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CALL TO ORDER

At 2:06 p.m., Speaker Pangalian M. Balindong called the session to order.

INVOCATION

MP Ibrahim D. Ali led the invocation.

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. Haron M. Abas
2. Hon. Basit S. Abbas
3. Hon. Mudjib C. Abu
4. Hon. Mosber E. Alauddin
5. Hon. Ibrahim D. Ali
6. Hon. Lanang T. Ali, Jr.
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. Pangalian M. Balindong
15. Hon. Anna Tarhata S. Basman
16. Hon. Hashemi N. Dilangalen
17. Hon. Suharto S. Esmael
18. Hon. Khalid M. Hadji Abdullah

19. Hon. Abdullah B. Hashim
20. Hon. Rasul E. Ismael
21. Hon. Raissa H. Jajurie
22. Hon. Faizal G. Karon
23. Hon. John Anthony L. Lim
24. Hon. Benjamin T. Loong
25. Hon. Don Mustapha A. Loong
26. Hon. Ishak V. Mastura
27. Hon. Jaafar Apollo Mikhail L. Matalam
28. Hon. Froilyn T. Mendoza
29. Hon. Tawakal B. Midtimbang
30. Hon. Hussein P. Muñoz
31. Hon. Suwaib L. Oranon
32. Hon. Randolph C. Parcasio
33. Hon. Ramon A. Piang, Sr
34. Hon. Salendab Z. Said
35. Hon. Omar Yasser C. Sema
36. Hon. Romeo K. Sema
37. Hon. Said M. Shiek
38. Hon. Kadil M. Sinolinding, Jr.
39. Hon. Bassir D. Utto

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

1. Hon. Laisa M. Alamia
2. Hon. Bai Maleiha B. Candao
3. Hon. Diamila D. Ramos
4. Hon. Abdullah G. Macapaar
5. Hon. Nabila Margarita P. Pangandaman

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

1. Hon. Eddie M. Alih
2. Hon. Sha Elijah B. Dumama-Alba
3. Hon. Mohagher M. Iqbal
4. Hon. Abdullah E. Gayak
5. Hon. Eduard U. Guerra
6. Hon. Baileng S. Mantawil
7. Hon. NurRedha I. Misuari
8. Hon. Abdulwahab M. Pak
9. Hon. Ali O. Salik
10. Hon. Aida M. Silongan

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. Akmad I. Abas
2. Hon. Ali Montaha D. Babao
3. Hon. Matarul M. Estino

4. Hon. Hatimil E. Hassan
5. Hon. Muslimin A. Jakilan
6. Hon. Albakil D. Jikiri
7. Hon. Denmartin A. Kahalan
8. Hon. Jose I. Lorena
9. Hon. Abdulraof A. Macacua
10. Hon. Marjanie S. Macasalong
11. Hon. Amroussi A. Macatanong
12. Hon. Tarhata M. Maglangit
13. Hon. Hamid U. Malik
14. Hon. Amilbahar S. Mawallil
15. Hon. Michael E. Midtimbang
16. Hon. Abdulkarim E. Misuari
17. Hon. Rasol Y. Mitmug, Jr.
18. Hon. Ubaida C. Pacasem
19. Hon. Ali B. Sangki
20. Hon. Ali B. Solaiman
21. Hon. Paisalin P. Tago
22. Hon. Nabil A. Tan
23. Hon. Adzfar H. Usman
24. Hon. Sittie Fahanie S. Uy-Oyod
25. Hon. Mohammad S. Yacob

With forty-four (44) Members of the Parliament responding to the call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At 2:17 p.m., the Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 2:18 p.m., the session was resumed with Deputy Speaker, MP Sema (OY), as Presiding Officer.

READING AND APPROVAL OF JOURNAL NOS. 19 AND 20

On motion of MP Arnado, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the readings of Journal No. 19 dated January 26, 2023, and Journal No. 20 dated February 17, 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. 114, entitled:

AN ACT INTEGRATING PALLIATIVE AND HOSPICE CARE INTO THE BANGSAMORO HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Author: MP Amilbahar S. Mawallil

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

2. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 115, entitled:

AN ACT DECLARING MARCH 6 OF EVERY YEAR AS BUD DAJO DAY IN COMMEMORATION OF THE TAUSUG'S RESISTANCE TO FOREIGN OCCUPATION AND THEIR CONTINUING QUEST FOR PEACE AND SELF-DETERMINATION

Authors: MPs Amilbahar S. Mawallil and NurRedha I. Misuari

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

3. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 116, entitled:

AN ACT PROMOTING THE DIGITALIZATION OF ALL FRONTLINE SERVICES IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS GOVERNMENT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Author: MP Amilbahar S. Mawallil

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

4. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 117, entitled:

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TO QUALIFIED CHILDREN AND DEPENDENTS OF SMALL FARMERS AND FISHERFOLKS 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, Suharto M. Ambolodto, Rasol Y. Mitmug, Jr., Baintan A. Ampatuan, Don Mustapha A. Loong, and Rasul E. Ismael

5. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 118, entitled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIGITAL PUBLIC LIBRARY HUBS IN ALL EXISTING PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND READING CENTERS ACROSS 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, Suharto M. Ambolodto, Rasol Y. Mitmug, Jr., Baintan A. Ampatuan, Don Mustapha A. Loong, and Rasul E. Ismael

6. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 119, entitled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING GREEN BUILDING REGULATIONS AND RATING SYSTEM, CREATING THE BANGSAMORO GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Author: MP Amilbahar S. Mawallil

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

7. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 120, entitled:

AN ACT UPGRADING THE EXISTING SOUTH UPI MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL IN MAGUINDANAO DEL SUR FROM TEN (10) BED INTO FIFTY (50) BED CAPACITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Author: MP Froilyn T. Mendoza

8. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 121, entitled:

AN ACT CREATING THE BANGSAMORO COMMISSION OF SENIOR CITIZENS UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MINISTER, PROVIDING POWERS AND MANDATES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Author: MP Kadil M. Sinolinding, Jr.

Co-authors: MPs Abdulraof A. Macacua, Sha Elijah B. Dumama- Alba, Akmad I. Abas, Laisa M. Alamia, Eddie M. Alih, Mosber E. Alauddin, Baintan A. Ampatuan, Susana S. Anayatin, Mohammad Kelie U. Antao, Dan S. Asnawie, Hashemi N. Dilangalen, Rasul E. Ismael, Don Mustapha A. Loong, Tarhata M. Maglangit, Ishak V. Mastura, Jaafar Apollo Mikhail L. Matalam, Amilbahar S. Mawallil, Froilyn T. Mendoza, Michael E. Midtimbang, Tawakal B. Midtimbang, Rasol Y. Mitmug, Jr., Ali O. Salik, Ali B. Sangki, Sittie Fahanie S. Uy- Oyod, and Bassir D. Utto

REMINDER OF MP ARNADO

MP Arnado reminded the Body to fill out the co-authorship form if they would want to be co-authors of the foregoing bills and submit the same to the Secretariat.

INFORMATION OF MP ARNADO

MP Arnado informed the Body that Chairman George Erwin M. Garcia of the Commission on Election (COMELEC) said, in an interview with the Philippine News Agency (PNA), that they were so satisfied with the approved Bangsamoro Electoral Code as almost all their comments and suggestions were incorporated therein.

READING AND REFERRAL OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS TO COMMITTEES

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 Arnado, duly seconded and there being no objection, were referred to the appropriate committees:

1. Proposed Resolution No. 142, entitled:

A RESOLUTION URGING THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO COMPEL ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS WITHIN BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF GEOGRAPHICAL SIGNAGES TO RESPECTIVE AREAS OF JURISDICTION

Authors: MPs Susana S. Anayatin, Lanang T. Ali, Jr., and Eddie M. Alih

Co-authors: MPs Khalid M. Hadji Abdullah, NurRedha I. Misuari, Kadil M. Sinolinding, Jr., Abdulwahab M. Pak, Abdulraof A. Macacua, Basit S. Abbas, Denmartin A. Kahalan, and Haron M. Abas

To the Committee on Local Government

2. Proposed Resolution No. 155, entitled:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (BARMM) THROUGH MINISTRY OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT (MOLE) AND MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MILG) TO CREATE A PROGRAM INCREASING THE HAZARD PAY OF GARBAGE COLLECTORS AND STREET SWEEPERS AND

PROVIDING THEM PROTECTIVE GEARS AND FREE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Authors: MPs Abdullah E. Gayak, Eddie M. Alih, and Romeo K. Sema

To the Committee on Finance, Budget and Management; and the Committee on Rules

3. Proposed Resolution No. 157, entitled:

A RESOLUTION URGING THE MINISTRY OF BASIC, HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION – MADARIS EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH A MADRASAH DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Authors: MPs Abdullah E. Gayak, Eddie M. Alih, and Romeo K. Sema

To the Committee on Basic, Higher, and Technical Education

4. Proposed Resolution No. 166, entitled:

RESOLUTION URGING THE BANGSAMORO COMMISSION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE (BCPCH) TO SEARCH AND RECOGNIZE THE OUTSTANDING AND EXEMPLARY BANGSAMORO ARTISTS IN VARIOUS FIELDS IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION

Author: MP Baintan A. Ampatuan

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

To the Committee on Rules

5. Proposed Resolution No. 181, entitled:

RESOLUTION ENDORSING AL-AMANAH ISLAMIC BANK AS PARTNER LENDING CONDUIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE-AGRICULTURAL CREDIT POLICY COUNCIL (DA-ACPC) FOR THE COOPERATIVES AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISES IN THE BARMM TO ACCESS INTEREST-FREE LOANS

Authors: MPs Eddie M. Alih, Mohagher M. Iqbal, Abdulraof A. Macacua, Pangalian M. Balindong, Sha Elijah B. Dumama-Alba, Raissa H. Jajurie, Anna Tarhata S. Basman, Mary Ann M. Arnado, Omar Yasser C. Sema, Lanang T. Ali, Jr., Eduard U. Guerra, Jose I. Lorena, Nabil A. Tan, Mohammad S. Yacob, Ubaida C. Pacasem, Paisalin P. Tago, Ali B. Solaiman, Aida M. Silongan, Khalid M. Hadji Abdullah, Benjamin T. Loong, Hatimil E. Hassan, Abdulkarim T. Misuari, Marjanie S. Macasalong, Hussein P. Muñoz, Abdullah E. Gayak, Abdulwahab M. Pak, Haron M. Abas, Ali O. Salik, Ibrahim D. Ali, Abdullah B. Hashim, Said M. Shiek, Abdullah G. Macapaar, Mudjib C. Abu, Said Z. Salendab, Albakil D. Jikiri, Susana S. Anayatin, Kadil M. Sinolinding, Jr., Diamila D. Ramos, Bai Maleiha B. Candao, Romeo K. Sema, Basit S. Abas, Suwaib L. Oranon, Randolph C. Parcasio, Adzfar H. Usman, Mohammad Kelie U. Antao, Ali B. Sangki, and Nabila Margarita P. Pangandaman

Co-authors: MPs Hashemi N. Dilangalen, Baileng S. Mantawil, NurRedha I. Misuari, Tarhata M. Maglangit, Muslimin A. Jakilan, Matarul M. Estino, Amroussi A. Macatanong, Tawakkal B. Midtimbang, Suharto S. Esmael, Jaafar Apollo Mikhail L. Matalam, Bassir D. Utto, Ramon A. Piang, Sr., Mosber E. Alauddin, Dan S. Asnawie, Ali Montaha D. Babao, Faisal G. Karon, Denmartin A. Kahalan, Abdulaziz M. Amenodin, and Hamid U. Malik

To the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Agrarian Reform

6. Proposed Resolution No. 183, entitled:

A RESOLUTION URGING THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (MOH) AND MINISTRY OF TRADE, INDUSTRY, AND TOURISM (MTIT) TO STRICTLY REGULATE THE ACCESS AND USE OF NICOTINE-BASED CIGARETTES, TOBACCO (CIGARS), AND ALL ELECTRONIC NICOTINE VAPORIZING PRODUCTS AMONG INDIVIDUALS BELOW 18 YEARS OLD

