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DS OMAR SEMA: The secretary-general has certified the existence of a quorum. Majority Floor Leader, please proceed with the order of business.

MP LANANG: Yes, Mr. Speaker. Before we proceed, Mr. Speaker, may I move to amend the order of business to include proposed resolution 459. This proposed resolution is related to the demise of former president Corazon Aquino, so that we can discuss this matter, together with the other resolutions, Mr. speaker. So, I move.

DS SEMA: There is a motion to amend the order of business. Any second? Been seconded. There being no objection the order of business is hereby adopted.

MP LANANG: Yes, Mr. Speaker. [Unknown]. Deputy Speaker Attorney Omar SEMA, Members of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, visitors, guests, ladies, and gentlemen, Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

We are on item number 6, Mr. Speaker. The secretariat informed me that journal number 42 has not been completed, Mr. Speaker. We are under checking the pages and contents of this journal number 42. Therefore Mr. Speaker, I move to dispense the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting Journal number 52, Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: There's a motion to dispense with the reading of the previous journal and for the approval of the same. Is there any second? There being no objection the reading of the-

MP LANANG: My motion is to dispense with the approval Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: Dispense with the approval?

MP LANANG: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: There is a motion to dispense with the reading of the previous journal and approval of the same?

MP LANANG: Yes Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: Any second? There being no objection, the same is hereby approved.

MP LANANG: Mr. Speaker, we now proceed to item number 7. We are on resolutions. May we request the secretary-general to read the first proposed resolution.

DS SEMA: Secretary-general is directed to read the title of the first proposed resolution including the name of the author and co-authors.

SECRETARY-GENERAL: Yes Mr. Speaker. On the first proposed resolution is resolution number 450 entitled A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT TO APPRAISE THE BANGSAMORO PARLIAMENT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SUPREME COURT DECISION IN THE MANDANAS CASE WITHIN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION. Authored by the Honorables MP AMILBAHAR MAWALLIL, MP LAISA MASAHUD ALAMIA, MP BAINANT ADIL AMPATUAN, MP RASOL MITMUG JR., MP DON MUSTAPHA LOONG. CO-AUTHORED BY THE HONORABLES MP SUHARTO AMBOLODTO, MP RASUL ISMAEL, MP ABRAHAM BURAHAN, MP SITTIE SHAHARA MASTURA, Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: Majority floor leader.

MP LANANG: Yes Mr. Speaker i move to refer this to the Committee on Finance, Budget and Management Mr. Speaker [crosstalk]

DS SEMA: There's a motion to refer [crosstalk] Is that an objection?

MP BAINANT: Not necessarily, Mr. Speaker. Just a manifestation because I have also a separate resolution but it is requesting the Department of Budget and Management and not the Ministry of Finance Mr. Speaker. Because I believe that this particular matter should be— The DBM should enlighten us on this not the [crosstalk]

DS SEMA: Is it included in the order of business?

MP LANANG: Not yet.

MP BANTAN: Mr. Speaker, actually we filed the same resolution on the same day but I don't know Why our resolution is not included.

DS SEMA: If it is not included in the business, we cannot tackle it today.

MP BANTAN: Just a manifestation Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: The manifestation is duly noted.

MP BANTAN: Thank you Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: MP MAISARA DANDAMUN-LATIPH, the lady from Tugaya is recognized.

MP MAISARA LATIPH: Mr. Speaker, thank you very much. Good afternoon everyone. I'd like to move this proposed resolution number 450 to the order of business for the day so that it will be taken up as a simple resolution considering that Mr. Speaker this is just merely a ministerial duty on the part of MFBM to appraise the parliament on what is the impact of the Mandanas case to the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region. In fact we would like to know which impact so that the parliament will be knowledgeable on this matter, Mr. Speaker [crosstalk].

MP LANANG: May we recognize deputy speaker Zia Alonto Adiong.

DS SEMA: The deputy speaker ZIAUR-RAHMAN ALONTO is recognized.

DS ADIONG: Thank you Mr. Speaker. If the body so decides that this will be treated as a simple resolution, how sure are we that the Ministry of Budget and Finance is ready to appraise the parliament? I believe the Minister of Budget and Finance is not around, and if we allow, Mr. Speaker, the treatment of this resolution as a simple resolution, should we then allow the Deputy Minister of Finance, because I heard that he responded to the roll call, MP Pacasem, to address this parliament via Zoom? That's my questions that I would like this parliament to contemplate on.

[crosstalk]

DS SEMA: Who is speaking?

MP LANANG: MP Alamia?

DS SEMA: The minority floor leader is recognized followed by who is the other one? The deputy minority floor leader. We recognize first the minority floor leader.

