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CALL TO ORDER

At 1:55 p.m., Speaker Pangalian M. Balindong, called the session to order.

INVOCATION

MP Abdullah B. Hashim 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. Basit S. Abbas
4. Hon. Mudjib C. Abu
5. Hon. Mosber E. Alauddin
6. Hon. Ibrahim D. Ali
7. Hon. Lanang T. Ali, Jr.
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. Pangalian M. Balindong
16. Hon. Hashemi N. Dilangalen
17. Hon. Sha Elijah B. Dumama-Alba
18. Hon. Matarul M. Estino
19. Hon. Abdullah E. Gayak

20. Hon. Khalid MA-Amor. Hadji Abdullah
21. Hon. Abdullah B. Hashim
22. Hon. Hatimil E. Hassan
23. Hon. Rasul E. Ismael
24. Hon. Raissa H. Jajurie
25. Hon. Muslimin A. Jakilan
26. Hon. John Anthony L. Lim
27. Hon. Benjamin T. Loong
28. Hon. Don Mustapha A. 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. Ishak V. Mastura
35. Hon. Jaafar Apollo Mikhail L. Matalam
36. Hon. Amilbahar S. Mawallil
37. Hon. Michael E. Midtimbang
38. Hon. Tawakal B. Midtimbang
39. Hon. NurRedha I. Misuari
40. Hon. Rasol Y. Mitmug, Jr.
41. Hon. Hussein P. Muñoz
42. Hon. Ubaida C. Pacasem
43. Hon. Abdulwahab M. Pak
44. Hon. Randolph C. Parcasio
45. Hon. Ali O. Salik
46. Hon. Ali B. Sangki
47. Hon. Omar Yasser C. Sema
48. Hon. Romeo K. Sema
49. Hon. Kadil M. Sinolinding, Jr.
50. Hon. Paisalin P. Tago
51. Hon. Nabil A. Tan
52. Hon. Adzfar H. Usman
53. Hon. Bassir D. Utto
54. Hon. Sittie Fahanie S. Uy-Oyod

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

1. Hon. Eddie M. Alih
2. Hon. Bai Maleiha B. Candao
3. Hon. Nabila Margarita P. Pangandaman
4. Hon. Ramon A. Piang, Sr.
5. Hon. Diamila D. Ramos

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

1. Hon. Albakil D. Jikiri

The following Member of the Parliament was on official business:

1. Hon. Ahod B. Ebrahim

The following Members of the Parliament were absent:

1. Hon. Laisa M. Alamia
2. Hon. Suharto M. Ambolodto
3. Hon. Anna Tarhata S. Basman
4. Hon. Suharto S. Esmael
5. Hon. Eduard U. Guerra
6. Hon. Mohagher M. Iqbal
7. Hon. Denmartin A. Kahalan
8. Hon. Faizal G. Karon
9. Hon. Abdulraof A. Macacua
10. Hon. Abdullah G. Macapaar
11. Hon. Marjanie S. Macasalong
12. Hon. Froilyn T. Mendoza
13. Hon. Abdulkarim E. Misuari
14. Hon. Suwaib L. Oranon
15. Hon. Said M. Shiek
16. Hon. Aida M. Silongan
17. Hon. Ali B. Solaiman
18. Hon. Salendab Z. Said
19. Hon. Mohammad S. Yacob

With fifty-nine (59) Members of the Parliament present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

SPEECH OF SPEAKER BALINDONG

At this time, Speaker Balindong delivered the following speech:

My colleagues in the BTA Parliament, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Assalamu alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.

First of all, a belated 2023 greetings to all of you . I know that many of us are still reeling from the post-holiday euphoria, but there is much work to be done and we are duty-bound to fulfill them in the soonest possible time. I am hopeful though that since the holidays have somehow energized and rejuvenated us, we will be equipped with fresher and newer ideas that will be invaluable as we go about our tasks and duties for the remainder of our terms.

Ladies and gentlemen, our remaining tasks have not changed. But our timelines have. In other words, we are now working on a shorter time frame, although our priority legislative agenda are still halfway through from completion. Thus, I encourage every one of you to speed things up. Time is of the essence, my dear colleagues, and it would be apt to remind ourselves that we are only here until 2025 unless Allah SWT decrease otherwise. He is the best of judges and if He says otherwise, Kun Fayakun, be it is. We cannot afford to cram things at the last minute. We need an extra time after we have completed our tasks to enable us to fine-tune or revise its end-results, if and when such modification is warranted.