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

Co-authors: MPs Mosber E. Alauddin, Ibrahim D. Ali, Susana S. Anayatin, Mohammad Kelie U. Antao, Suharto S. Esmael, Abdullah B. Hashim, Faisal G. Karon, Marjanie S. Macasalong, Tawakal B. Midtimbang, Nurredha I. Misuari, Abdulwahab M. Pak, Ramon A. Piang, Sr., Aida M. Silonga, and Bassir D. Utto

To the Committee on Health; and the Committee on Trade, Investment and Tourism

7. Proposed Resolution No. 187, entitled:

RESOLUTION URGING ALL CONCERNED MINISTRIES, AGENCIES, OFFICES, LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTALITIES OF THE BANGSAMORO GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE SWIFT AND FULL COMPLIANCE WITH REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11861 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “EXPANDED SOLO PARENTS WELFARE ACT

Authors: MPs Hashemi N. Dilangalen, Eddie M. Alih, Amilbahar S. Mawallil, and Hamid U. Malik

Co-authors: MPs Jose I. Lorena, Mudjib C. Abu, Don Mustapha A. Loong, Rasul E. Ismael, Abdulaziz M. Amenodin, Hatimil E. Hassan, Sha Elijah B. Dumama-Alba, Nabil A. Tan, Diamila D. Ramos, Michael E. Midtimbang, Nabila Margarita P. Pangandaman, Froilyn T. Mendoza, Mohammad Kelie U. Antao, Abdullah B. Hashim, Faisal G. Karon, Romeo K. Sema, Lanang T. Ali, Jr., Kadil M. Sinolinding Jr., Jaafar Apollo Mikhail L. Matalam, Dan S. Asnawie, and Haron M. Abas

To the Committee on Rules

SIMPLE PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 199

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the title and the name of authors of Proposed Resolution No. 199, which, on motion of MP Arnado, duly seconded and there being no objection, was treated as simple resolution, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THANKS AND GRATITUDE TO MALAYSIAN PRIME MINISTER DATO' SERI ANWAR IBRAHIM FOR THE CONTINUING SUPPORT AND CONCERN OF THE BANGSAMORO PEACE PROCESS

Authors: MPs Abdulkarim T. Misuari, Nabil A. Tan, Randolph C. Parcasio, Jose I. Lorena, NurRedha I. Misuari, Laisa M. Alamia, Tarhata M. Maglangit, Hamid U. Malik, Abdulaziz M. Amenodin, Denmartin A. Kahalan, Romeo K. Sema, Omar Yasser C. Sema, Hatimil E. Hassan, Ali Montaha D. Babao, Muslimin A. Jakilan, Albakil D. Jikiri, Faisal G. Karon, Adzfar H. Usman, and Baileng S. Mantawil

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF MP PARCASIO

MP Parcasio delivered his sponsorship speech on Proposed Resolution No. 199 as follows:

The visit of Minister Anwar Ibrahim on March 1, 2023 is incidentally and significantly the first state visit of a head of state to the administration of President Ferdinand Marcos, Jr. History bear witness to the role of Malaysia in the struggle of the Bangsamoro people to assert their inalienable right to freedom and independence and in the peaceful solution of an autonomous governance which is now the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

The articulation of Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim expressing the commitment of his government to continue to help strengthen the peace process in Southern Philippines and help empower the MNLF and MILF ex combatants to be productive in the socio-economic development in and out of the core territory of the Bangsamoro Homeland will significantly alleviate not only the Moro people but as well as all the Filipinos in general.

The statements made by Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim manifest a continuing commitment of the Malaysian government to help the Bangsamoro people and a clear gesture leading to a partnership in the mutual interest to foster peace and socio-economic development.

It is for this reason that the concern of Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim for the Bangsamoro People more than deserve to be recognized and praised as we now express our sincere thanks, appreciation, and gratitude for his profound and deep concern for the Bangsamoro People, hence this proposed resolution.

PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

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

MANIFESTATION OF MP AMPATUAN

MP Ampatuan manifested that she fully supported the proposed resolution. However, she said that she had proposed amendment.

MANIFESTATION OF MP BASMAN

MP Basman manifested that the members of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front Peace Negotiation Panel wanted to be co-authors of the resolution and stated that they could testify to the deep commitment of Malaysia in the Bangsamoro Peace Process. She also stated that the current minister of the Federation of Malaysia has a big role to continue the long history of commitment and cooperation for the benefit of the Bangsamoro cause.

INCLUSION OF ALL MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT PRESENT AS CO-AUTHORS

On motion of MP Arnado, duly seconded and there being no objection, all the Members of the Parliament present that day were made as co-authors of Proposed Resolution No. 199.

MANIFESTATION OF MP DON LOONG

MP Loong manifested that he would propose amendment on the proposed resolution at the proper time.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

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

PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

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

AMENDMENT OF MP AMPATUAN

MP Ampatuan introduced an amendment to the title of Proposed Resolution No. 199 to read as follows:

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SINCEREST THANKS AND GRATITUDE TO HIS EXCELLENCY MALAYSIAN PRIME MINISTER DATO' SERI IBRAHIM FOR THE CONTINUING SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT BANGSAMORO PEACE PROCESS

MP Parcasio accepted the foregoing amendment.

AMENDMENTS OF MP LOONG (DM)

MP Loong (DM) introduced the following amendments:

1. To capitalize the letter “s” in the term “Southern” from the third to the last whereas.
2. To change the word “Malaysia” to “Malaysian” in the last whereas.
3. To remove the quotation marks on the phrase “on the peace process in Mindanao” on the second to the last whereas.

The foregoing amendments of MP Loong (DM) were accepted by the proponent.

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

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

APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 199

On motion of MP Arnado, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Proposed Resolution No. 199 was approved, subject to style.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of MP Arnado, duly seconded and there being no objection, the session was suspended until one o'clock in the afternoon of the following day, Tuesday, March 21, 2023.

It was 2:54 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 1:45 p.m. of the following day, March 21, 2023, the session was resumed with Deputy Speaker Sema (OY) presiding.

INVOCATION

MP Abdulwahab M. Pak led the invocation.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS

MP Dumama- Alba acknowledged the presence of guest of the BTA-Parliament, Prof. Masako Ishii, College of Intercultural Communication, Rikkyo University, Tokyo.

AMENDMENT OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body amended the Order of Business by including Proposed Resolution No. 206, entitled:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALL PARLIAMENTARY AND STATUTORY COMMITTEES OF THE BTA PARLIAMENT TO CONDUCT MEETINGS, HEARINGS, AND CONSULTATIONS DURING THE RECESS OF THE SECOND BTA PARLIAMENT

Authors: MPs Sha Elijah B. Dumama-Alba, Raissa H. Jajurie, Mary Ann M. Arnado, Anna Tarhata S. Basman and Jose I. Lorena

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. 122, entitled:

AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) PARLIAMENTARY DISTRICTS IN THE SPECIAL GEOGRAPHIC AREA (63 BARANGAYS) OF THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION, INDICATING THEIR COMPOSITION, AND ALLOCATING TWO (2) SEATS THEREOF IN THE BANGSAMORO PARLIAMENT

Authors: MPs Mohammad Kelie U. Antao, Mohagher M. Iqbal, Lanang T. Ali, Jr., and Aida M. Silongan

Co-authors: MPs Raissa H. Jajurie, Eduard U. Guerra, Akmad I. Abas, Ali O. Salik, Faisal G. Karon, Suharto M. Ambolodto, Mudjib C. Abu, Tawakal B.

Midtimbang, Nabil A. Tan, Jose I. Lorena, Jaafar Apollo Mikhail L. Matalam, Mary Ann M. Arnado, and Ishak V. Mastura

2. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 123, entitled:

AN ACT CREATING AND ESTABLISHING THE PURA MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DATU BLAH T. SINSUAT, PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO DEL NORTE, BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (BARMM), APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Author: MP Baintan A. Ampatuan

Co-authors: MPs Romeo K. Sema, Suwaib L. Oranon, 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

3. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 124, entitled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REGISTRY OF SKILLED WORKERS IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO

Author: MP Romeo K. Sema

Co-authors: MPs Ali Montaha D. Babao, Muslimin A. Jakilan, Albakil D. Jikiri, Faisal G. Karon, Tarhata M. Maglangit, Hamid U. Malik, Abdulkarim T. Misuari, NurRedha I. Misuari, Adzfar H. Usman, Suharto M. Ambolodto, Susana S. Anayatin, Hashemi N. Dilangalen, Matarul M. Estino, Abdullah E. Gayak, Hatimil E. Hassan, Denmartin A. Kahalan, Ishak V. Mastura, Amilbahar S. Mawallil, Froilyn T. Mendoza, Rasol Y. Mitmug, Jr., Nabila Margarita P. Pangandaman, Randolph C. Parcasio, Ramon A. Piang, Sr., Ali B. Sangki, Bassir D. Utto, and Sittie Fahanie S. Uy-Oyod

4. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 126, entitled:

AN ACT DECLARING THE DIMAPATOY WATERSHED IN DATU ODIN SINSUAT MUNICIPALITY, MAGUINDANAO DEL NORTE, AS A PROTECTED AREA IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (BARMM), DEFINING PRESERVATION MEASURES, VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, 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, Khalid M. Hadji Abdullah, Jaafar Apollo Mikhail L. Matalam, and Bassir D. Utto

5. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 137, entitled:

AN ACT INSTITUTING A MECHANISM TO REGULATE AND MANAGE THE LIGAWASAN RESOURCES FOR BALANCED AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND THEREBY CREATING

THE LIGAWASAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, DEFINING
ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FUNDS
THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Author: MP Mohammad Kelie U. Antao

Co-authors: MPs Mudjib C. Abu, Tawakal B. Midtimbang, Suwaib L. Oranon,
and Bassir D. Utto

6. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 138, entitled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL REGIONAL INVESTMENT AND
INCENTIVES CODE FOR HALAL-ORIENTED ENTERPRISES IN
THE MUSLIM AUTONOMOUS REGION, INTEGRATING FOR
THE PURPOSE, ALL EXISTING LAWS, POLICIES AND
OBJECTIVES RELATIVE TO THE GRANTS AND
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SAME, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

Author: MP Ali B. Sangki

7. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 139, entitled:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORTHERN
KABUNTALAN, PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO DEL NORTE,
A LEVEL I GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE
NORTHERN KABUNTALAN MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Author: MP Hashemi N. Dilangalen

Co-authors: MPs Eddie M. Alih, Suharto S. Esmael, Amilbahar S. Mawallil,
Nabila Margarita P. Pangandaman, and Abdulraof A. Macacua

8. BTA-Parliament Bill No. 140, entitled:

AN ACT CREATING BANGSAMORO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM,
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Authors: MPs Diamila D. Ramos, Abdulaziz M. Amenoden, Suharto M.
Ambolodto, Mohammad Kelie U. Antao, Eddie M. Alih, and Nabila Margarita
P. Pangandaman

Co-authors: MPs Michael E. Midtimbang, Susana S. Anayatin, Basit S. Abbas,
Ali B. Solaiman, Ali B. Sangki, Abdulwahab M. Pak, and Hamid U. Malik

READING AND REFERRAL OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS TO COMMITTEES

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

1. Proposed Resolution No. 188, entitled:

RESOLUTION URGING THE MINISTER OF HEALTH, PHILHEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO CONDUCT LOCAL INFORMATION DRIVES REGARDING THE BENEFITS OF PHILHEALTH FOR ITS MEMBERS AND DEPENDENTS TO IMPROVE THE ACCESSIBILITY OF HEALTH SERVICES

Authors: MPs Hashemi N. Dilangalen, Eddie M. Alih, Amilbahar S. Mawallil, and Hamid U. Malik

Co-authors: MPs Nabil A. Tan, Don Mustapha A. Loong, Mudjib C. Abu, Rasul E. Ismael, Abdulaziz M. Amenoden, Hatimil E. Hassan, Diamila D. Ramos, Michael E. Midtimbang, Nabila Margarita P. Pangandaman, Froilyn T. Mendoza, Mohammad Kelie U. Antao, Abdullah B. Hashim, Faisal G. Karon, Romeo K. Sema, Lanang T. Ali, Jr., Kadil M. Sinolinding Jr., Jose I. Lorena, Jaafar Apollo Mikhail L. Matalam, Dan S. Asnawie, and Haron M. Abas