MP LAISA ALAMIA: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Majority Floor Leader. This is just a manifestation, Mr. Speaker, on how we take into consideration resolutions in the parliament. The resolution calls for the appraisal of the MFBM to the parliament on the Mandanas ruling and its implications. It does not say that the MFBM will immediately appraise the parliament the moment that we approve the resolution. It is a manifestation, a request and as stated by MP Maisarah Latiph, it is ministerial also and we know that the MFBM won't be able to report immediately on this. And so if we approve the resolution, if you transfer it to the business of the day and we approve the resolution, the MFBM will be given time. As well as, later on, if the DBM needs to apprise the parliament on the implications of the Mandanas ruling, they may do so also at a later time. The approval of the resolution does not mean that the MFBM will immediately report on what has been requested of them. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: I recognize also the deputy minority floor leader Ambolodto.

MP SUHARTO AMBOLODITO: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I think the minority floor leader has already succinctly put it that you don't have to require the ministry to immediately respond [crosstalk]

DS SEMA: You're cutting out.

MP AMBOLODITO: [Unintelligible] Mr. Speaker assuming that we approve it, we are simply directing it to refer and report to the date and time as the parliament would see fit. So we would simply have to consider muna the resolution. The action to be taken if it is to be included in the order of business is to consider the resolution. Once approved the sense of the parliament within have to be communicated to the parliament. [Unintelligible] ministry don't have to report, provide us the update immediately after the favorable action on the resolution Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

DS SEMA: The manifestation is duly noted.

MP JOSE LORENA: Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: The deputy speaker is recognized. For a while Deputy Minister Lorena, we will recognize you later. We will hear from the deputy speaker first.

MP LORENA: Okay.

DS ADIONG: Thank you Mr. Speaker. That is precisely the inquiry of this representation because by treatment on procedural matters if we treat this as a simple resolution, it will automatically be included in the order of business. No longer has to pass in the committee level meaning the plenary would have to discuss, decide whether to adopt, to ask the MFBM to appraise this parliament. But it's a matter of time naman as explained by the minority leader that's why Mr. Speaker I posted that question for the contemplation of this parliament. We can refer this, treat this as simple resolution and then later on defer this and allow the MFBM to be ready and appraise the parliament. Because all of us deserve an answer and to give justice to the resolution we should also allow the MFBM to prepare their data and then come up with the presentation and answer all the pertinent questions from this parliament. I am not in objection. I'm just asking that question and I think the minority leader [unintelligible] in this parliament.

DS SEMA: May i clarify, can we tackle something that is not [unknown] communication received to the parliament? I think we need a communication received by the parliament before we can even tackle the Mandanas ruling.

MP LATIPH: Mr. Speaker... [crosstalk]

MP LANANG: Just to inform the august body, the Mandanas ruling has been the subject of discussion of the intergovernmental relations mechanism Mr. Speaker. As a matter of fact, they are creating a TWG on this matter, Mr. Speaker. If we discuss this, Mr. Speaker, my fear is that we are preempting the result of the discussion between the intergovernmental mechanisms by the Bangsamoro government and the national government, Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: The manifestation of the majority floor leader is noted on that. We recognize the deputy minister, Jose Lorena.

MP LORENA: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I join the manifestation of the majority leader considering that even the Department of Budget and Management does not come out with the ruling on how the Mandanas ruling will be implemented by the national government. Let us remember that this pertains to the allocation and share of the local government units which was not clearly accepted by the senate because there are deductions from the national revenue which may not be captured by the Mandanas ruling and therefore to come up with a report this early would be to me premature because I think, if I recall it correctly, in one deliberation in the senate, Senator Drilon even asked for a clarificatory answer from the Supreme Court asking for

a petition to clarify on matters especially governing, which has been legislated the deductions from collections of the Bureau of Customs, like in import duties. These are not yet defined and to come out with a report and ask the Ministry of Finance to report, when the national government has not yet decided on how we treat the Mandanas ruling would be to me, pushing the cart before the horse and I believe that there is a need for further studies. I am not opposing the resolution I am just saying that they should come out with a resolution that would give ample time, not only to the Ministry of Finance, but the intergovernmental relations to come out with certain decisions so that when we are appraised it would be a legally accepted version of the implementation of the Mandanas ruling. In fact there is supposed to be a forum on the implication of the Mandanas ruling today at 0:00 but I did not attend because [crosstalk]...

DS SEMA: One minute suspension.

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MP AMILBAHAR MAWALLIL: [blank audio] Because I have attended several webinars and events that discuss this particular ruling, Mr. Speaker. And for my part there are confusion on whether some programs of the national will still be downloaded to the BARMM government. So whether we decide to tackle this as a simple resolution, it's ok or if we decide to refer this to the committee on finance, budget, and management, it's ok for me. But for as long as we initiate the discussion on this topic, Mr. Speaker, that is more important to me. We have to have a discourse on this because ayaw natin pagsisihan na may mga programs mawawala sa'tin [blank audio]

MP SEMA: We recognize the majority floor leader. We have given so much time on this.