But my earnest plea to every one to act with dispatch is not equivalent to act with undue haste. While we aspire for speed and promptness in our work, we cannot sacrifice its quality and excellence. We should always ensure that our priority legislative agenda

will be a by-product of comprehensive consultations and deliberations with our primary stakeholders – technical experts, partners in the public and private sectors, our constituents and various local government units. We have to reach out to all sectors, even those who opposed the transition government, because even the harshest of our critics has something to contribute for the benefit of the Bangsamoro. We cannot exclude them because they are a part of the diversity of our homeland.

The diversity within our organization is not much of a problem because of the prevailing harmony among us. We are bonded by a common desire to help our people and achieve their dreams and aspirations. I have monitored how you worked in recent months and I am very satisfied and delighted on how you were able to work together even if you have differences in opinions and perspectives.

The orientation of our neophyte members also help to foster harmony among us because it did not only allow them to be acquainted with the intricacies of their tasks, but more importantly, it gave them the chance to know and be friends with their colleagues. So, this I say to you – continue to act with love and respect and in unison with your colleagues. And, if you embrace it by heart, there is no task that we cannot achieve, no matter how difficult it is; there is no dream that we cannot reach, no matter how farfetch it is; there is no obstacle that we cannot hurdle, no matter how high it is.

For some of us who are already in the twilight of our ages, whose physical stamina is waning on a daily basis, we no longer aspire for anything except that we leave a lasting legacy of genuine peace and development to the Bangsamoro people. But we cannot do it alone. It is up to you, the succeeding generation of Bangsamoro parliamentarians, to help us fulfill that noble legacy.

Be proud and regale yourself with the thought that you are about to be a part of such history. You and me are chosen here for a reason, thru Allah's (SWT) grand design. It is a sin to squander that opportunity. The only way that we can show our gratitude to The Almighty is to ensure that every Bangsamoro be given his due that he rightfully deserves.

Assalamo alaikom warahmatullahi wabarakatu.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At 2:12 p.m., the Chair motu proprio suspended the session.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 2:13 p.m., the session was resumed with Deputy Speaker Sema (OY) presiding.

AMENDMENT OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

On motion of the Majority Floor Leader, MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body amended the Order of Business by including Proposed Resolution No. 158 in the Reference of Business.

READING AND APPROVAL OF JOURNALS NO. 12 AND 16

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the Journals of the previous sessions, Journal No. 12 dated December 21-22, 2022 and Journal No. 16 dated January 19, 2023, and approved the same subject to style.

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. 97, entitled:

AN ACT DETAILING THE SHARES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS IN THE SEVENTY- FIVE PERCENT (75%) SHARE OF THE BANGSAMORO GOVERNMENT IN THE NATIONAL TAXES, FEES, AND CHARGES COLLECTED IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION 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, and Jaafar Apollo Mikhail L. Matalam

2. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 98, entitled:

AN ACT STRENGTHENING DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE, THEREBY REQUIRING ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION TO ESTABLISH A STANDARD EVACUATION CENTER IN EVERY MUNICIPALITY, PROVIDING MECHANISMS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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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, and Froilyn T. Mendoza

3. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 99, entitled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LEVEL 1 GENERAL HOSPITAL WITH FIFTY (50) BED CAPACITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SOUTH UBIAN, PROVINCE OF TAWI-TAWI TO BE KNOWN AS THE SOUTH UBIAN MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Authors: MPs Eddie M. Alih, Mohagher M. Iqbal, Pangalian M. Balindong, Abdulraof A. Macacua, Amilbahar S. Mawallil, Edward U. Guerra, Ubaida C. Pacasem, Ali B. Solaiman, Sha Elijah B. Dumama-Alba, Raissa H. Jajurie, Aida M. Silongan, Anna Tarhata S. Basman, Lanang T. Ali, Jr., Suharto M. Ambolodto, Jose I. Lorena, Nabil A. Tan, Paisalin P. Tago, Haron M. Abas, Mohammad S. Yacob, Ibrahim D. Ali, Abdullah B. Hashim, Marjanie S. Macasalong, Susana S. Anayatin, Mudjib C. Abu, Abdullah E. Gayak, Ali O. Salik, Said M. Shiek, Said Z. Salendab, Akmad I. Abas, Basit S. Abbas, Suwaib L. Oranon, Abdulwahab M. Pak, Benjamin T. Loong, John Anthony L. Lim, Hussein P. Muñoz, and Abdullah G. Macapaar