To the Committee on Health and the Committee on Local Government

2. Proposed Resolution No. 190, entitled:

A RESOLUTION CALLING THE BANGSAMORO DARUL-IFTA' TO FACILITATE THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THE PROPER HANDLING OF "MAYAT", PROVIDING NECESSARY FACILITIES, CAPACITY BUILDING OF THE ASATIDZ AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF

Author: MP Susana S. Anayatin

Co-authors: MPs NurRedha I. Misuari, Sittie Fahanie S. Uy-Oyod, Abdulaziz M. Amenoden, Bassir D. Utto, and Rasul E. Ismael

To the Committee on Health and the Committee on Basic, Higher, and Technical Education

3. Proposed Resolution No. 193, entitled:

RESOLUTION URGING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MILG) AND THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY (MENRE) TO CONDUCT AN ANNUAL SIMULTANEOUS TREE/ PROPAGULES PLANTING DURING EARTH DAY TO THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS

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, Bassir D. Utto, and Tawakal B. Midtimbang

To the Committee on Local Government and the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources and Energy

4. Proposed Resolution No. 204, entitled:

A RESOLUTION APPEALING TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DAY TO MANDATE THE APPROPRIATE OFFICES, MINISTRIES, AND AGENCIES TO IMPLEMENT CALAMITY ASSISTANCE FUND APPROPRIATED FOR THE AFFECTED COMMUNITIES OF BARMM FROM THE TROPICAL STORM PAENG

Authors: MPs Susana S. Anayatin and Eddie M. Alih

Co-authors: MPs Bai Maleiha B. Candao, NurRedha I. Misuari, Don Mustapha A. Loong, Haron M. Abas, and Ramon A. Piang, Sr.

To the Committee of Finance, Budget and Management and the Committee on Social Services

PROPOSED SIMPLE RESOLUTION NO. 26

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the title and the names of author and co-authors of Proposed Resolution No. 26, which, on motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, was treated by the Body as a simple resolution, entitled:

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE MINDANAO DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MINDA) TO ESTABLISH A BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (BARMM) DESK IN THE MINDA MAIN OFFICE IN DAVAO CITY TO STRENGTHEN COORDINATION AND LINKAGE-BUILDING WITH MINDANAO'S STAKEHOLDERS

Author: MP Baintan A. Ampatuan

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

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF MP AMPATUAN

In sponsoring Proposed Resolution No. 26, MP Ampatuan delivered the following speech:

Bismillahir rahmanir rahim. In the name of Allah, the most Gracious, the most Merciful.

Mr. Speaker, esteemed colleagues in this august Parliament, *assalamu alaikum*

wa rahmatullahi wa ta'ala wa barakatuh.

It is my honor to sponsor Proposed Resolution No. 26, entitled: “Resolution Requesting the Mindanao Development Authority (MINDA) to Establish a Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) Desk in the Main Office in Davao City to Strengthen Coordination and Linkage-Building with Mindanao Stakeholders.”

Pursuant to Section 3 Article V of the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL), the Bangsamoro Government is mandated, among other things, to ensure and support the preservation and enrichment of culture, promote health and safety, enhance the right of the to a balanced ecology, encourage and support the development of appropriate and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, improve public morals, enhance economic prosperity and social justice, promote full employment among its residents, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of its inhabitants.

On the other hand, the Mindanao Development Authority (MINDA) is mandated to promote, coordinate, and facilitate the active and extensive participation of all sectors to effect the socioeconomic development of Mindanao. Part of its goals is to pursue a unifying peace through peaceful and negotiated political settlements and attainment of satisfactory autonomy and genuine self-determination for Mindanaoans.

Under the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL), the Chief Minister sits as a member of the MinDA Board. Thus, both MinDA and BARMM are expected to pursue strategic interfacing for inter-regional programs and projects that have greater impact in BARMM's socio-economic development and growth.

Over the years, several foreign partners and some private groups have manifested their support for the socio-economic development of the Bangsamoro Region. However, as of this time, there is no desk exclusively devoted for the Bangsamoro in the MinDA main office in Davao City which could enhance cooperation and coordination between the Bangsamoro Autonomous Government and the MinDA. Moreover, the establishment of BARMM desk in MinDA Main Office will help engage and promote Bangsamoro Government to potential development partners.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker and esteemed colleagues in this august parliament, it is about time that we become innovative in responding to the needs of Bangsamoro through strengthened coordination and linkage with our potential development partners by establishing BARMM Desk in MinDA Main Office in Davao City.

In view of the foregoing reasons, I humbly seek for the immediate approval of this measure.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. *Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatulahi ta'ala wa barakatuh.*

DISPENSING WITH THE PERIODS OF INTERPELLATIONS AND AMENDMENTS

On omnibus motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the periods of interpellations and amendments were dispensed with.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 26

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body approved Proposed Resolution No. 26, subject to style.

PROPOSED SIMPLE RESOLUTION NO. 182

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the title and the names of authors and co-authors of Proposed Resolution No. 182, which, on motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, was treated by the Body as a simple resolution, entitled:

RESOLUTION URGING THE CONCERNED MINISTRIES OF THE BANGSAMORO GOVERNMENT TO MONITOR AND ENSURE THE ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE WITH BANGSAMORO AUTONOMY ACT NO. 1, SECTION 4 OR THE HOISTING AND DISPLAY OF THE BANGSAMORO FLAG

Authors: MPs Tawakal B. Midtimbang, Sha-Elijah B. Dumama-Alba, Bassir D. Utto, Suwaib L. Oranon, Mudjib C. Abu, Mosber E. Alauddin, Mohammad Kelie U. Antao, Baileng S. Mantawil, and Michael E. Midtimbang

Co-authors: MPs Ramon A. Piang, Sr., Faisal G. Karon, Jose I. Lorena, and Jafaar Apollo Mikhail L. Matalam

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF MP MIDTIMBANG (T)

MP Midtimbang (T) delivered his sponsorship speech on Proposed Resolution No. 182 as follows:

Our Interim Chief Minister, Hon. Ahod Ebrahim, Al-Haj, BTA Speaker Hon. Pangalian Balindong, the Honorable Members of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, fellow government servants, ladies and gentlemen, *assalamu alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuhu*.

Mr. Speaker, I am delivering this speech to express my support of the said resolution before us, which calls on to urge the Ministry of Interior and Local Government (MILG) and the Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education (MBHTE) to implement effectively the Bangsamoro Autonomy Act (BAA) No. 1, otherwise known as "An Act Adopting the Official Flag of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao," and to conduct an assessment local government units and all public and private schools, colleges and universities, respectively.

My dear colleagues, under Section 2 of BAA No. 1, it states that "In the exercise of its right to self-governance, the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim

Mindanao is free to adopt its Bangsamoro Flag that is reflective of its people's identity, history, heritage, struggles and aspiration."

Bilang mga Members of Parliament, tungkulin nating itaguyod, ipagtanggol, ipagpahalaga, ang mga prinsipyong ito. At, isa sa mga paraan na magagawa natin ito ay sa pamamagitan ng pagtiyak na ang Bangsamoro Flag ay ginagamit sa isang magalang at naaangkop na paraan. Ang resolusyong ito ay isang hakbang sa tamang direksyon patungo sa pagkamit ng layuning ito.

*Matatandaan natin na ang prinsipyo sa paggamit ng watawat o Bangsamoro Flag ay may kaakibat na isang Sunnah na: At-Tirmidhi and Ibn Majah have narrated on the authority of Ibn Abbas, who said: "The flag of Prophet Mohammad *Sallallahu alaihi wassalam* was black, and his banner was white."*

Ang gawain na pag adopt, pagtangkilik at paggamit ng Bangsamoro Flag ay alinsunod sa Islam.

Naipasa po ang BAA No. 1 noong Agosto 23, 2019 na naging ganap na batas pagkatapos ng 15 araw. Ngunit, sa paglilibot ng Miracle Five sa iba't ibang LGUs, public and private schools, colleges and universities, may ilang opisina at iskuwelahan na di sinusunod ang BAA No. 1.

Mr. Speaker and my dear colleagues, BAA No. 1 has been in effect for over three (3) years. It is timely that we encourage the MILG and MBHTE to follow the BAA No. 1. I am taking this opportunity to seek my fellow members support for the said the resolution in ensuring that our Bangsamoro flag is used in a way that is compliant with the law.

Sukran and wasalam.

DISPENSING WITH THE PERIODS OF INTERPELLATIONS AND AMENDMENTS

On omnibus motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the periods of interpellations and amendments were dispensed with.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 182

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body approved Proposed Resolution No. 182, subject to style.

PROPOSED SIMPLE RESOLUTION NO. 191

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the title and the names of author and co-authors of Proposed Resolution No. 191, which, on motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, was treated by the Body as a simple resolution, entitled:

RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION TO EXTEND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE BANGSAMORO GOVERNMENT IN THE PREPARATION OF MASTER PLANS, FEASIBILITY AND PRE-FEASIBILITY STUDIES OF BIG-TICKET PROJECTS IDENTIFIED IN THE SECOND BANGSAMORO DEVELOPMENT PLAN (BDP) 2023-2028, AS WELL AS THE ENHANCEMENT OF ITS MULTI-YEAR INVESTMENT PROGRAMS

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, Bassir D. Utto, and Tawakal B. Midtimbang

APPEAL OF MP AMPATUAN

MP Ampatuan to the Body to support the proposed resolution. She recalled that they had approved the Bangsamoro Development Plan (BDP) without the investment component. She informed the Body that once they would approve the investment component, all the programs and projects that were included therein would need to have feasibility and other studies that would be necessary for their implementation.

DISPENSING WITH THE PERIODS OF INTERPELLATIONS AND AMENDMENTS

On omnibus motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the periods of interpellations and amendments were dispensed with.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 191

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body approved Proposed Resolution No. 191, subject to style.

PROPOSED SIMPLE RESOLUTION NO. 198

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the title and the names of authors and co-authors of Proposed Resolution No. 198, which, on motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, was treated as a simple resolution, entitled:

RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING ALL MINISTRIES AND AGENCIES OF THE BANGSAMORO GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING THE ORGANIC OFFICES OF THE BANGSAMORO PARLIAMENT, GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND/OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO ESTABLISH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR STANDARDIZATION (ISO) QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND PURSUE CERTIFICATION

Authors: MPs Hashemi N. Dilangalen, Amilbahar S. Mawallil, Eddie M. Alih, Michael E. Midtimbang, Tawakal B. Midtimbang, and Nabil A. Tan

Co-authors: MPs Mohammad Kelie U. Antao, NurRedha I. Misuari, Mudjib C. Abu, Abdulazis M. Amenoden, Diamila D. Ramos, Bai Maleiha B. Candao, Don Mustapha A. Loong, Bassir D. Utto, and Abdulwahab M. Pak

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF MP DILANGALEN

In sponsoring Proposed Resolution No. 198, MP Dilangalen delivered the following speech:

Bismillahi rahman nir rahim. A'udhubillahi minas shaytan nir rajim. Sa ating Speaker, Atty. Pangalian Balindong, at sa mga kapwa ko na kagalang-galang na miyembro ng Parlamento sa Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi ta'la wa barakatuhu.

Noong nakaraang taon, 2022, isang resolution ang naipasa ng Bangsamoro Transition Authority. Ang resolution na iyon ay ang Assalamu alaikum, with smile, and other greetings, dahil naniniwala ako, Mr. Speaker, na isa iyon sa mga mukha ng Moral Governance.

Ngayon naman po, mayroon akong resolution na gustong ipasa para maisaayos ang proseso dahil naniniwala ako na ito ay kasama sa adbokasiya ng Moral Governance.

Hayaan niyo akong ilatag ang aking resolution tungkol sa pagpapaganda ng kalidad ng ating serbisyo para sa publiko.