MP LANANG: After discussions with the MP, Mr. Speaker. I withdraw my motion, Mr. Speaker. And I would like to amend my motion, Mr. Speaker. I move to defer consideration of this proposed resolution, Mr. Speaker, and we can discuss this together with the resolution with the DBM to appraise with the Mandanas case. [Unknown] discussion of these two resolutions in the next regular session of the BTA Parliament. So I move, Mr. Speaker.

MP SEMA: There is a motion to defer consideration of proposed resolution number 450. It has been seconded. There being no objection, the same is hereby deferred. Majority Floor Leader.

MP LANANG: Yes, Mr. Speaker. May we proceed? May we request the secretary-general to read the next proposed resolutions.

DP SEMA: The secretary-general is directed to read the title of the next proposed resolution including the name of the author and co-authors.

Secretary General: Proposed resolution number 452, Mr. Speaker is entitled RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE DEEPEST GRATITUDE AND UNEQUIVOCAL SUPPORT OF THE BANGSAMORO PARLIAMENT TO SENATE BILL NUMBER 2081 AND HOUSE BILL NUMBER 8249 BOTH DECLARING FEBRUARY 1 OF EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL HIJAB DAY AND PROMOTING AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE MUSLIM TRADITION OF WEARING HIJAB.

Authored by MP Bainon Karon. Co-authors: The Honorables MPS SUSANA SALVADOR ANAYATIN, SITTIE SHAHARA MASTURA, MP DIAMILA DISIMBAN-RAMOS, MP MAISARA DAMDAMUN-LATIPH, MP BAI MALEIHA CANDAO, MP MOHAMMAD YACOB, MP MUDJIB ABU, MP AIDA SILONGAN, and MP ATTORNEY OMAR YASSER SEMA, Mr. Speaker.

MP LANANG: [crosstalk] Mr. Speaker, I'd like to treat this simple resolution to be transferred for the business of the day.

DS SEMA: There's a motion to treat resolution and transferred to the business for the day. Any second? There being no objection, proposed resolution number 452 is transferred to the business for the day. Majority Floor Leader.

MP LANANG: Mr. Speaker, may we request the secretary-general to read the next proposed resolution.

DS SEMA: The Secretary-General is directed to read the title of the next proposed resolution including the name of the authors and co-authors.

Secretary General: Yes, Mr. Speaker. Next is proposed resolution number 453 entitled THE RESOLUTION URGING THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION TO FORMULATE AND RECOMMEND REGIONAL POLICIES AND GUIDELINES RELATIVE TO THE OPERATIONS OF ROLL ON- ROLL OFF (RO-RO) VESSELS, ENHANCING THE CONNECTIVITY BETWEEN THE MAINLAND AND ISLAND TERRITORIES OF THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION. Authored by honorables MP ABDULMUHMIN MUJAHID, MP AMILBAHAR MAWALLIL, MP OMAR YASSER SEMA, MP EDDIE ALIH, AND MP SAHIE UDJAH. CO-AUTHORS, THE HONORABLES MP HATIMIL HASSAN, MP ALZAD SATTAR, AND MP MUSLIMIN JAKILAN, Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: [crosstalk] Majority Floor Leader.

MP LANANG: Mr. Speaker, I move to refer this to the Committee on Transportation and Communications.

DS SEMA: There's a motion to refer proposed resolution number 453 to the Committee on Transportation and Communication—[crosstalk]

[Unintelligible]

DS SEMA: Duly noted. [crosstalk] Those who are interested to be co-authors of this proposed resolution 453, you can submit your names to the secretary-general. [crosstalk] The deputy speaker Nabil Tan is recognized.

DS Tan: Mr. Speaker, considering the importance of such resolution, may I be allowed or if the principal author will accept, I'd like to be a co-author of this resolution. I cannot submit my name now, I'm in Manila. Thank you.

DS SEMA: Secretariat is directed to include the name of the Deputy Speaker Nabil Tan as co-author. And all of those who are in the plenary who have signified their intention to be associated with this resolution.

There is a pending motion to refer this proposed resolution to the committee on transportation and communication. Is there any second? There being no objection, proposed resolution number 453 is referred to the committee on transportation and communication. Majority Floor Leader.

MP LANANG: Mr. Speaker, may we request the secretary general to read the next proposed resolution.

DS SEMA: Secretary-general is directed to read the title of the next proposed resolution and the name of the author and co-authors.