Co-authors: MPs Kadil M. Sinolinding, Jr., Mary Ann M. Arnado, Bai Maleiha B. Candao, Diamila D. Ramos, Adzfar H. Usman, Muslimin A. Jakilan, Ali B. Sangki, Mosber E. Alauddin, Amroussi A. Macatanong, Baileng S. Mantawil, Dan S. Asnawie, Suharto S. Esmael, Ramon A. Piang, Sr., Tawakal B. Midtimbang, and Hashemi N. Dilangalen

4. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 100, entitled:

AN ACT UPGRADING THE DATU ALAWADDIN T. BANDON, SR. MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SIBUTU, PROVINCE OF TAWI-TAWI FROM ITS PRESENT LEVEL I OF TEN (10) BED CAPACITY TO LEVEL II GENERAL HOSPITAL OF FIFTY (50) BED CAPACITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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, Lanang T. Ali, Jr., Haron M. Abas, Ibrahim D. Ali, Abdullah B. Hashim, Nabil, A. Tan, Jose I Lorena, Paisalin P. Tago, Suharto M. Ambolodto, Mudjib C. Abu, Bai Maleiha B. Candao, Diamila D. Ramos, Susana S. Anayatin, Marjanie S. Macasalong, Suwaib L. Oranon, Adzfar H. Usman, Muslimin A. Jakilan, Ali O. Salik, Said M. Shiek, Said Z. Salendab, Abdullah E. Gayak, Akmad I. Abas, Abdulwahab M. Pak, Abdullah G. Macapaar, and Hussein P. Muñoz

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5. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 101, entitled:

AN ACT DECLARING TAWI-TAWI AS THE SEAWEED CAPITAL OF THE PHILIPPINES

Authors: MPs Eddie M. Alih, Mohagher M. Iqbal, Benjamin T. Loong, Amilbahar S. Mawallil, Don Mustapha A. Loong, Pangalian M. Balindong, Abdulraof A. Macacua, Eduard U. Guerra, Ubaida C. Pacasem, Sha Elijah B. Dumama-Alba, Raissa H. Jajurie, Aida M. Silongan, Anna Tarhata S. Basman, Ali B. Solaiman, Hatimil E. Hassan, Lanang T. Ali, Jr., Omar Yasser C. Sema, Paisalin P. Tago, Nabil A. Tan, Jose I. Lorena, Suharto M. Ambolodto, Mohammad S. Yacob, Marjanie S. Macasalong, Hussein P.

Muñoz, Haron M. Abas, Ibrahim D. Ali, Abdullah B. Hashim, Abdullah E. Gayak, Aida M. Silongan, Bai Maleiha B. Candao, Ali O. Salik, Said M. Shiek, Said Z. Salendab, Akmad I. Abas, Mudjib C. Abu, Basit S. Abbas, Suwaib L. Oranon, Abdulwahab M. Pak, Abdullah G. Macapaar, Romeo K. Sema, Susana S. Anayatin, Abdulkarim T. Misuari, Randolph C. Parcasio, Ali B. Sangki, Adzfar H. Usman, and Muslimin A. Jakilan

Co-authors: MPs Matarul M. Estino, Mary Ann M. Arnado, Amroussi A. Macatanong, Baileng S. Mantawil, Dan S. Asnawie, Kadil M. Sinolinding, Jr., Mosber E. Alauddin, Ramon A. Piang, Sr., Suharto S. Esmael, Tawakal B. Midtimbang, Nurredha I. Misuari, Hashemi N. Dilangalen, Hamid U. Malik, and Ali Montaha D. Babao

6. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 102, entitled:

AN ACT SPLITTING THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES, AND AGRARIAN REFORM (MAFAR) INTO THREE (3) AGENCIES, THEREBY CREATING THE BANGSAMORO MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (B-MOA), THE BANGSAMORO MINISTRY OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES (B-MFAR), AND THE BANGSAMORO AGRARIAN REFORM OFFICE (BARO), DEFINING THEIR POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AMENDING BOOK I, TITLE I, BANGSAMORO AUTONOMY ACT NO. 13 OR THE BANGSAMORO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

7. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 103, entitled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LEVEL I GENERAL HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TABUAN-LASA, PROVINCE OF BASILAN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Authors: MPs Amilbahar S. Mawallil, Hatimil E. Hassan, Muslimin A. Jakilan, and Laisa M. Alamia

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

8. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 104, entitled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LEVEL I GENERAL HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TIPO-TIPO, PROVINCE OF BASILAN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Authors: MPs Amilbahar S. Mawallil, Hatimil E. Hassan, Muslimin A. Jakilan, and Laisa M. Alamia