Administrative Order No. 161, as amended by Executive Order No. 605, seeks to improve the government competitive ranking in the areas of business and government efficiencies by mandating government agencies and offices to establish an ISO 9001 series compliant quality management system.

Mr. Speaker and my colleagues, allow me to explain briefly what is ISO 9001 and the key benefits of being ISO certified.

ISO 9001 is a quality management standard or QMS. QMS is made up of processes and documentation. Essentially, it is the formal system we put in place to ensure quality. It is a way of organizing workflow to produce continual improvement in customer satisfaction. ISO 9001 helps organization of any kinds and sizes to build a QMS that lives up to the global standards.

Ako rin po ay nangarap na maipagmalaki ko kung saan ako nanggaling.

Mr. Speaker, the quality of products and services we deliver play an important role in the way we are perceived by our citizens. ISO certification can help public perception of our institutions as a standard recognized worldwide. It will demonstrate to the public the level of excellence of our service. To be ISO certified will also further strengthen the people's faith and trust in our capacity to bring meaningful change to Bangsamoro because it will let the public know that we are not consistently striving to live by the principle of moral governance but we are also following the highest level of standards in terms of quality of services, hence, this resolution is being proposed strongly to encourage our public agencies and offices to adhere to ISO 9001 standards as it will serve as a testament to our commitment to better the lives of the Bangsamoro people.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, hayaan niyo po akong batiin ang mga kasamahan ko sa aking kanan, sa kaliwa at sa itaas, at sa entablado ng isang mapayapa, maligaya at makabuluhang Ramadhan sa inyo at sa inyong pamilya. Maraming salamat po.

PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

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

INTERPELLATIONS OF MP LIM

MP Lim asked the proponent if there are quality management systems other than ISO Standard, to which MP Dilangalen affirmed that there are other accreditation and certification bodies.

MP Lim further asked if the proponent would be amenable for amendments to the body and the title of the proposed resolution, to which MP Dilangalen responded affirmatively.

MP Lim manifested his full support for the proposed resolution.

CLARIFICATORY QUESTIONS OF MP ARNADO

MP Arnado asked if what are the required standards for an office to qualify as an ISO Certified, to which MP Dilangalen replied that the required standards are indicated in the proposed resolution as follows: *“WHEREAS, ISO 9001:2015, the most widely-pursued ISO standard, specifies requirements for a quality management system when an organization: a) needs to demonstrate its ability to consistently provide products and*

services that meet customer and applicable statutory and regulatory requirements, and b) aims to enhance customer satisfaction through the effective application of the system, including processes for improvement of the system and the assurance of conformity to customer and applicable statutory and regulatory requirements”.

MP Arnado sought clarification as to whether the proponent was aware of any ISO certified office in the BARMM, to which MP Dilangalen responded that there was none yet. He, however, added that there were some agencies that were pursuing ISO Certification such as the Ministry of Science and Technology.

MP Arnado inquired if there would be a budgetary cost when an office would apply for an ISO certification, to which MP Dilangalen responded in the affirmative.

As to how much the cost would be, MP Dilangalen answered that he did not have an idea on the exact amount.

As to how long it would take if an office would wish to apply for accreditation, MP Dilangalen responded that it could take six (6) months or years, adding that the proposed resolution should be passed so that they could at least start.

MP Arnado remarked that they all want to reach such international standard, saying that they all aspire to improve their services and products so that they will be at par with other countries.

INQUIRY OF MP HADJI ABDULLAH

MP Hadji Abdullah inquired as to how much it would cost for an ISO certification, to which MP Dilangalen responded that the cost would depend on the function or process of certification that an office would apply for.

INCLUSION OF ALL MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT PRESENT AS CO-AUTHORS

On motion of MP Hadji Abdullah, accepted by the proponent, MP Dilangalen, all Members of Parliament present were included as co-authors of Proposed Resolution No. 198.

MANIFESTATION OF MP ANTAO

MP Antao manifested that he supported the proposed resolution. He congratulated and saluted the proponent for bringing the resolution that would enhance their services, saying that the ISO certification is one of the translations of Moral Governance.

MANIFESTATION OF MP SINOLINDING, JR.

MP Sinolinding, Jr. manifested that he supported the proposed resolution. He informed the Body that they have to improve their systems in order to be at par with other offices, ministries, and agencies of the national government, which he said were pursuing ISO accreditation.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

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

OPENING OF PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

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

AMENDMENTS OF MP LIM

MP Lim introduced an amendment to insert the phrase “PURSUE QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM CERTIFICATION FROM LOCAL AND/OR

INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATION BODIES” and delete the phrase “ORGANIZATION FOR STANDARDIZATION (ISO) QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND PURSUE CERTIFICATION” in the title, so that it would read as follows:

RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING ALL MINISTRIES AND AGENCIES OF THE BANGSAMORO GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING THE ORGANIC OFFICES OF THE BANGSAMORO PARLIAMENT, GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND/OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO PURSUE QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM CERTIFICATION FROM LOCAL AND/OR INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATION BODIES

The amendments of MP Lim were accepted by the proponent, MP Dilangalen.

AMENDMENTS OF MP ARNADO

MP Arnado introduced an amendment to delete the phrase “GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND/OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, PUBLIC SCHOOLS” in the title, so that it would read as follows:

RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING ALL MINISTRIES AND AGENCIES OF THE BANGSAMORO GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING THE ORGANIC OFFICES OF THE BANGSAMORO PARLIAMENT, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO PURSUE QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM CERTIFICATION FROM LOCAL AND/OR INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATION BODIES

The amendment of MP Arnado was accepted by the proponent.

AMENDMENT OF MP ALIH

MP Alih introduced an amendment to delete the phrase “INCLUDING THE ORGANIC OFFICES OF THE BANGSAMORO PARLIAMENT” in the title, so that it would read as follows:

RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING ALL MINISTRIES AND AGENCIES OF THE BANGSAMORO GOVERNMENT, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO PURSUE QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM CERTIFICATION FROM LOCAL AND/OR INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATION BODIES

The amendment of MP Alih was accepted by the proponent.

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

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

INCLUSION OF ALL MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT PRESENT AS AUTHORS

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, all the Members of Parliament present were included as authors of Proposed Resolution No. 198.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 198

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body unanimously approved the Proposed Resolution No. 198, subject to style.

PROPOSED SIMPLE RESOLUTION NO. 202

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the title and the name of authors of Proposed Resolution No. 202 which, on motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, was treated by the Body as a simple resolution, entitled:

A RESOLUTION APPEALING TO THE OFFICE OF THE HONORABLE
CHIEF MINISTER TO AUTHORIZE THE GRANT OF
EMERGENCY ALLOWANCE AND OTHER BENEFITS IN THE
OBSERVANCE OF RAMADHAN TO ALL PERSONNEL AND
EMPLOYEES OF THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION
IN MUSLIM MINDANAO

Authors: MPs Omar Yasser C. Sema and Susana S. Anayatin

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH ON PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 202

In sponsoring Proposed Resolution No. 202, MP Anayatin delivered the following speech:

Good afternoon, everyone, and my respect to the Deputy Speakers and the Floor Leader, as well as the Deputy Floor Leaders and everyone present here.

Mr. Speaker, Ramadhan is one of the most important periods of the year, and fasting is one of its main parts. While it is significant and compulsory, some factors may affect employees' performance during fasting. This is true since its main post-health safety risk to them during fasting, name one, the lack of drinking water may cause dehydration, especially when the weather is hot.

In this regard, giving emergency allowance during this holy month of Ramadhan is not only an act that would show care and support for our employees in recognition of their commitment to serving the Bangsamoro, amidst the hardship of fasting, but it will also motivate them to work harder, be more productive, and booster well-being as well.

Moreover Mr. Speaker, the said emergency allowance will promote a sense of equilibrium in the benefits given in the government employees since the 13th month pay is given during the Christmas season that all public servants as well as private workers are entitled.

Lastly, this is a correspondingly a way of promoting and conserving the culture of Bangsamoro people by highlighting the constitutional right to self-determination through cultural development and reservation. Therefore Mr. Speaker, the immediate adaptation of this resolution is hereby earnestly sought.

Thank you very much.

PROPOSED SIMPLE RESOLUTION NO. 205

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the title and the name of authors and co-authors of Proposed Resolution No. 205 which was, on motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, treated by the Body as simple resolution, entitled:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE HONORABLE CHIEF MINISTER TO GRANT A ONE-MONTH PAY INFLATION RELIEF ASSISTANCE TO ALL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS GOVERNMENT OF WHATEVER STATUS INCLUDING PERSONS ENGAGED UNDER CONTRACTS OF SERVICE AND JOB ORDER, TO BE SOURCED FROM ANY AVAILABLE FUNDS OF THE SAID MINISTRIES, AGENCIES AND OFFICES

Authors: MPs Suharto M. Ambolodto, Omar Yasser C. Sema, and Amilbahar S. Mawallil

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

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH ON PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 205

In his sponsorship speech, MP Ambolodto expressed his support to the Proposed Resolution No. 202 on the matter of the granting of Ramadhan allowance. He, however, said that he would like to invite the attention of the August Body on the matter of the inflation that they have been suffering since January 2022. He shared to the Body that the Philippine Statistics Authority in the BARMM reported that the inflation rate across the BARMM rose to 7.8 percent in January 2023, adding that the price increase of basic commodities would be further aggravated during the month of Ramadhan 1444.

MP Ambolodto appealed that the Body consider the grant of one-month assistance or allowance not only to the regular employees, but also those employees who were under contract of service or job order arrangements.

CONSOLIDATION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS NO. 202 AND 205

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body consolidated Proposed Resolution Nos. 202 and 205.

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.

OBSERVATION OF MP ALI (L) JR.

MP Ali (L) Jr. pointed out that Proposed Resolution No. 202 refer to Ramadhan bonus while Proposed Resolution No. 205 is about the high inflation rate. He said that there would be more chance that the resolutions would be granted if they would use the words” “*high inflation rate*” as ground for granting the allowance equivalent to one-month salary to employees, regardless of the nature of appointments during the month of Ramadhan.

He informed the Body that other regions in the country have also recognized the increasing rate of inflation. He added that the national government was making ways to help the needy people. He expressed his hope that the BARMM should also help its people.

CLARIFICATORY QUESTIONS OF MP LIM

MP Lim sought clarification on what the proponent considered as runaway inflation, to which MP Ambolodto replied that the inflation rate in the BARMM in the beginning of year 2022 was only 1-2%; 3% on April-June 2022; 4.9% in August 2022; 6.5% in October 2022; and 7.8% in January 2023. He said that the national rate of inflation was between 8.2-8.5%, adding that even the national government has granted inflation relief assistance to its employees.

At this time, the Chair sought clarification as to what agency of the national government that granted inflation relief assistance to its employees, to which MP Ambolodto replied that the Senate of the Philippines provided inflation relief assistance to its employees. Thus, he stressed that they should also provide assistance to their people explaining that almost half of their population are poor and live below the poverty threshold.

As to what is the general effect of inflation to the ordinary citizen in terms of purchasing power and other aspects, MP Ambolodto answered that the inflation rate they were suffering was the highest in fourteen years based on the information of MP Alih and it has aggravated the purchasing power of the poor people.

CLARIFICATORY QUESTIONS OF MP ALIH

MP Alih inquired whether there was a similar allowance given to their employee in 2022, to which MP Ambolodto replied in the affirmative.

As to what would be the legal basis for giving the relief assistance allowance, MP Ambolodto responded that it would be based on the declaration of state of calamity in November 2022, expressing hope that it would still cover the matter.

INTERPELLATION OF MP ESMAIL

MP Esmail inquired whether there was a computation related to the one-month equivalent-salary inflation relief assistance stated in the resolution, to which MP Ambolodo responded that the resolution only requests and not directs the Chief Minister to grant one-month equivalent-salary to the employees not only because of Ramadhan but also because there of the high rate of inflation.

As to how much it would impact the economy of the BARMM, MP Ambolodto estimated that it would be 1.2 to 1.4 billion pesos. He added that the impact of the capital infusion in putting the money into circulation in a period when the people are already suffering in the midst of high rate of inflation would be faster and larger movement of economic activities and it would provide more opportunities to the people. He said that their target was on how they could alleviate what the people would go through at the time of Ramadhan.