SECRETARY-GENERAL: Mr. Speaker, the next proposed resolution is proposed resolution number 454 entitled RESOLUTION URGING THE BANGSAMORO GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH- BARMM TO COORDINATE WITH THE DIFFERENT GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES OFFICES AND AGENCIES AS WELL AS LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS LOCAL CHASE MUCH-NEEDED COLD STORAGE FACILITIES INCLUDING ULTRA-LOW TEMPERATURE FREEZERS IN

ORDER TO BE ABLE TO AVAIL OF ANY AND ALL BRANDS OF COVID-19 VACCINE AND FOR PROPER STORAGE. Authored by MP MUSSOLINI LIDASAN

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DS SEMA: Majority Floor Leader.

MP LANANG: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to treat this as a simple solution, if the good members of the parliament MP Zul Qarneyn Abas, he's the deputy minister of the minister of health. If he can answer questions related to this resolution, Mr. Speaker.

MP ZUL QARNEYN ABAS: I concur, your honor.

MP LANANG: Yes, Mr. Speaker. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I move to treat this as simple resolution and be transferred [crosstalk]

DS SEMA: Before the referral, those who are intended or who intends to be associated with this bill, please raise your hand.

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In the Zoom, those who are interested to be associated with this resolution please key in your names in the chat box.

There's a motion to treat proposed resolution number 454 as a simple resolution. Is there any second? There being no objection, proposed resolution number 454 is treated as a simple resolution and transferred to the business for the day

MP LANANG: Mr. Speaker, may we request the secretary general to read the next proposed resolution.

DS SEMA: Secretary-general is directed to read the title of the next proposed resolution including the name of the author and co-authors.

SECGEN: Mr. Speaker, the next proposed resolution is proposed resolution number 455 entitled RESOLUTION URGING THE BANGSAMORO GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH-BARMU TO COORDINATE AMONG DIFFERENT GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES, OFFICES, AND AGENCIES AS WELL AS LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS IN A REGION-WIDE INFORMATION AND

EDUCATION CAMPAIGN AT THE GRASSROOTS LEVEL TO MOTIVATE THE BANGSAMORO PEOPLE TO REGISTER FOR AND RECEIVE THEIR COVID-19 VACCINATIONS. Authors: MP MUSSOLINI LIDASAN.

MP LANANG: Any members of the parliament who wish to signify their interest prepare their interest as co-authors, just raise their hands so that the secretariat may take note of you.

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Mr. Speaker, I move to treat this as a simple resolution and transfer it to the business for the day.

DS SEMA: There is a motion to treat resolution number 455 as a simple resolution and transfer to the business for the day. Is there any second? There being no objection, proposed resolution number 455 is transferred to the business for the day.

MP LANANG: Mr. Speaker, may we request the secretary general to read proposed resolutions number 456, 458, and 459. All of them have the same title and subject matter, Mr. Speaker. Including the authors and co-authors.

DS SEMA: The secretary-general is directed to read the proposed resolutions number 456, 458 and 459 including the names of authors and co-authors.

SECGEN: Yes, Mr. Speaker. On proposed resolution number 456 entitled RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE PRESIDENT BENIGNO AQUINO III AND EXTENDING PROFOUND APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE BANGSAMORO REGION. Authors, the honorable MP BANTAN AMPATUAN, MP AMILBAHAR MAWALLIL, MP LANANG ALI JR, MP JOSE LORENA, MP RASOL MITMUG JR., MP LAISA M. ALAMIA, MP SUHARTO AMBOLODITO, MP DON MUSTAPHA LOONG, MP RASUL ISMAEL, MP AIDA SILONGAN, MP SUSANA ANAYATIN, MP EDDIE ALIH, MP MUSSOLINI LIDASAN, MP ZIAUR- RAHMAN ADIONG, MP MUSLIMIN JAKILAN, and MP NABIL TAN.

Mr. Speaker, on proposed resolution number 458 is entitled A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY'S SINCEREST SYMPATHIES AND CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATH OF FORMER PRESIDENT BENIGNO SIMEON C. AQUINO III AND HONORING HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE BANGSAMORO. Authors, the

honorable MP ANNA TARHATA BASMAN, MP RAISSA JAJURIE, MP UBAIDA PACASEM, and MP LANANG ALI, JR.

On proposed resolution number 459, Mr. Speaker, is entitled A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHIES AND DEEPEST CONDOLENCES OF THE BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY PARLIAMENT TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY OF FORMER PRESIDENT BENIGNO SIMEON C. AQUINO III ON HIS DEMISE. Author, the honorables MP ZIAUR-RAHMAN ADIONG, MP NABIL TAN, MP LANANG ALI JR., MP ATTORNEY JOSE LORENA, MP ATTORNEY UBAIDA PACASEM, and MP DOCTOR SUSANA ANAYATIN.

MP LANANG: Mr. Speaker, may we request, this is an appeal to all members of the parliament to be co-authors of these resolutions, Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: All of those who are interested to be co-authors [crosstalk]

MP LANANG: Sana lahat na lang, Mr. Speaker.