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

READING AND REFERRAL OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS TO COMMITTEES

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 successive motions of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, were referred to the appropriate committees:

1. Proposed Resolution No. 58, entitled:

RESOLUTION URGING THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT (ECCD) IN THE FIRST 1000 DAYS (F1KD) PROGRAM IN ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS IN BARMM

Authors: MPs Kadil M. Sinolinding, Jr., Abdulraof A. Macacua, Sha Elijah B. Dumama-Alba, Hashemi N. Dilangalen, and Aida M. Silongan

To the Committee on Local Government

2. Proposed Resolution No. 71, entitled:

A RESOLUTION URGING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGU) TO SUPPORT THE BARMM FOOD SUFFICIENCY ROADMAP THROUGH CREATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A SUSTAINABLE FOOD SECURE AND RESILIENT COMMUNITIES TO SERVE AS MODELS, EXAMPLES, OR A PILOT PROJECT FOR OTHER LGUs TO FOLLOW

Authors: MPs Kadil M. Sinolinding, Jr. and Eddie M. Alih

Co-authors: MPs Susana S. Anayatin, Bai Maleiha B. Candao, Abdullah B. Hashim, Rasul E. Ismael, Baileng S. Mantawil, Nurredha I. Misuari, Suwaib L. Oranon, Omar Yasser C. Sema, and Mohammad S. Yacob

To the Committee on Local Government

3. Proposed Resolution No. 92, entitled:

A RESOLUTION REQUIRING THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (MOH) TO PRESENT TO THE PARLIAMENT AN OVERALL PLAN ON THE ESTABLISHMENT AND UPGRADING OF HOSPITALS, PROVIDING ITS INDICATIVE BUDGET REQUIREMENTS, IN ORDER TO AID LEGISLATION

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 Health

PROPOSED SIMPLE RESOLUTION NO. 149

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the title and the name of the author of Proposed Resolution No. 149 which, in turn, on motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, was treated by the Body as simple resolution, entitled:

A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING COMMISSIONER ATTY. FAYDAH MANIRI DUMARPA FOR HER APPOINTMENT AS MEMBER OF THE SIXTH COMMISSION *EN BANC* OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS DATED 28 DECEMBER 2022

Author: MP Khalid M. Hadji Abdullah

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF MP HADJI ABDULLAH

In sponsoring the Proposed Resolution No. 149, MP Hadji Abdullah delivered the following sponsorship speech:

On the 28 day of December 2022, Atty. Faydah Dumarpa's appointment paper was signed by President Ferdinand Marcos, Jr., officially making her the third member of the sixth Commission en banc, Commission on Human Rights. To mention some of her background, she is the daughter of former Lanao del Sur 1st District Representative Faysah Racman Pimping Maniri Dumarpa, and former National Labor Relations Commission presiding Commissioner Atty. Salic Biston Dumarpa.

After obtaining her law degree from San Beda University, she earned her membership to the Philippine Bar in 2012 after passing the Philippine Bar Exams of 2011.

On top of her being a certified member of the legal profession, she also holds a Master's degree in Business Administration from Far Eastern University, Manila.

In the early days of her career, she had worked as a Political Affairs Officer III in the House of Representative for nine years wherein she has built the foundations for a strong background in addressing social, political, and economic concerns requiring legislative action.

She became further involved in policy and research work in 2012 as a legislative staff officer in the Senate of the Philippines, under the office of Senator Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel, III, which eventually earned her a supervising role in the same office in 2013. She further broadened her portfolio when she joined the National Power Corporation in 2013 as a corporate lawyer.

Prior to being appointed Commissioner to the Commission on Human Rights, she served as Deputy Executive Director III for administrative and Financial Service in the National Nutrition Council of the Department of Health in 2021. Apart from her duties to coordinate international, local, and private agencies with regards to administration and financing of the agency's nutrition programs, she was also responsible in helping execute policies and guidelines set by the governing board. In September 2022, she joined the Procurement Service of the Department of Budget and Management assuming the position of Director IV for Administrative and Financial Group.

INCLUSION OF ALL MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AS CO-AUTHORS

On motion of MP Hadji Abdullah, duly seconded and there being no objection, all Members of Parliament were made co-authors of Proposed Resolution No. 149.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUEST BY MP HADJI ABDULLAH

MP Hadji Abdullah acknowledged the presence of Commissioner Atty. Faydah Maniri Dumarpa.

CONGRATULATORY REMARK OF MP LIM

In behalf of the Province of Tawi-Tawi, MP Lim extended his personal congratulations and full support to Atty. Faydah Maniri Dumnarpa for bringing honor to the Bangsamoro people.