MP Esmael sought clarification whether the Government of the Day has the capacity to provide the one-month equivalent-salary inflation relief assistance to all officials and employees of the BARMM, to which MP Ambolodto responded in the affirmative, explaining that they have the miscellaneous personnel benefit fund. He stressed that they have to provide substantial assistance to the people because of the gravity of the high inflation rate.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At 3:10 p.m., the Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:31 p.m., the session was resumed.

CONTINUATION OF INTERPELLATIONS OF MP ESMAEL

MP Esmael opined that the amount might be a burden to the Government of the Day, then he suggested to ask the Ministry of Finance, and Budget and Management regarding the matter, to which MP Ambolodto responded that they have appropriated amounts such as the miscellaneous personnel benefit fund and the contingent fund of the Office of the Chief Minister.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At 3:34 p.m., on the motion of MP Dumama-Alba, the Chair suspended the session.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:35 p.m., the session was resumed.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

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

PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

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

AMENDMENT OF MP PARCASIO

MP Parcasio introduced an amendment to the title by insertion of the phrase “EXCLUDING THE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, MINISTERS, DEPUTY MINISTERS, DIRECTOR-GENERALS AND HEADS OF OFFICES” so that it would read as follows:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE HONORABLE CHIEF MINISTER TO GRANT A ONE-MONTH PAY INFLATION RELIEF ASSISTANCE TO ALL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS GOVERNMENT OF WHATEVER STATUS INCLUDING PERSONS ENGAGED UNDER CONTRACTS OF SERVICE AND JOB ORDER, EXCLUDING THE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, MINISTERS, DEPUTY MINISTERS, DIRECTOR-GENERALS AND HEADS OF OFFICES, TO BE SOURCED FROM ANY AVAILABLE FUNDS OF THE SAID MINISTRIES, AGENCIES AND OFFICES

The amendment was accepted by the proponents, MP Ambolodto and MP Anayatin.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At 3:39 p.m., on motion of MP Parcasio, the Chair suspended the session.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:43 p.m., the session was resumed.

CLARIFICATORY QUERY OF THE CHAIR

At this juncture, the Chair sought clarification from MP Parcasio whether the school principals, superintendents, and chiefs of hospitals would be excluded from the said amendment, to which the latter responded that in his proposed amendment, school principals, superintendents, and chiefs of hospital are not among those who would be excluded.

AMENDMENTS OF MP ESMAEL

MP Esmael introduced the following amendments:

1. To replace the phrase “GRANT A ONE-MONTH PAY INFLATION RELIEF ASSISTANCE” with “GRANT INFLATION RELIEF ASSISTANCE NOT EXCEEDING 15,000” in the title so that it would read as follows:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE HONORABLE CHIEF MINISTER TO GRANT INFLATION RELIEF ASSISTANCE NOT EXCEEDING 15,000 TO ALL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS GOVERNMENT OF WHATEVER STATUS INCLUDING PERSONS ENGAGED UNDER CONTRACTS OF SERVICE AND JOB ORDER,

EXCLUDING THE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, MINISTERS, DEPUTY MINISTERS, DIRECTOR-GENERALS AND HEADS OF OFFICES, TO BE SOURCED FROM ANY AVAILABLE FUNDS OF THE SAID MINISTRIES, AGENCIES AND OFFICES

2. To replace the phrase “TO BE SOURCED FROM ANY AVAILABLE FUNDS OF THE SAID MINISTRIES, AGENCIES AND OFFICES” with “SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS” in the title so that it would read as follows:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE HONORABLE CHIEF MINISTER TO GRANT INFLATION RELIEF ASSISTANCE NOT EXCEEDING 15,000 TO ALL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS GOVERNMENT OF WHATEVER STATUS INCLUDING PERSONS ENGAGED UNDER CONTRACTS OF SERVICE AND JOB ORDER, EXCLUDING THE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, MINISTERS, DEPUTY MINISTERS, DIRECTOR-GENERALS AND HEADS OF OFFICES, SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

The foregoing amendments were accepted by the proponents, MP Ambolodto and MP Anayatin.

AMENDMENTS OF MP ALIH

MP Alih introduced the following amendments:

1. To add another Whereas clause before the concluding Whereas which shall read as follows:

WHEREAS, THE BANGSAMORO GOVERNMENT HAD PREVIOUSLY GRANTED SUCH RELIEF ALLOWANCE IN THE PAST YEARS

2. To insert the phrase “TO BE RELEASED DURING THE MONTH OF RAMADHAN 1444” in the title so that it would read as follows:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE HONORABLE CHIEF MINISTER TO GRANT INFLATION RELIEF ASSISTANCE NOT EXCEEDING 15,000 TO ALL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS GOVERNMENT OF WHATEVER STATUS INCLUDING PERSONS ENGAGED UNDER CONTRACTS OF SERVICE AND JOB ORDER, EXCLUDING THE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, MINISTERS, DEPUTY MINISTERS, DIRECTOR-GENERALS AND HEADS OF OFFICES, TO BE RELEASED DURING THE MONTH OF RAMADHAN 1444, SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

The foregoing amendments were accepted by the proponents, MP Ambolodto and MP Anayatin.

INCLUSION AS CO-AUTHORS OF THE CONSOLIDATED PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

On motion of MP Hadji Abdullah, duly seconded and there being no objection, all Members of Parliament present that day were included as co-authors of the consolidated Proposed Resolutions No. 202 and 205.

MANIFESTATION OF MP ANAYATIN

MP Anayatin manifested that the benefit, such as the allowance to be provided to the employees during the month of Ramadhan, should be legalized through legislation just like the thirteenth (13th) and fourteenth (14th) month pays and cash gift allowance.

At this point, MP Dumama-Alba responded that the Government of the Day had always been on top of making sure that such allowance be given. However, she reminded the Body that they should be aware of the constraints that they might face as a government.

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

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

APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body approved the consolidated Proposed Resolution Nos. 202 and 205, subject to style.

PROPOSED SIMPLE RESOLUTION NO. 206

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the title and the name of the authors of Proposed Resolution No. 206, which, on motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, was treated as a simple resolution, entitled:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALL PARLIAMENTARY AND STATUTORY COMMITTEES OF THE BTA PARLIAMENT TO CONDUCT MEETINGS, HEARINGS, AND CONSULTATIONS DURING THE RECESS OF THE SECOND BTA PARLIAMENT

Authors: MPs Sha Elijah B. Dumama-Alba, Raissa H. Jajurie, Mary Ann M. Arnado, Anna Tarhata S. Basman, and Jose I. Lorena

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF MP ARNADO

In her sponsorship speech on Proposed Resolution No. 206, MP Arnado said that the resolution is to allow the conduct of committee meetings, hearing, and consultations during their recess. She explained that they have several priority legislations such as the Bangsamoro Local Governance Code, which was already in the pipeline. She shared to the Body that the committee also had an ongoing activity with regards to important investigations with respect to the conflict in the municipality of Pikit, Aleosan, and Special Geographic Areas, which they would not want to be stopped while they would be having a break. Then she appealed to the Body to support the passage of the proposed resolution.

PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

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

REQUEST OF MP AMPATUAN

MP Ampatuan manifested that she fully supported the proposed resolution. However, she requested to allow participation of the Members of Parliament via zoom in recognition of the observance of the month of Ramadhan, to which MP Arnado responded that she did not have an objection to the request and that it would be subject to the discretion of the committees in the conduct of their activities.

REQUEST OF MP PARCASIO

MP Parcasio manifested that while he fully supported having committee meetings during the month of Ramadhan, he requested that there should be no conduct of committee meetings on Fridays, to which MP Arnado responded that she fully agreed to

the request of MP Parcasio, specially during the observance of the holy month of Ramadhan.

INCLUSION OF ALL MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT PRESENT AS AUTHORS

On motion of MP Alih, duly seconded and there being no objection, all Members of Parliament present were included as authors of Proposed Resolution No. 206.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

On motion of the 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 Body opened the period of amendments.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

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

APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 206

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Proposed Resolution No. 206 was approved, subject to style.

PROPOSED SIMPLE RESOLUTION NO. 207

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the title and the names of authors of Proposed Resolution No. 207 which, on motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, was treated as simple resolution, entitled:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HONORABLE CHIEF MINISTER,

AHOD BALAWAG EBRAHIM, TO DECLARE THE 27TH OF MARCH 2023 AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE ENTIRE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO IN COMMEMORATION OF THE SIGNING OF THE COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT ON THE BANGSAMORO

Authors: MPs Sha Elijah B. Dumama-Alba, Raissa H. Jajurie, Mary Ann M. Arnado, Anna Tarhata S. Basman, and Jose I. Lorena

INFORMATION OF MP ARNADO

MP Arnado informed the Body that MP Iqbal is one of the authors of Proposed Resolution No. 207.

INCLUSION OF ALL MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT PRESENT AS CO-AUTHORS

On motion of MP Alih, duly seconded and there being no objection, all Members of Parliament present were made co-authors of Proposed Resolution No. 207.

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. 207.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 207

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body approved Proposed Resolution No. 207, subject to style.

BILL ON SECOND READING

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the title and the name of author of BTA-Parliament Bill No. 129 on Second Reading, entitled:

AN ACT CREATING THE MUNICIPALITY OF PAHAMUDIN,

APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Author: The Government of the Day

AUTHORSHIP SPEECH OF MP SILONGAN

MP Silongan delivered the following authorship speech on BTA-Parliament Bill No. 129:

Azubillahi minash shaytanir rajeem, bismilla hirrahman nirraheem alhamdulillah wassalatu wassalamu ala rasulullah wa 'ala alihi wasahbihi ajma'in amma ba'ad asalamu alaikum warahmatullahi taala wabarakatuhu.

The Chief Minister of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, Honorable Ahod “Al hadj Murad” Ebrahim, Honorable Speaker, Atty. Pangalian Balindong, the Majority Floor Leader, Atty. Sha Elijah Dumama-Alba, Deputy Speakers, my esteemed colleagues of this august body, ladies and gentlemen, greetings of peace to all and good afternoon...

I stand here before you today to introduce the Parliament Bills being sponsored by the Government of the Day which seek to create eight (8) municipalities in the Special Geographic Areas (SGA) of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM). In particular, this humble representation will sponsor Parliament Bill No. 129 series of 2023 or an “Act Creating the Municipality of Pahamudin, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes”.

If you may recall during the 2019 plebiscite, the Bangsamoro residents living in sixty-three (63) Barangays located in the municipalities of Aleosan, Carmen, Kabacan, Midsayap, Pigcawayan and Pikit, all in the province of North Cotabato, took a brave stand and chose to be part of the BARMM.

Despite the herculean challenge that they confronted during the whole duration of the BOL campaign until the very day of the plebiscite, the residents of the 63 barangays unflinchingly stood their ground and decided to chart their own future under the auspices of the Bangsamoro government.

They stood for the Bangsamoro. And, therefore, it is only just and fitting that we should stand for them in return as a fulfillment of our moral and legal obligations. We must not fail them, your Honors.

Thus, the passage of these Parliament Bills is a concrete testament of our collective resolve that the Bangsamoro Government is genuinely committed in bringing lasting peace, unity and development particularly to the Bangsamoro people in the SGA of the BARMM. It is fervently hoped that the creation of eight (8) municipalities, as proposed, would finally settle jurisdictional issue, as it will be incorporated in the proposed Bangsamoro Local Governance Code. Further, we hope and pray that the plebiscite for the creation of the said municipalities would simultaneously be done with the upcoming 2023 Barangay election, *insha Allah*.

Umaasa po tayo na ang paglikha ng mga munisipyong eto ay magbigay-daan para magkaroon ng katiwasayan sa pamamahala ng 63 na mga barangay na taos-pusong nagpasailalim sa Pamahalaang Bangsamoro matapos ang matagumpay na plebisito at upang magkaroon na rin ng kapayapaan at kapanatagan dahil may mga kawani at opisyal na nakatutok at tutulong sa pamamahala sa mga lugar na eto.

