. She added that her yes vote is a means of support to the life and blood of the Bangsamoro dream.

#### MP GUERRA

In explaining his affirmative vote, MP Guerra stated that he is quite positive with the extension of SDF as well as what they passed which was the extension of SDF 2020 and 2021 and also the GAAB of 2022. He stated further that it would give a positive impact to the welfare of the people and the people deserve it since they have suffered for a very long time. He added that they have been given the chance to implement the said program.

#### MP HASHIM

In explaining his affirmative vote, MP Hashim stated that his vote is in support of the leadership of the Chief Minister Ahod Balawag Ebrahim and also for the sake of the Mujahideen. He hoped that the extended funds would reach the Mujahideen and those who are in conflict affected areas. He expressed hope for the success of the BARMM.

#### MP MENDOZA

MP Mendoza explained her affirmative vote by stating that they would need to use the budget in accordance with what is right because the Moro warriors and Lumads who participated in the revolution invested their lives for the betterment of the Bangsamoro. MP Mendoza believed that the SDF is an answer to the long and tiring agonies of the sector that she represents.

#### MP MIDTIMBANG (M)

MP Midtimbang (M) explained his yes vote as support to the leadership of the Chief Minister, Ahod Ebrahim, Senior Minister Abdulraof Macacua and all of the entire Bangsamoro, especially the Mujahideen.

#### MP RAMOS

In explaining her affirmative vote, MP Ramos expressed her support to the extension of the availability of the 2020 and 2021 Special Development Funds. According to her, the SDF should be implemented in a peaceful manner. She reminded the Body to be responsive when implementing the program, particularly in conflict-affected communities.

#### MP SHIEK

In explaining his affirmative vote, MP Shiek expressed his gratitude for being part of the august Chamber and stated that for forty-four years, he never expected that one day he would be among the people to vote yes. He convinced everyone to choose moral governance in implementing the SDF.

#### MP SINOLINDING

MP Sinolinding explained his "yes" vote as a commitment to eradicate malnutrition and improve maternal, child, and infant health and nutrition services, including hospital capacity and disaster response efficiency.

#### ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

On motion of MP Jajurie, duly seconded and there being no objection, the session was adjourned until January 16, 2023 at one o'clock in the afternoon.

*It was 5:39 p.m.*

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

**PROF. RABY B. ANGKAL**  
Secretary-General