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Mr. Speaker, I move to treat these as simple resolutions and be transferred for the business for the day.

DS SEMA: There is a motion to treat these three resolutions as simple resolutions and be transferred to the business for the day. Is there any second? There being no objection, proposed resolutions 456, 458, and 459 are treated as simple resolutions and are transferred to the business for the day.

MP LANANG: Continue? Mr. Speaker, we are on item number 8, privilege hour. There are two members of the parliament who would like to deliver a privilege speech. First by MP LATIPH to be followed by MP ROMEO SEMA. Ladies first, Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: The lady from Tugaya is recognized.

MP LATIPH: Mr. Speaker, members of the parliament and distinguished colleagues. Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh. Magandang hapon po sa inyong lahat. May I proceed, Mr. Speaker? Mr. Speaker? May I proceed Mr. Speaker?

DS SEMA: You are recognized.

MP LATIPH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Ang ating kasarinlan [unintelligible] ay iginuguhit ng ating kasaysayan, pamumuhay, kultura, lenggwahe, paniniwala. Malaking bagay ang likas yaman sa ating kasarinlan at ito po ang dahilan kung bakit pinaglaban ang ating likas na yaman o natural resources at hindi tayo dapat maging pabaya. Unang-una, pinaglaban natin ito sa comprehensive agreement on Bangsamoro at mismong kami noon sa Bangsamoro Transition Commission, ito ang isa sa pinakamatinding issue sa bicameral conference. Partikular po dito sa inland waters.

Sa lahat ng mga issues, ito po ang isa sa pinaka contentious at pinakahuling paksa. Pero hindi po natin ito isinuko. Ang pagdedesisyon po ukol sa ating likas yaman ay isa sa ating pundasyon ng right to self determination. Ito po ang simbolo ng ating kalayaan. Kaya ngayon tayo at tayo lamang sa Bangsamoro Parliament ang dapat mag balangkas ukol sa inland waters ng Bangsamoro. Noong maupo po ako bilang isang miyembro ng parliamentong ito, una sa mga konsultasyon ko ay tungkol sa Lake Lanao.

As early as July 2019 sinundan pa ito ng pangalawang konsultasyon kasama ang mga eksperto noong Nobyembre 2019. Dahil dito po ako ay naghain noong November 2019 ng panukalang batas bilang 32 na pinamagatang An Act Creating The Lanao Development Authority Prescribing its Powers and Functions and Appropriating Funds Therefor. Sa katunayan mahigit kumulang sa 47 miyembro ng parliyamto ang sunib bilang co-authors. Ang panukalang batas na ito ay naghahangad na makapagpatayo na isang ahensya ng gobyerno na mamamahala, mangangalaga at magbibigay proteksyon sa ating mga likas na yaman. Ang Lake Lanao ang panukalang batas na ito ay sumailalim na sa 2nd reading noong February 21, 2020.

Ngayon meron na tayong batas na binalangkas na nasa 2nd reading na po. Nandito na po nakahain. Bago po isinulat ang Bill Number 32, isang napakalaking konsultasyon Isulat ang ginanap sa MSU main campus Marawi City kung saan dumalo ang mga eksperto, miyembro ng akademya, iba't ibang ahensya ng gobyerno kasama na ang National Power Corporation at ang mga matataas na opisyaes ng Laguna Lake Development Authority na naglakbay pa mula Luzon upang ibahagi ang kanilang mahigit kumulang na limang dekadang karanasan sa pamamahala ng Laguna Lake. Sa kanilang pagbisita sa lawa ng Lake Lanao, isang kaalaman na tumatak sa aking puso ay ang sinabi ng Executive Director ng Laguna Lake Development Authority, ika niya, kapag ang lawa ay nasira, hinding hindi ito maibabalik sa dati nitong kalagayan. Sa wikang ingles pa, It can neither be fixed nor be restored to its original state. Sunod nyang sinabi sa kanyang personal na pag bisita sa lawa ay panahon na o oras na para simulan ang pag aalaga sa lawang ito.

Mr. Speaker, ano ba ang kasalukuyang kalagayan ng Lake Lanao? Ayon sa pag-aaral ng Mindanao State University at pahayag ng dating namumuno sa departamento ng environment and natural resources, ang kagubatan na nakapalibot sa Lake Lanao ay naging biktima ng dekadang illegal logging, extensive land use, and farming in the watershed na nagdulot ng soil erosion na siya namang nagpababa ng water level. Nakita po natin ito sa trahedyang dulot ng Bagyong Vinta noong 2017 at nakaririmarim na epekto sa Lanao del Sur kung saan marami pang namatay at nawalan ng bahay sa aming mga kaanak at mga mamamayan.