Among the proposed bills we are introducing is the Parliament Bill No. 129 or an

“Act Creating the Municipality of Pahamudin, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes.”

The bill is intended to create a distinct and independent municipality that will be composed of Barangays Balacayon, Buricain, Datu Binasing, Datu Mantil, Kadingilan, Lower Pangangkalan, Libungan Torreta, Matilac, Patot, Upper Pangangkalan, Lower Bager and Simsiman. Its enactment into a law and its eventual creation into a separate municipality is not simply recognition of their rights and aspiration to have a municipality of their own but a realization of our mandate as provided for by the Bangsamoro Organic Law.

Today, Your Honors, with the guidance of our Almighty, it is in our hands to help them design their political destiny and let them govern their own areas in accordance with the Constitution, the soon-to-be-enacted Bangsamoro Local Governance Code and other laws enacted by the Bangsamoro Parliament.

My esteemed colleagues, your Honors, I faithfully submit to your sound judgment and sense of urgency for the immediate passage of Parliament Bill No. 129 and the other remaining seven bills as well which aim to create distinct and separate municipalities covering the 63 barangays in the SGA of BARMM.

Thank you and *wassalamu alaikum warahmatullahi taala wabarakatuhu*.

REFERRAL OF BILL TO COMMITTEES

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, BTA-Parliament Bill No. 129 was referred to the Committee on Local Government and the Committee on Finance, Budget and Management.

BILL ON SECOND READING

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the title and the name of author of BTA-Parliament Bill No. 130 on Second Reading, entitled:

AN ACT CREATING THE MUNICIPALITY OF KADAYANGAN,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

Author: The Government of the Day

AUTHORSHIP SPEECH OF MP ANTAO

MP Antao delivered the following authorship speech on BTA-Parliament Bill No. 130:

Bismillahir rahmanir raheem.

Mr. Speaker, the Deputy Speakers and Floor Leaders, and ladies and gentlemen of the Bangsamoro Parliament, *assalamu alaykum warahmatullahi and wa barakatuhu*.

First of all my heartfelt thanks and gratitude, above all to Allah *subhanahu wa taala*, who provided me a space in this prestigious Regional Parliament through the National Leadership, with the sincere and cordial interference of the Honorable Cotabato Province determined Governor, who provided me a space in this Emmylou Lala" J. Talino-Mendoza, *sa ating kagalang-galang na Chief Minister Ahod Al-Hadj Murad Ebrahim sampu ng kanyang Gabinete sa Bangsamoro Autonomous Government na kumilala sa aming naunang iminungkahing pagtatatag ng walong munisipyo sa SGA, at itinuring ang aming mga panukalang batas bilang "Urgent Bills" at kalaunan nga matapos ang masusing pag-aaral at pagsusuri ay kanyang isinumite sa Bangsamoro Parliament bilang Government of the Day Bills at ipinagkatiwala sa akin ngayon ang sponsorship speech ng isa sa mga panukalang batas, ang Parliament Bill Number 130. "An Act creating the municipality of Kadayangan"* to all of the Honorable Members of this August Body whose support to these bills is extremely desired and, to the ordinary Bangsamoro especially those from Cotabato province who never detached themselves in supporting our political struggle from the start to the temporary end-that is the birth of the Special Geographic Area (SGA) composed of the 63 Barangays of Cotabato Province.

Mr. Speaker, the Municipality of "Kadayangan is the proposed name for Midsayap 1 cluster the place is worth remembering as it has been a lair of veteran mujahideens like the late Ustadz Ismael G. Guiamel, *allah yarhamu*, the first NKKRC chair, and the so-called "big 5 composed of Sheik Abubakar Gayak Alongan, Sheik Hassim Nok, Sheik Mohammad Taha, Sheik Abdullah Abdulrasid, Sheik Yusoph, may allah have mercy on them. In the 70s to 80s, the area became a clandestine water passageway of *mujahideens* from the upper valleys of North Cotabato and Maguindanao to the forests of Lanao Del Sur.

Aside from its historic fiber, Kadayangan is described by the populace as a wide and safe terrain, conducive for rest and vacationing at the time. Also, it is the biggest source of freshwater fish sold in the palma markets. It likewise became the passageway and suppliers of livestock and many other farm products. Lots of memorable events in the past have been on the record of the locality, henceforth, it's worth naming it as a BARMM new territory.

Among the potential and readily available for exploration, exploitation and development in the area are the following: 70 hectares of clear and open swamp 10 hectares for wet land available for reforestation, 5 hectares for fresh water and birds sanctuaries potential for catch and eat freshwater fish and banca restos, balal hopping-on the reconstructed houses of the top brass MILF/MNLF *mujahideens*, lake view and sundowning watch, also potential for swimming pools, and many more others.

As a potential municipality, Kadayangan is composed of seven (7) barangays of SGA namely Central Labas Kapinpilan, Malingao, Mudseng, Sambulawan, Tugal and Tumbras. All formerly part of the municipality of Midsayap North Cotabato. These barangays have a total population of 25,573, a land area of 41.6 square kilometers and an average annual income of more than P26 million for the past two (2) years to which these data prove the ability to be an independent municipality.

Mr. Speaker, nais kong bigyan lamang ng maikling pagpapahayag ang Bill na ito dahil lahat ng iba pang mga panukalang batas na naihain ng Government of the Day hinggil sa pagtatag ng mga munisipyo sa SGA ay mahalaga-at walang dapat maiwan nais ko ring bigyang diin ang pangkalahatan ng SGA upang mapagtanto natin ang kahalagahan nito higit lalo sa mga Bangsamoro na nasasakupan nito.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly believe that the SGA is one of the outgrowths of the decades-old struggle to self-determination of the contemporary Bangsamoro *mujahideen* and *mujahidat*. *Itinuturing ko pong isang napakalaking bagay sa kasaysayan ng*

Bangsamoro ang mapabilang ang proposed Municipality of Kadayangan, at ang iba pang proposed Municipalities sa 63 Barangays ng Cotabato Province sa Bangsamoro Autonomous Region.

Bilang balik-tanaw sa kasaysayan ng SGA, Mr. Speaker, batid ko ang napakalaking naiambag ng mga mamamayang Bangsamoro mula sa Probinsiya ng Cotabato hinggil sa pagsibol ng bagong Bangsamoro territory na ito. Kaisa po tayo sa kanila na di alintana ang ano mang balakid, para sa kapakanan ng masang Bangsamoro sa Probinsiya ng Cotabato. Most of them, especially those who are already at the peak of their senior citizen status, joined the Bangsamoro struggle for self-determination from its very beginning in the late 1960s, and followed by their youngsters until today.

Ngayon ay nasa Political struggle na po tayo, Mr. Speaker, and these ordinary Bangsamoro continue to support especially our desire to have the Bangsamoro territories expanded to other provinces in Mindanao this is manifested in the 2001 ARMM Plebiscite where more Bangsamoro barangays wanted to join the Autonomous Region but in vain.

Came the new rounds of peace negotiations especially between the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) and the Philippine Government which resulted in the signing of the Framework Agreement on the Bangsamoro (FAB) on October 12, 2012; The Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB) on march 27, 2014, and the drafting of the Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL) by the MILF representing the Bangsamoro, kung saan ang final version nito ay ang Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL) dito ay nabuhayang muli ng pag-asa ang mga mamamayang Bangsamoro sa Cotabato Province dahil nagawa pa ring isali muli sa panukalang batas na ito ang earlier denied 39 barangays at iba pang mga barangays na nakakabit dito na mag submit ng petition for inclusion at isasalang sa panibagong plebisito sa kabuuan, 48 na magkakalapit na barangays ang nag-submit ng petition, at 28 sa mga petitioning barangays na ito ang nag-qualify making them 67 barangays-at pito nga sa proposed Kadayangan Municipality muli, puspusan ang pakikilahok ng mga ordinaryong bangsamoro sa cotabato province para sa ikatutupad ng kanilang pangarap na masali sa Bangsamoro Autonomous Region.

And finally, the February 6, 2019 plebiscite for the BOL took place, where the possible inclusion of the 67 barangays in the autonomous region was tested at ang resulta ay 63 of the 67 Barangays sa Cotabato Province ang nasali bilang bagong teritoryo ng BARMM; at sa pamamagitan ng Plebiscite na ito ay sumibol ang Republic Act No. 11054, known as the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL) Act of 2019, thus, the birth of the SGA composed of the 63 barangays of Cotabato province and the declaration of these barangays by the COMELEC as component territory of BARMM on February 14, 2019.

The 63 Barangays or SGA were formally turned over to the BARMM by Gov. Emmylou "Lala" J. Talino-Mendoza on November 20, 2019. Consequently, the Honorable Chief Minister Ahod "Al Haj" Murad B. Ebrahim issued Executive Order No. 001-2020 creating the Special Geographic Area Development Coordinating Office (SGA DCO), and I am appointed as administrator and eight cluster coordinators on June 20, 2020 whose task is merely to coordinate and facilitate the implementation of BARMM projects intended for these special geographic clusters later, the Bangsamoro Administrative Code (BAC) was passed by the Bangsamoro Parliament on October 28, 2020, and signed into law by the Chief Minister on November 17, 2020. This regional law created the Special Geographic Area Development Authority (SGADA) replacing the SGA-DCO.

Ang appointment ng Administrator at Area Coordinators ay nagwakas noong July 1, 2021 magkagayon pa man, hindi ito naging hadlang upang ipagpatuloy nila, namin, ang boluntaryong serbisyo sa mga constituents using our personal resources money, time and efforts at tumagal ito hanggang June 30, 2022. Ito ay nangyari sa udyok ng nadarama

naming pangangailangan ng mga constituents, higit lalo sa kanilang inaasam-asam na normal na pamumuhay sa kanilang kumunidad.

Mr. Speaker, bakit po tayo nagbalik tanaw sa kasaysayan ng SGA at sa pakikilahok ng mga ordinaryong mamamayan para dito? Ito ay sa dahilang nais kong ipadama sa ating lahat ang mula't sapul pang minimithi ng mga ordinaryong bangsamoro na ito na makapagpatayo ng sariling Local na Pamahalaan na aagapay sa Bangsamoro Autonomous Government para sa kanilang kapakanan, pakiramdam ng seguridad at ang pagkakaroon ng higit na matiwasay na pamumuhay.

Mr. Speaker, everybody knows and I confidently agree that the SGA constituents in general, and the proposed Kadayangan municipality in particular expect much from our respected Government. The foremost is their aspiration to live a normal life and living in normal life is not complete without the presence of a dutiful LGU expected to protect them from the deterrents of just peace and sustainable development. *Tulad ng ibang mga Bangsamoro sa proposed municipalities, the constituents of the proposed Municipality of Kadayangan are comparable to artificially hatched chicks surviving in the wilderness, longing for protection and assistance from their biological mother the hen, not the incubator. Sa puntong ito, I would like to respectfully commend again and again the right decision of the Bangsamoro leadership. Given the urgency, to adopt all the eight (8) Bills as Government of the Day Bills. The approval of these Bills is an everlasting gift to the SGA constituents by the Bangsamoro Parliament in particular, and the Bangsamoro Autonomous Government in general. At kabahagi po tayo at ang nakakaraming masang Bangsamoro sa SGA.*

With the foregoing, Mr. Speaker, I would like to solicit everybody's prayer and action, *lalo na sa atin bilang Members ng Bangsamoro Parliament, for these people's freedom or liberation from both psychological, socioeconomic and political injuries manifestly pushed by the lack of LGU that directly protect and nourish them, and boost their psycho-social, economic and political life.*

In addition, and for the finale, Mr. Speaker, I am confident, *in shaa allah*, that the immediate formation of the proposed municipality of Kadayangan, and the others, will address not only the clamor of the constituents to govern themselves and the provision of a broad range of services to them but also the full exercise of their constitutional rights as Bangsamoro.