DISPENSING 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 interpellations and amendments for Proposed Resolution No. 149.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body approved the Proposed Resolution No. 149, subject to style.

PROPOSED SIMPLE RESOLUTION NO. 158

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the title and the names of authors and co-authors of Proposed Resolution No. 158 which, in turn, on motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, was treated by the Body as simple resolution, entitled:

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST GRATITUDE TO HIS EXCELLENCY, PRESIDENT FERDINAND R. MARCOS, JR., FOR THE CONSTITUTION OF THE MARAWI COMPENSATION BOARD, AND CONGRATULATING THE DULY APPOINTED CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF THE MARAWI COMPENSATION BOARD

Authors: MPs Anna Tarhata S. Basman and Paisalin P. Tago

Co-authors: MPs Sha Elijah B. Dumama-Alba, Mary Ann M. Arnado, Marjanie S. Macasalong, Raissa H. Jajurie, Ubaida C. Pacasem, Aida M. Silongan, Suharto S. Esmael, Matarul M. Estino, Ali B. Solaiman, Said M. Shiek, Basit S. Abbas, Abdullah G. Macapaar, and Amrroussi A. Macatanong

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF MP TAGO

In sponsoring Proposed Resolution No. 158, MP Tago delivered the following speech:

Thank you very much Speaker and to the Floor Leader for this opportunity of presenting Proposed Resolution expressing deepest gratitude to His Excellency Ferdinand Bongbong Marcos Jr. for immediately appointing the members of the Marawi Compensation Board.

Mr. Speaker, as a matter of fact this has been long overdue. The Marawi siege happened almost six years ago but the compensation board was just approved in April 2022 by Former President Rodrigo Roa Duterte and we also acknowledge our gratitude to the Former President for approving the bill of the Marawi Compensation Board for the creation of the Marawi Compensation Board and also to the present leadership in the national government, President Bongbong Marcos, for appointing all the products or victims of the Marawi Siege. I understand as I look at the names of the members of the Compensation Board, they are all victims of what happened in May 2017 in Marawi. *Sa pag appoint sa kanila sa Marawi Compensation Board (MCB) magiging panatag na ang mga kababayan natin sa Marawi including me na yung mga kasama natin sa Marawi ay pwede nang makabalik sa kanilang mga lugar yung tinatawag nating* the most affected area or the Ground Zero din when it was bombarded. So with the constitution, especially with our chairman of the compensation Board being our former colleague in the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, she devotes her time regarding the plight of the people of the Marawi, Attorney Maisara Damdamun-Latiph and in behalf of the Parliament we congratulate our former colleague for having been appointed as Chairperson of the Marawi Compensation Board, and of course the members of the Compensation Boards Sittie Aliyyah Lomondot Adiong, Dalomabi Lao Bula, Mustapha C. Dimaampao, Jamaica Lamping Dimaporo, Mabandes Sumndad Diron, Jr., Moslemen T. Macarambon, Sr., Romaisa Lomantong Mamutuk, and

Nasser Macapado Tabao. They are all residents of Marawi, so it is but fitting that they were appointed to the Marawi Compensation Board.

In view of that Mr. Speaker, Floor leader, I implore and appeal to this august Body that we approve this Proposed Resolution as a gesture of our gratitude to His Excellency President Ferdinand Bongbong Marcos Jr. and the leadership of the national government for appointing our own, our very own from the province of the Lanao del Sur.

Assalamu 'alaykum warahmatullahi ta 'ala wa barakatuhu.

OPENING OF PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

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

INTERPELLATION OF MP AMPATUAN

MP Ampatuan congratulated Atty. Maisara Damdamun-Latiph, her former colleague in the BTA Parliament and classmate in the field training exercise.

MP Ampatuan manifested that the constitution of the Board has been long overdue and waited by the victims of the Marawi Siege. Then, she asked what the primary function of the Board is, to which MP Tago responded that as shown in the second whereas clause of the resolution, the primary function of the board is to receive, evaluate, process, investigate, and approve applications for claims, and promptly disburse compensation to qualified claimants. He added that the Board is the one who would process and evaluate the claims of the victims, especially in the most affected area in Marawi.

As to whether the last phrase states that the Board is the one who will disburse the fund, MP Tago responded in the affirmative.

MP Ampatuan clarified that it is actually a welcome mandate, explaining that it is within the disposal of the Board to pay those victims. She opined that it would be an assurance to all the victims that they would be paid accordingly. She stated that the Board would be successful with the leadership of Atty. Maisara.