Marami rin sa forested Timberland ang nasira dahil sa iba't ibang aktibidad na hindi na po naregulate. Idagdag pa natin dito ang problema ng polusyon dahil sa hindi maayos na pagtatapon ng basura. Dahil po sa mga pangyayaring ito, naibahagi ng Lanao del Sur Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Office noong 2019 na ang water level ng Lake Lanao ay bumaba na at ito ay nasa critical level dahil sa kakulangan ng malinaw na framework sa pamamahala ng lawa at ng watershed resources magdudulot ito ng pagbaba ng kalidad ng tubig.

Ating alalahanin na ang mga naninirahan sa tabi ng lawa ay nakadepende rito para sa domestic use, kasama na ang inuming tubig, [unknown], ang paliligo, paglalaba at iba pa. Sa madaling salita ang polusyon dahil sa kakulangan sa regulasyon ay makakaapekto sa kalusugan ng ating mamamayan. Bukod pa rito at hindi lingid sa ating kaalaman, ang Lake Lanao ay may mahalagang papel pagdating sa supply ng kuryente at pinakikinabangan ng mga Bangsamoro Constituents at maging sa mga nasa outside BARMM. Kung saan ito ay nagbibigay mahigit sa 70% ng energy supply sa buong isla ng Mindanao at ito ay nagdudulot ng kaunlaran. Ito rin po ay nagbibigay ng pondo o revenue sa karamihan sa ating mga political subdivisions.

Dahil sa labis-labis na suporta ng ating mga kasamahan dito sa parliamentong ito, panahon na at dininig sa 2nd reading noong February 21 ang ating resolution number 122 noong Marso 25, 2021 na naglalayong pagtibayin ang ating karapatan, karapatan ng Bangsamoro sa pangangalaga ng Lake Lanao at humingi tayo sa senado ng konsiderasyon dahil nasa atin ang kapangyarihan at ito ay nakasaad mismo sa pinaglalaman natin sa Bangsamoro Organic Law.

Huwag po nating ipagpaliban ang Lake Lanao. Nakabinbin na mahigit na mag dadalawang taon. Nandito na po sa aking mga kamay at ipinaglaban po natin ito ng lubusan. Ang likas yaman nating parte ng ating kasarinlan. Ito ay parte na ng ating kultura, ito ay nagbibigay kahulugan sa pagiging moro. Itong panukalang batas na ito ay sinuportahan ng 47 members of the parliament. Nangagahulugan na marami pong gustong ito maipasa. Pag hindi natin ito [unintelligible] ng legislation itong batas na ito, baka po ikinalulungkot ko, maisabatas ng kongreso ang kanilang bersyon. Huwag po nating hintaying mangyari iyon dahil maaaring

maging hudyat sa pagpasa sa mga batas ng kongreso patungkol sa pangangalaga ng ating likas yaman na ang may karapatan po ay ang Bangsamoro government at parliament.

Sa pang huli, ang tawag po namin sa Lake Lanao ay Ranao. Hango po dito ang aming identity bilang mga Maranao. Mga kasama ko po sa Bangsamoro Parliament, ang Lake Lanao po ay ang umbilical cord ng mga Maranao na nag-uugnay sa aming lahat. It is the foundation of our identity, it is the foundation of our heritage as a Maranao in Bangsamoro. [crosstalk] ay nasa intensive care unit ngayon. Kailangan po itong gamutin at pagalingin. Itong panukalang batas—

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MP LANANG: [unknown] MP ROMEO SEMA to deliver his privileged speech.

DS SEMA: The honorable gentleman from Cotabato is recognized.

MP ROMEO SEMA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Majo.

[Unknown] Honorable CHIEF MINISTER AHOD BALAWAG IBRAHIM, HONORABLE SPEAKER ATTORNEY ALI PANGALIAN M. BALINDONG, distinguished colleagues, guests, brothers and sisters, Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

I rise before you on a matter of collective and personal privilege. The history of the Moro fronts in Mindanao bring us to our present situation. As we share our common aspiration in our desire to assert our right to self determination, it is just fitting and proper once again to call for unity and cooperation among us. While we have initially succeeded in negotiation between the government of the Republic of the Philippines with the Moro National Liberation Front through the signing of the peace agreement in 1976 and 1996, and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front and the government of the Philippines through the signing of the framework agreement on the Bangsamoro and Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro that led to the enactment of the Republic act 11054 otherwise known as Bangsamoro Organic Law, we will still have to continuously do our best efforts to contribute for the realizations of the Bangsamoro self-determination within the context of the signed peace agreement.