Hence, the kind and favorable support of the Bangsamoro Parliament for the prompt and timely passage of this measure is again earnestly sought, for the people we are serving, the Bangsamoro of the proposed municipality of Kadayangan in particular, and the 63 barangays in general, *ako po at ang buong SGA ay nagsusumamo ng inyong suporta hindi lamang sa panukalang batas na ito ng Government of the Day, kundi sa pitong iba pa.*

At bago ko pakawalan ang microphone na ito hayaan mo po ako Mr. Speaker na pasalamatang mga taong naging parte ng SGA inclusion to BARMM:

1. Atty. Lanang Ali for guiding us
2. Minister Raissa Jajurie
3. Minister Naguib Sinarimbo
4. Minister Mohagher Iqbal
5. Atty Jamalul Guidocos- my lawyer from October to February 2019
6. Inter-Agency Task Force Advocacy on BBL - BIAF line agencies lead by this representation as interim UBJP_CEO Cotabato province 1st district Board Member
7. Governor Emmylou "Lala" J. Taliño-Mendoza and 6 municipal Mayors

8. Senior Minister Sir Abdulraof A. Macacua who provided a small amount during campaigning *na hindi naubos hanggang ngayon may natira pa at hindi parin niya tinanggap. Maraming salamat sa tiwala sir.*
9. Minister Edward Guerra
10. To our beloved Chief Minister who granted my exemption to run for politics as a special case.
11. Lastly to our beloved late First Vice-Chairman of the MILF central committee on the first appointed BTA-Parliament Speaker Sir Ghajali Jafar for giving me a mission and reminding me 24/7 for delivering the message of peace to the political leaders of North Cotabato and encourage me to work hard for the inclusion of different barangay originally 87 barangays.

Wa billahi tawfiq wal hidaya. ramadhan, al Mubarak. Wassalamu alaykum warahmatullahi wa barakatuhu.

REFERRAL OF BILL TO COMMITTEES

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, BTA-Parliament Bill No. 130 was referred to the Committee on Local Government and the Committee on Finance, Budget and Management.

BILL ON SECOND READING

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the title and the name of author of BTA-Parliament Bill No. 131 on Second Reading, entitled:

AN ACT CREATING THE MUNICIPALITY OF KABALUKAN, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Author: The Government of the Day

AUTHORSHIP SPEECH OF MP HASHIM ON BTA-PARLIAMENT BILL NO. 131

MP Hashim delivered his authorship speech on BTA-Parliament Bill No. 131 as follows:

Mr. Speaker, I present to this august body, Parliament Bill No. 131 of the Government of the Day, entitled, AN ACT CREATING THE MUNICIPALITY OF KABALUKAN, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Mr. Speaker, on that note, I would like to express my sincerest appreciation to all those who have labored to have this important piece of legislation a reality. Thank you.

We are grateful and honored to have this proposed bill. Its goal is to create one of eight new municipalities for the 63 barangays of North Cotabato that were added to the BARMM during the 2019 plebiscite in the region's SGA.

The proposed bill, Mr. Speaker, will give the barangays within and the Bangsamoro government a clear direction, *in shaa Allaah*, for the SGA as a whole to chart its destiny, *bi idhnillaah*.

Mr. Speaker, the 63 barangays of the SGA are divided into eight (8) clusters. This proposed bill would create 1 of 8 municipalities based on the 8 clusters of the 63 barangays of SGA.

Mr. Speaker, this Proposed Bill No. 131 shall create the municipality which shall be named "Kabalukan" and will consist of Barangays Damatulan, Kadigasan, Kadingilan, Kudarangan, Olandang, Dungguan, and Nabalawag, which shall serve as its local government seat.

Mr. Speaker, Kabalukan is the name of a place located in the eastern part of an area once known as Dulawan. It is a long, interconnected chain of mountains that reaches the dense hills of Nabalawag in Midsayap. Its heart is near the mountainous area of Rajah Buayan, Maguindanao. It served as the training grounds and one of the assembly areas during the time of the revolution.

Mr. Speaker, the name Kabalukan is a part of the Bangsamoro revolutionary history of the area, and deserves this recognition.

Mr. Speaker, this humble representation was in this SGA cluster just a few days ago, when I was invited to attend a gathering. I was in the very spot in Barangay Damatulan where one of the major assemblies for the inclusion of the SGA was held. There are now buildings being erected there from the BARMM government, courtesy of our honorable Chief Minister. Many more will follow after we pass this bill, *in shaa Allaah*.

Mr. Speaker, we want to strengthen moral governance, make programs and services easily accessible, develop the area, improve peace and security, and reflect the Bangsamoro people's aspirations, which they may enjoy as a municipality.

Mr. Speaker, I am fully committed to the growth and development of the Bangsamoro region, especially the proposed municipality, and the SGA as a whole.

Mr. Speaker, the immediate passage of this bill, is earnestly sought. *Shukran*.

REFERRAL OF BILL TO COMMITTEES

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, BTA-Parliament Bill No. 131 was referred to the Committee on Local Government and the Committee on Finance, Budget and Management.

BILL ON SECOND READING

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the title and the name of author of BTA-Parliament Bill No. 132 on Second Reading, entitled:

AN ACT CREATING THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORTHERN KABACAN,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES
OTHER PURPOSES

Author: The Government of the Day

AUTHORSHIP SPEECH OF MP SINOLINDING

MP Silongan delivered her authorship speech on BTA-Parliament Bill No. 132 as follows:

Sa ating kagalang galang na Chief Minister Ahod Balawag Ebrahim, Honorable Speaker Atty. Pangalian Balindong, to the deputy speakers, Majority Floor Leader, at sa aking mga kasama sa pagbibigay serbisyo sa mga Bangsamoro, mga Miyembro ng Parlamento, assalamu alaykum at magandang hapon.

Ang Bill 132 ang naglalayung itatag ang Municipality of Northern Kabacan. Ito ay binubuo ng pitong baranggay, ang Baranggay ng Buluan, Nangaan, Sanggadong, Simbuhay, Simone, Pectad, at Tamped. Muli, ang pagsasabatas nito ay nagpapatunay ng ating adhikaing tulungan ang mga mamayan ng mga nasabing Baranggay na magkaroon sila ng kakayahing pamunuan ang kanilang sarili, in shaa Allah. Mr. Speaker, we believe that the enactment of this bill into law would open many doors to the residents and electorate of the Municipality of Northern Kabacan. They have been waiting Mr. Speaker. They see these bills as solutions to end the senseless killings that have been taking place in these areas.

Mr. Speaker, I reiterate my submission to the sound and just judgement of my colleagues in passing this bill. I believe that we, Members of the Parliament, share the same vision for the 63 Barangays in the SGA of the BARMM. My colleagues, I appeal to all of you to pass this bill the soonest time possible, *in shaa Allaah. Shukran and assalamu alaykum warahmatullahi wabarakatuhu.*

REFERRAL OF BILL TO COMMITTEES

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, BTA-Parliament Bill No. 132 was referred to the Committee on Local Government and the Committee on Finance, Budget and Management.

BILL ON SECOND READING

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the title and the name of author of BTA-Parliament Bill No. 133 on Second Reading, entitled:

AN ACT CREATING THE MUNICIPALITY OF KAPALAWAN,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

Author: The Government of the Day

AUTHORSHIP SPEECH OF MP SINOLINDING

In sponsoring BTA-Parliament Bill No. 133, MP Sinolinding delivered the following authorship speech:

Audzu billahi minas shaitanir rajeem. Bismillahirrahmanir rahim.

Alhamdulillah wassala to was salamo ala rasulillah wa ala alihi wa as ha bihi aja ma enn amma bad.

Our Chief Minister Ahod Balawag Ebrahim, Speaker Pangalian Balindong, Deputy Speakers, Majority Floor Leader, Deputy Majority Floor leaders, fellow Honorable Members of the Parliament, *assalamu alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuhu.*

A pleasant afternoon to everyone.

Today, I have the distinct honor and privilege as one of the sponsors of the Parliament Bill No 133, which seeks to create the Municipality of Kapalawan.

Since the passage of the Republic Act 11054 in 2019, which established the SGA, the constituents aspire for more support from their new guardian, the Bangsamoro Government, as they were separated from their "Mother" Cotabato province, through improved and more effective governance, ensuring the delivery of basic and essential government services. On November 20, 2019, SGA was officially turned over to the Bangsamoro Government. Since then, the SGA, managed by an Administrator, acted in his capacity to deliver services, and respond to the needs of the people. However, an unexpected delay happened that is beyond our control, and the needs of the people may not be optimally addressed. My office conducted several community consultations dubbed "*Kadtuntaya sa SGA*" in areas of Pikit, Carmen, and Kabacan to reach out and provide updates regarding the actions and interventions of the Bangsamoro Government.

People from these barangays, including villages comprising the proposed Municipality of Kapalawan, fervently call to speed up the proposal of creating municipalities in SGA. I stand here today to speak on behalf of our constituents from seven (7) Barangays. This proposed Parliament Bill, creating the Municipality of Kapalawan, shall comprise seven (7) barangays, namely Kibayao, Kitulaan, Langogan, Manarapan, Nasapian, Pebpoloan, and Tupig, all of which were previously part of Carmen, Cotabato Province.

It is noteworthy to mention that the word "Kapalawan" is not new to many. In the vernacular, it is referred to as the mountainous area that stretched across the central area of North Cotabato. It is also used to describe either as battlefields, training camps, or safe haven among our *mujahideens* and guerilla fighters, since the beginning of the Bangsamoro struggles in fighting for the right to self-determination.

This measure seeks to ensure that the priority needs of the people of these affected barangays are adequately met through the establishment of Local Government Unit (LGU) that will pave the way for a long-term stability and development.

Before I end, allow me to quote a line from Surah al fatiha of the Holy Quran, *"Ihdinas-Siraatal-Mustaqeem Siraatal-lazeena an'amta 'alaihim ghayril-maghdobl 'alaihim wa lad-daaalleen* (Oh Allah, Guide us to the straight path. The path of those upon whom You have bestowed favor, not of those who have evoked [Your] anger or of those who are astray)".

Having said that, I am calling my distinguished colleagues and honorable Members of this Parliament to support the adoption of this Parliament Bill No. 133.

Before I end, I would like to greet everyone a happy, blessed and meaningful Ramadan Kareem and Mubarak.

Wa billahi tawfiq walhidayah. Was aalamu alaykum warahmatullahi wabarakatuhu. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REFERRAL OF BILL TO COMMITTEES

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, BTA-Parliament Bill No. 133 was referred to the Committee on Local Government and the Committee on Finance, Budget and Management.

BILL ON SECOND READING

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the title and the name of author of BTA-Parliament Bill No. 134 on Second Reading, entitled:

AN ACT CREATING THE MUNICIPALITY OF MALMAR,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

Author: The Government of the Day

AUTHORSHIP SPEECH OF MP MATALAM

In sponsoring BTA-Parliament Bill No. 134, MP Matalam delivered the following authorship speech:

Bismillahir rahmanir rahim.

To the Chief Minister of the BARMM, Mr. Speaker of the Parliament, my esteemed colleagues in the Bangsamoro Parliament, ladies and gentlemen, *assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuhu* and advanced *Ramadhan Al-Mubarak* to us all.

It is my honor and privilege to present before you the Parliament Bill No. 134 introduced by the Government of the Day entitled, "AN ACT CREATING

MUNICIPALITY OF MALMAR, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND OTHER PURPOSES”.

This bill was submitted to this Parliament by the Government of the Day as one of its priority bills.

Ladies and gentlemen, my brothers and sisters in the Bangsamoro, in 2019, 63 barangays from North Cotabato rejoiced as they have won in their battle to be included in the newly established BARMM, in the hopes of better future aligned with our common aspirations. The inclusion of these barangays to the BARMM meant their separation from the North Cotabato territorial Jurisdiction. They have vague to no clear political identity owing to lack of local government units to take over services they previously enjoyed, which lead to more domino effects as this challenge continues to affect their livelihood, access to basic social services, to govern their jurisdiction, peace and order, enactment of local policies and laws and its enforcement, among many others.

It is due to these challenges that yours truly have introduced “A RESOLUTION URGING THE BANGSAMOROV TRANSITION AUTHORITY (BTA) PARLIAMENT THROUGH APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE TO PRIORITIZE THE CONVERSION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SPECIAL GEOGRAPHIC AREAS, COMPOSED OF SIXTY-THREE (63) BARANGAYS INTO MUNICIPALITIES GRANTING THEM CORPORATE PERSONALITY AND IDENTITY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”.