INTERPELLATIONS OF MP LORENA

MP Lorena inquired whether the creation of the MCB is the by-product of the Marawi Siege Victims Compensation Act of 2022, to which MP Tago responded in the affirmative.

As to whether the amount in the said Act is provided already for the current year or the succeeding years allocation for compensation, MP Tago replied that the amount is not specified. He, however, informed the Body that President Bongbong Marcos gave an initial funding of One Billion Pesos to the MCB from the Presidential Fund.

MP Lorena asked if there is a provision in the Marawi Siege Victims Compensation Act of 2022 which authorizes the President or even Congress to appropriate fund for the MCB in the succeeding years, to which MP Tago answered in the affirmative, saying that it is the reason why the amount is not specified. He explained that it is up to the MCB to determine how much would be needed and requested from the national government. He added that the One Billion Pesos is the initial funding given by the national government.

As to whether there is a time frame for the MCB to look into the compensation packages of all the victims of the Marawi Siege, MP Tago replied that the term of the MCB is five years.

As to whether there is any provision in the Marawi Siege Victims Compensation Act of 2022 that states that the Board can be extended after its term of five years, MP Tago responded in the affirmative.

MP Lorena manifested that he wanted to be associated with the resolution to show that it is not the only the Members of the Parliament from the Marawi who are glad and happy with the appointments of the Members of the Board but also the entire Bangsamoro people. Lastly, he congratulated all the Members of the Board and expressed his thanks to the national leadership for immediately appointing the members of the Board.

INTERPELLATION OF MP MACATANONG

MP Macatanong inquired on how the Members of the Board were selected, to which MP Tago replied that there is a process in the selection under the law, adding that the Board is composed of an engineer, a physician, a certified public accountant, and a civil society representative.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At 2:51 p.m., on motion of MP Dumama-Alba, the Chair declared a suspension of session.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 2:52 p.m., the session was resumed.

INTERPELLATION OF MP BABAO

MP Babao asked whether the constitution of the MCB automatically abolished the Task Force Bangon Marawi (TFBM), to which MP Tago responded that the MCB assumed the functions of the TFBM which is only a temporary task force.

On whether the One Billion Pesos is enough for the continuity of all the development projects, compensation of the damages inflicted in Marawi, MP Tago replied that the One Billion Pesos is not enough, saying that the said amount is for the compensation of the victims.

MANIFESTATION OF MP ALI (L), JR.

MP Ali (L), Jr. manifested that the passage of RA 11696 also known as the Marawi Siege Victims Compensation Act of 2022 is long overdue. He stated that the law is already in the implementation stage following the appointment of the members and the chairperson of the MCB. He added that the success of the law is not the only success of the Maranao's in Marawi but also the success of the entire Bangsamoro.

INCLUSION OF ALL MEMBERS PRESENT AS AUTHORS

On motion of MP Ali, Jr. (L), duly seconded and there being no objection, all Members of Parliament present were included as authors of Proposed Resolution No. 158.

CLARIFICATORY QUESTION OF MP TAN

MP Tan sought clarification if the budget allocated for the MCB is One Billion Pesos, to which MP Tago replied that the One Billion Pesos is the initial funding for the creation of the MCB.

As to who would handle the budget, MP Tago responded that it is the Board, adding that the budget would be released to the Board according to the law, MP Tago answered that the Board is authorized to disburse the budget under the Chairship of Atty. Maisara Damdamun-Latiph.

As to whether the bulk of the budget would go to the claims, MP Tago replied in the affirmative.

MP Tan asked whether there is provision in the Marawi Siege Victims Compensation Act of 2022 which provides for additional funding in case the One Billion Pesos is not enough, to which MP Tago replied in the affirmative, saying that as a matter of fact, the initial operational budget for the organization of the Board provided by the Congress is 50 Million Pesos.

CLARIFICATORY QUESTION OF THE CHAIR

The Chair sought clarification whether the One Billion Pesos budget also covers the salaries of the Board, to which MP Tago replied that the salaries of the Board would come from the 50 Million Pesos and the One Billion Pesos is intended for the reparation of the Marawi victims.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

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

PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

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

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

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

APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 158

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Proposed Resolution No. 158 was approved, subject to style.

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

On motion of MP Tago, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Rules of the Parliament was suspended to allow Commissioner Atty. Dumarpa to speak in the Plenary.