Looking back, when we started asserting a right to self-determination, we moved as one regardless of our organization and political affiliation. The Moro National Liberation Front, for one, without iota of reservations in our minds, in our modest way, mobilized our comrades and supporters to ensure the ratifications of the BOL. We did that notwithstanding war leaders, [unintelligible]. The law was overwhelmingly approved by our people. Today, the challenge to

call for unity is again in our midst. Our request for the extensions of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority period has already been submitted to both houses of congress. Unfortunately, the bill is still under the scrutiny of both houses of congress. While the president has expressed positively his support for the extensions of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, it would have been better had the president certified the bill as urgent.

It must be recalled that among the obligations of the government is to complete the implementations of the signed peace agreement. In the case of the MNLF, there are remaining provisions of the final peace agreement which remain unimplemented until today. However, when most of those unimplemented provisions were made part of the Bangsamoro Organic Law, the Moro National Liberation Front decided to accept Republic Act Number 11054. This is despite the fact that there are vital provisions of the final peace agreement which are not provided under the BOL. Under the Bangsamoro Organic Law, there are deliverables which are supposed to be completed in three years time but there are circumstances beyond human control, not to mention the emergence of the covid-19 pandemic. Mr. Speaker, while it is true that we have accomplished some of the priority codes, we feel that the other ones have to undergo a series of consultations with our constituents. It has to follow the tedious process despite the emergence of the pandemic. The covid-19 pandemic has significantly affected the normal operations of the bangsamoro government. This must be made clear to the honorable members of both chambers of congress.

Mr. Speaker, I therefore call on our brothers and sisters, members of this chamber to rally behind our leader, honorable chief minister Ahod Balawag Ebrahim, in order to send a strong message that he has our collective respect and support. Let us manifest our unconditional support for his leadership in running the affairs of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao. Let me remind everyone that during the time of prophet Mohammad [unintelligible], he's told to unite the muslims in Islam against adversaries. Just as we are in our time. We need to have a leader to direct us what to do. We need the leadership of our chief minister Ahod Balawag Ebrahim to guide and give directions for the achievements of the goals of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

Mr. Speaker, along this line, allow me to cite some verses from the holy Qur'an and hadith regarding our moral obligation for unity and supporting our leader. And I quote Surah Al- Imran Verse 103 "Hold fast to the rope of Allah, all together and be not divided." In Al-Bukhari, "verily, the believers are like a structure, each part strengthening the other," and the Prophet clasped his fingers together. This is Al-Bukhari, "The parable of the believers in their affection, mercy, and compassion for each other is that of a body. When any limb aches, the whole body reacts with sleeplessness and fever."

Again, Mr. Speaker, I, together with my comrades in the Moro National Liberation Front, strongly support the leadership of honorable chief minister Ahod Balawag Ebrahim and the extensions of the transition authority to realize our common aspiration under the realm of the moral governance in the Bangsamoro.

We appeal to all our local leaders, business and labor sectors, religious leaders, IP leaders, and civil society to bestow their unconditional support with chief minister Ahod Balawag Ebrahim and the extensions of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority to prepare the mandates specifically provided for in the Bangsamoro Organic Law.

Mr. Speaker, we appeal to the sound judgment of the honorable members of both chambers of congress to amend only the period of terms of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority from 2022 to 2025. Therefore, while I rise before this honorable august body, thousands of the Bangsamoro gathered yesterday for unity caravan with the hope and prayer that their collective voices will be heard by no less than His Excellency President Rodrigo Roa Duterte to certify the bill calling for the extensions of the BTA period from 2020 to 2025 as urgent.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, we sincerely appeal to our beloved President Rodrigo Roa Duterte to certify the bill calling for the extensions of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority period as urgent. Mabuhay ang Bangsamoro. [foreign language] assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.

MP LANANG: Mr. Speaker, 15 minutes suspension, Mr. Speaker. [unintelligible]

DS SEMA: Session suspended for 15 minutes. We come back at 3:40.

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MP LANANG: We proceed to the next item order of business, item number 9. First stage of bills. May we request the secretary general to read the first BTA Parliament Bill, the authors.

DS SEMA: The secretary general is directed to read the title of BTA Parliament Bill Number 91.

SECGEN: Yes, Mr. Speaker. On the first stage of bills, we have here BTA Parliament Bill number 91 entitled AN ACT GRANTING CIVIL SERVICE ELIGIBILITY UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES UNDER BARM APPOINTED UNDER PROVISIONAL OR TEMPORARY

STATUS WHO HAVE RENDERED AT LEAST SEVEN YEARS OF EFFICIENT AND CONTINUOUS SERVICE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Authored by the honorable MP Saffrullah Dipatuan.

MP LANANG: Mr. Speaker, this is a private member bill. Any members of the parliament who would like to signify their interest as co-authors of this bill may just raise their hands so that the secretariat may take note of them.

DS SEMA: Those who are interested to be identified with this bill, please raise your hand.

MP LANANG: May we request the secretary general to read the next proposed bill.