Unfortunately to this day, the 63 barangays still have no municipalities to finally call their home under the Bangsamoro Region.

Seven (7) of these barangays namely: Balongis, Batulawan, Fort Pikit, Gokotan, Nabundas, Nunguan, and Napalan; with combined land area of almost 116 square kilometers and 36,438 combined population with annual income of PHP 39,521,994.87 all formerly belonging to the municipality of Pikit geographically, have now been separated from said Municipality.

Ladies and gentlemen, the Government of the Day solicits support from my fellow members of the Parliament for the creation of the Municipality of Malmar which shall establish the seat of government in Barangay Gokotan.

This Bill provides for the seat of the government, territorial boundary, plebiscite requirements, appointment of municipal officials, and financial assistance pending entitlement to national tax allotment.

The creation of Municipality of Malmar will not only exercise the Bangsamoro Government’s genuine autonomy, but will also be a huge step closer to the realization of aspirations of the people these barangays who have put their whole heart and trust to the Bangsamoro Government when they voted in favor of inclusion to the newly established Bangsamoro Autonomous Region.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the Parliament, for your kind attention and the people of the SGA of the BARMM.

Thank you for your kind indulgence.

REFERRAL OF BILL TO COMMITTEES

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, BTA-Parliament Bill No. 134 was referred to the Committee on Local Government and the Committee on Finance, Budget and Management.

BILL ON SECOND READING

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the title and the name of author of BTA-Parliament Bill No. 135 on Second Reading, entitled:

AN ACT CREATING THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUGUNAN,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

Author: The Government of the Day

AUTHORSHIP SPEECH OF MP SALIK

In sponsoring BTA-Parliament Bill No. 135, MP Salik delivered the following speech:

To our Atty. Pangalian Balindong; Deputy Speaker Omar Yasser Sema, our Presiding Officer; Majority Floor Leader Atty. Sha Elijah Dumama-Alba; my fellow Members of this Parliament; staff; and guests, *assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh*.

Honorable Speaker, it is a pleasure to stand in this chamber to bring the awaited Bill No. 135, entitled, “AN ACT CREATING THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUGUNAN, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”.

Municipality of Tugunan shall be composed of the following Barangays: Bualan, Lagunde Panicupan, Manaulanen, Baling, Pamalian, Makabual and Tapodoc. The barangays are from our SGA, BARMM, formerly part of North Cotabato Province. The creation of Tugunan Municipality shall bring easy access to basic services for the people in the locality. Such creation would mean immediate response to the needs and welfare of our people.

The word “Tugunan” in Maguindanao vernacular means River Shore. Tugunan is a name owned by everyone, it would promote unity to the people. Certainly, humility promotes love and peace. Barangay Maulanen shall be the seat of Government.

We thank Allah for the inclusion of the 63 Barangays in the BARMM. Let us be reminded of the good governance made by the leadership of North Cotabato for many decades, the development of our lands, and the love showered on our people, we owe it to them. It is now an opportunity for us to level up the public service rendered to our people to carry out or even more, to attain the high expectations of the masses by the guidance of the Moral Governance. *In Shaa Allah*.

I call all my fellow Members of this Parliament to support the passage of this Bill. The people of Tugunan are calling for the creation of this Municipality.

Sukran wa salamu alaikum warahmatullahi ta allah wabarakatuh.

REFERRAL OF BILL TO COMMITTEES

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, BTA-Parliament Bill No. 135 was referred to the Committee on Local Government and the Committee on Finance, Budget and Management.

BILL ON SECOND READING

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the title and the name of author of BTA-Parliament Bill No. 136 on Second Reading, entitled:

AN ACT CREATING THE MUNICIPALITY OF LIGAWASAN,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

Author: The Government of the Day

AUTHORSHIP SPEECH OF MP SALIK

In sponsoring BTA-Parliament Bill No. 136, MP Salik delivered the following speech:

To our Atty. Pangalian Balindong; Deputy Speaker Omar Yasser Sema, our Presiding Officer; Majority Floor Leader Atty. Sha Elijah Dumama-Alba; my fellow Members of this Parliament; staff; and guests, *assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.*

Honorable Speaker, it is a pleasure to stand in this chamber to bring the awaited Bill No. 136, entitled, “AN ACT CREATING THE MUNICIPALITY OF LIGAWASAN, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”.

Mr. Speaker, allow me to share information pertinent to Ligawasan from the perspective of a native in the area who spent seventy-four years (74) of his life. Ligawasan is a Maguindanaon vernacular for the word marsh or vast area of fresh waters. Ligawasan Marsh has been home since time immemorial for people, plants, animals, and other living creatures in the area, surrounded by different Municipalities of Pagalungan, Buluan, Paglas, Paglat, General Salipada K. Pendatun, Sultan sa Barungis in Maguindanao, Pikit, Kabacan, Mlang, and Tulunan in North Cotabato.

It is a catch basin, waters from mountains of Bukidnon Province all the way from Davao Del Sur flows down leading to this lowest level of topography in the land. Man

Made *Kulanguan* River was channeled through it via Pagalungan town in the year 1987. Eroded soils from the nearby mountains have turned the marsh shallow, most areas now became agricultural lands.

Old folks said, as settlers from Luzon and Visayas began developing Mindanao, Moros, mostly of the Maguindanaon tribe were uncomfortable, they are hesitant to have Christian neighbors, as such the Moros moved in the deep interiors of Ligawasan Marsh, lived comfortably to this day, hence they dominated these areas. Thick forest and deep waters are ideal hiding places, Moro fighters took advantage of it way back Japanese invasion of the Philippine, in their fights against Americans, until the Martial Law in the 1970s.

During wars, Ligawasan serves as a home for survival, evading airplanes, bombs and cannons during daylight, in the evening the crocodiles disturbed of their natural habitat, tracking noises of crying infants. In the thick marshland that is rarely reached by men, crocodiles see humans as prey.

Ligawasan has so many to offer, among the favorites are the “*Susu and Lambuay*”, these are fresh water shells edible for human consumption, this usually matched with “*Kangkong* ” mixed with coconut milk extracts.

Connecting waters serves as a highway for traders, from Pagalungan and Pikit to Buluan and Salipada K. Pendatun municipalities, and via Rio Grande de Mindanao all the way to Cotabato City passing the seat of trade and education of the time, the town of Dulawan, or what is now Datu Piang Municipality.

The well-known Buliok Complex is one of the core areas of Ligawasan. This is where Salamat Hashim, the late MILF Chairman moved his base after the attack of Camp Abubakar in the year 2000.

Fresh air, calm environment, and plain soil nutrients are potential for almost all farm crops especially corn and rice during summer. Livestock raising is also ideal, cattle and small ruminants due to abundant grasses and good sunlight.

In rainy seasons, vast water provides good sources of fresh water fishes, different species are abundant this period, fishermen usually preserve their catches, locals call it “Pangus” (dried fish).

During the long drought of summer, fishes are easy to pick in the drying ponds and mud holes where marine lives gather for survival, waiting for rain. Not to mention the different exploration tells of the minerals served therein beneath the plains and waters, this shall be potential source revenue and of development for the entire country.

With the efforts of the stakeholders, on the initiative of maximizing the rich potential of Ligawasan, banana plantations are now in the area; it provides income and a source of living for the locals, indeed a positive development.

Many have benefited from this, however, there is another side of the coin that we must look in too, such as its long-term effect on the environment, the flora, and fauna and the outcome to the populace as well.

We thank Allah for the inclusion of the 63 Barangays to the BARMM. Let us be reminded of good governance made by the Leadership of North Cotabato for many decades, the development in our lands and the love showered to our people, we owe it to them. It is now an opportunity for us to level up the public service rendered to our people or carry out even more to attain the high expectations of the masses by the guidance of moral governance, *In Shaa Allah*.

I call all my fellow members of this Parliament to support the passage of this Bill. The people of Ligawasan are calling for the creation of this Legislation.

Sukran wa salamu alaikum warahmatullahi ta allah wabarakatuh.

REFERRAL OF BILL TO COMMITTEES

On motion of MP Dumama-Alba, duly seconded and there being no objection, BTA-Parliament Bill No. 136 was referred to the Committee on Local Government and the Committee on Finance, Budget and Management.

CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 06

At this juncture, the Body proceeded to the consideration of Committee Report No. 06 as reported out by the Committee on Bangsamoro Justice System, thru Committee Vice-Chairperson, MP Dumama-Alba, re: Proposed Resolution No. 49, entitled:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE SUPREME COURT OF THE PHILIPPINES TO CREATE A COMMITTEE ON SHARI'AH BAR INTEGRATION AND TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT RULES INTEGRATING THE PHILIPPINE SHARI'AH BAR PURSUANT TO SECTION 15, ARTICLE X OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11054 OR THE ORGANIC LAW FOR THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO

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ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 06 FOR DELIBERATION

On motion of MP Arnado, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body adopted Committee Report No. 06 for deliberation.

OPENING OF PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

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

INTERPELLATIONS OF MP AMPATUAN

MP Ampatuan said that they would be requesting the Supreme Court of the Philippines to create a committee on Shari'ah Bar Integration. Then she asked if what the specific function of the committee is, to which MP Dumama-Alba responded that the history of the creation of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines could be traced back to the authority of the Supreme Court to integrate the Shari'ah Bar, adding that there was a committee created for such integration before a resolution on the part of the Supreme Court could be had. MP Dumama-Alba shared to the Body that the Supreme Court has advised them, through Justice Japar Dimaampao, to seek first the creation of the committee on Shari'ah Bar Integration so that it could happen.

As to who drafted the rules integrating the Philippine Shari'ah Bar pursuant to the BOL, MP Dumama-Alba answered that the Rules was a product of series of drafting sessions and consultations spearheaded by the Bangsamoro Attorney General's Office with all Shari'ah practitioners from Manila to the islands of Sulu from 2019 until 2021.

As to whether the Rules is a recommendation of the Bangsamoro Attorney General's Office or the Bangsamoro Government, MP Dumama-Alba replied that it is a recommendation of the Bangsamoro Government through the Bangsamoro Transition Authority Parliament.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At 5:23 p.m., the Chair motu proprio suspended the session.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:27 p.m., the session was resumed.

INTERPELLATION OF MP LOONG (DM)

MP Loong (DM) inquired as to what was the draft Rules that they were requesting the Supreme Court to adopt about, to which MP Dumama-Alba responded that Section 15, Article 10, of RA11054 or the Bangsamoro Organic Law states that *“The Supreme Court*

may adopt the rules for the integration of the Shari'ah Bar". She explained that since it is only the Supreme Court that has the jurisdiction to integrate the Shari'ah Bar, they would need to unite and integrate all associations and organizations of Shari'ah into one (1) body that has a juridical personality to lobby in behalf of the entire Shari'ah counsellors and practitioners community. She reiterated that the Rules is a product of several consultations and drafting sessions which the Bangsamoro Attorney-General's Office conducted together with Shari'ah practitioners all over the Philippines, including the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos, under the guidance of Justice Dimaampao.

As to whether the rules was already reviewed and approved by the Bangsamoro Justice Committee, MP Dumama-Alba responded in the affirmative.

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

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

OPENING OF PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

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

AMENDMENT OF MP AMPATUAN

As introduced by MP Ampatuan and accepted by the sponsor, MP Dumama-Alba, the title was amended to read as follows:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE SUPREME COURT OF THE PHILIPPINES TO CREATE A COMMITTEE ON SHARI'AH BAR INTEGRATION TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT RULES INTEGRATING THE PHILIPPINE SHARI'AH BAR PURSUANT TO SECTION 15, ARTICLE X OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11054 OR THE ORGANIC LAW FOR THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

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

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 49

On motion of MP Arnado, duly seconded and there being no objection, the Body approved Proposed Resolution No. 49, subject to style.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of MP Arnado, duly seconded and there being no objection, the session was adjourned, sine die.

It was 5:42 p.m.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

PROF. RABY B. ANGKAL
Secretary-General