MESSAGE OF COMMISSIONER ATTY. DUMARPA

In her message, Commissioner Atty. Dumarpa expressed her thanks to the Members of Parliament for the commendation extended to her by the Parliament and for the privilege and honor to be standing and giving a short statement before the Parliament. She said that when she hears that her family, friends, and Bangsamoro are proud of her, it also made her a proud Moro from Lanao del Sur.

REINSTATEMENT OF THE RULES

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body reinstated the Rules of the Parliament.

BILL ON SECOND READING

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the title and the name of the author of the BTA-Parliament Bill No. 36 on Second Reading, entitled:

AN ACT TO DECLARE THE BURIAL SITE OF THE LATE SHIEKH 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: Government of the Day

AUTHORSHIP SPEECH OF MP TAGO

In behalf the Government of the Day, MP Tago delivered the following authorship speech on BTA-Parliament Bill No. 36:

My deepest respect and courtesies to our Chief Minister Ahod Balwag Ebrahim, and to Speaker Atty. Pangalisan M. Balindong, to all Members of the Parliament, fellow public servants brothers and sisters in Islam guests and spectators.

Assalamoalaikom warahmatullahi taala wabarakatu. Isang magandang mabulaklak na hapon sa ating lahat.

Indeed, it was very timely that I will be delivering a speech for a bill remembering the two leaders of the Bangsamoro and the same time we are commemorating the 4th year of the Bangsamoro Government. This measure is timely for reminiscing the patriotism and the wisdom of the two distinct leaders of the Bangsamoro. Ang tinutukoy ko po ay ang dalawang Ameril Mujahiden ng Bangsamoro, si Sheikh Salamat Hashim and Aleem Abdul Aziz Mimbantas, Allah6 Yarhamo. With all due respect to all, *hindi tayo magkakaroon ng ika-apat na taon ng paggunita ng pagtatag ng Bangsamoro Government without the sacrifices inspiration and motivation of this two Bangsamoro leader. Silang dalawa at marami pang iba ang naging bahagi sa pagtamasa natin ngayon ng kapayapaan at kasaganaan sa Bangsamoro. It is through their idealism and sacrifices that we are now reaping the fruit of the grains that we achieved under the Comprehensive Agreement on Bangsamoro. Kasama po rito ang Central Committee, Commanders, Base Commanders, POLCOH, Women, Auxilliary Forces at iba pa.* It is with great privilege to give this speech as a support to this measure which seeks to declare the burial site of the late Shiekh Salamat Hashim and Aleem Abdul Aziz Mimbantas as historical shrine.

As a recollection, the Sheikh Salamat Hashim, the MILF Founding Chairman, and the late Aleem Abdul Aziz Mimbantas, MILF Vice Chairman and Vice Chairman for Military Affairs are among the Bangsamoro Leaders, who by virtue of their ideals, principles, works and sacrifices are worthy of remembering and reminiscing our Ameril Mujahideen died at the age 70, on July 13, 2003 from complications of heart ailment. And on the other hand, Aleem Abdul Aziz Mimbantas as the MILF Vice Chairman and Vice Chairman for Military Affairs dedicated his life in the support to Sheik Salamat's struggle for Bangsamoro's attainment of peace. He died and passed away barely almost 10 years after the passing our Ameril Mujahideen also for an illness. Now, they were both buried in Camp Bushra Somiorong in Butig, Lanao del Sur one of the major camps recognized by the GPH-MILF Peace Panel. This measure aimed to declare aimed the

burial site of these Bangsamoro Leaders as a Bangsamoro Historical Shrine, consisted with the provision of the Bangsamoro Organic Law which empowered the Bangsamoro Government to declare historical shrines and Cultural sites to preserve the Bangsamoro heritage for posterity. This will be attributed to these men whose lives and works were all dedicated to the Bangsamoro people, who have exemplified a true spirit of integrity and commitment to improving the lives of the Bangsamoro people and applied their leadership to stimulate self-reliance, self-government, and local autonomy. Lastly, by approving this measure, this will show our commitment to recognize and appreciate quality leadership and volunteerism demonstrated by these Bangsamoro Leaders. Furthermore, their acts can be emulated by our youth *dahil sila ang susunod sa atin, sila ang pag-asa ng Bangsamoro*. Their acts, sacrifices, visions, wisdom, leadership and aspiration can be emulated by our youth. With this, the legacy of these great leaders of Bangsamoro will never be forgotten by us. These Bill is not shirk or Bid'a as it does not violate our religious belief that there is only one God and that is Allah s.w.t. *Sa pagtatapos*, the theme of our Foundation Day is Sama-sama sa Pagtataguyod ng Mapayapa at Masaganang Bangsamoro. In this halls of Parliament, I am imploring and appealing to you colleague together with the leadership of the Government of the Day that we approve this historical bill. Tayo po ay magsama-sama sa pag approve ng bill na ito.

Allahu Akbar. Allahu Akbar. Allahu Akbar. Wabillahi tawfiq wal hidaya, assalamu alaikom.

SUPPLEMENTAL SPEECH OF MP HASHIM

MP Hashim delivered the following supplemental authorship speech on BTA-Parliament Bill No. 36:

Assalamu 'alaykum warahmatullahi wabarakatu.

Mr. Speaker my courtesies, and greetings of peace to the Speaker, Floor Leader, Deputy Speakers, Deputy floor Leaders, fellow Members of the Parliament and all those who are listening.

Mr. Speaker the founding chairman the MILF (Moro Islamic Liberation Front) and one of the of the founders and former vice chairman of the MNLF (Moro National Liberation Front) Shaykh Salamat Hashim *rahimahullah*- my late father, was buried in one of the mountains of Butig, Lanao del Sur, far from his hometown of Brgy. Kudal, Pagalongangan, Maguindanao. He was buried in a remote location as the necessity of that time of war required secrecy. Indeed, his death was announced a few months after just so as the MNLF has chosen his successor ensuring the stability of the leadership.

Mr. Speaker I still remember a meeting with the current MILF Chairman and Chief Minister Ahod "Al haj Murad" Ibrahim a few months after the death of my father. His beloved wife mentioning to my mother while I was all ears how the Chief Minister mourned the death of his beloved chairman in secret, even to his wife prior to the announcement. He was clearly in sorrow but was not able to tell his family at that time. This was similar to how was my mother, myself and my siblings mourned our father. We are instructed to mourn in secret lest the fate of struggle could be at risk, and we complied.

Mr. Speaker, if we try to list of names of those who contributed to the peace and level of self-governance we have attained right now, it would be a lengthy list, with which we can never give due justice. There will always be unsung heroes, and those who fought for what they believed in and expect nothing in return, except the reward from the

creator. Nevertheless, it would be hard to state that my late father had significant contribution to what we have attained.

Mr. Speaker, he saw that his people and his homeland were suffering, that there was an injustice and he tried to solve it with the best of what he had at the time. He founded two revolutionary organizations which would be vital to the current peace process that we are in today. From his soaring speeches, mostly in the native Maguindanaon, he inspired the Bangsamoro to fight for their rights and not to surrender. He reminded them on their religion and implementing it properly. He also inspired diplomacy and compromise when it was warranted, example of which is (1) his official communication to the foreign Non-Muslim power, explaining that his organization, and (2) his statement of finding a bloodless solution to the Bangsamoro question.

Mr. Speaker, no matter how the extremists use his other statements erroneously to support their ideology, no matter how his name is used in politics, the truth of who my father really cannot be changed. He was simply a man forced to fight for his people, due to the circumstances of his time to the best of the current knowledge and ability available.

Mr. Speaker, the inclusion of the vice chairman Alim Aziz Mimbantas *rahimahullah* in this proposal is not surprise as both brother-in-arms are buried beside each other. The late Vice Chairman died just before the creation of BARMM. Before his death, he asked that he be buried beside his brother-in arms. The late vice chairman played host to my father when my father relocated in Butig just after the war in Buliok. The late vice chairman along with his brother in arms demonstrated brotherhood regardless of tribe. He was one of the strong symbols of unity among the Moro tribes by fighting against bias and the impulse to discriminate. The late vice chairman is the father of MP Marjanie Macasalong who is not here at this time due to other commitments, and left me this task Mr. Speaker, the late vice chairman is also the brother of MP Basit Abbas.

Mr. Speaker, I support this Government Bill, not to venerate my father and the late Vice Chairman Mimbantas, but to remember those heroes, unsung or otherwise, who fought with them. Mr. Speaker, I remind this august chamber that in Islam, there is no veneration of saints and pious people – true Lordship and Worship is only for Allah, including all his beautiful names and attributes that are solely for Him alone. Mr. Speaker it is only fitting that we consider this measure at this time that we are celebrating the 4th founding anniversary of BARMM.

REFERRAL OF BILL TO COMMITTEE

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the BTA-Parliament Bill No. 36 was referred to the Committee on Rules.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the session was adjourned until January 25, 2023 at 1:30 in the afternoon.

It was 3:20 p.m.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

PROF. RABY B. ANGKAL
Secretary-General