DS SEMA: The secretary general is directed to read the title of the next proposed BTA Parliament Bill.

SECGEN: Next BTA Parliament Bill Number 109 entitled AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE REGISTRATION AND REGIONAL DATABASE FOR INFORMAL WORKERS, ECONOMIC UNITS AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR ASSOCIATIONS WITHIN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION.

Authored by the honorable MP Rasol Mitmug Jr. Co-authors, the honorables MP Laisa Alamia, MP Suharto Ambolodto, MP Baintan Adil-Ampatuan, MP Don Mustapha Loong, MP Rasul Ismael, MP Amilbahar Mawallil.

MP LANANG: Mr. Speaker this is a private member bill and any members of the parliament who like to signify their interest as co-authors may just raise their hands so that they can be recorded by the secretariat, Mr. Speaker.

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MP LANANG: May we request the secretary general to read the next proposed parliament bill.

DS SEMA: The secretary general is directed to read the title of the next proposed BTA Parliament Bill.

SECGEN: Mr. Speaker on the third proposed BTA Parliament Bill, is BTA Parliament Bill Number 111 entitled AN ACT CONSTRUCTING AND ESTABLISHING THE BULDON MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF BULDON, MAGUINDANAO PROVINCE, BARMM, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Authored by MP ZUL QARNEYN ABAS, Mr. Speaker.

MP LANANG: Mr. Speaker, this is a private member bill and any members of the parliament who would like to signify their interest as co-authors may raise their hands so they can be recorded by the secretariat.

Mr. Speaker, may we request the secretary general to read the next parliament bill.

DS SEMA: The Secretary-General is directed to read the title of the next proposed BTA parliament bill.

SECGEN: Sir Speaker, the next proposed BTA Parliament Bill is BTA Parliament Bill Number 113 entitled AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REGION WIDE GEO TAGGING SYSTEM FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR. Authored by the honorables MP Don Mustapha Loong, MP Baintan Ampatuan, MP Amilbahar Mawallil, MP Laisa Alamia, MP Rasol Mitmug, Jr., MP Suharto Ambolodto, MP Rasul Ismael.

MP LANANG: Mr. Speaker, this is a private member bill, any members of the parliament who would like to signify their interests as co-authors may just raise their hands so that the secretariat may record.

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May we request the secretary-general to read the next proposed parliament bill, Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: The secretary-general is directed to read the title of the next proposed BTA Parliament Bill.

SECGEN: Sir speaker, on proposed BTA parliament bill number 114 entitled AN ACT CONSTRUCTING AND ESTABLISHING THE LANA O DEL SUR PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL TO BE LOCATED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUGAYA PROVINCE OF LANA O DEL SUR, BARMM, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Authored by the honorable MPs Zui Qarney n Abas and Maisara Latiph.

MP LANANG: Mr. Speaker, this is a private member bill, any members of the parliament who would like to be co-authors may just raise their hands so that the secretariat may take note of them.

DS SEMA: Before the majority floor leader proceeds may I direct the secretariat to make sure that the members of the parliament who have signified their intention to be co-authors of the different resolutions be indicated already during the second stage or the second reading of the proposed bill or resolutions.

MP LANANG: Yes Mr. Speaker, we proceed. we are on item number 12 [Unknown]. The first proposed resolution Number 413 speaker and titled RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ACTIONS OF OUR MORO LEGISLATORS FOR STANDING ON BEHALF OF THE BANGSAMORO AND ENSURING THE PROTECTION AND WELFARE OF OUR PEOPLE OUTSIDE THE REGION.

The parliamentary status of this Mr. Speaker, we are on the period of interpellation and debate. As we agreed yesterday, Mr. Speaker, any of the co-authors, upon the direction of the principal author may defend this proposed resolution Mr. Speaker, if there is.

DS SEMA: We are now in tackling proposed resolution number 413 and we have agreed that the principal author can designate any co-author or co-principal author to defend this to stand for this proposed resolution. The deputy minority floor leader, the gentleman from Lumbayanague, is he still on the Zoom?

[crosstalk]

MP LANANG: Mr. Speaker may we recognize MP RASOL MITMUG.

DS SEMA: The deputy minority floor leader Rasol Mitmug is recognized.

MP RASOL MITUG: Present Mr. Speaker.

[Unintelligible]

MP RASOL: Mr. Speaker...

DS SEMA: Yes, you are recognized.

MP RASOL: Present, Mr. Speaker. Can I defend this measure Mr. Speaker? I am available for-
[CUT]

DS SEMA: Any member of the parliament- [CUT]

MP LANANG: If there is none, Mr. Speaker, we will move to close the period of interpellation and debate [unknown]

DS SEMA: There is a motion to terminate the period of interpellation and debate. Is there any second? There being no objection the same is hereby terminated.

MP LANANG: Mr. Speaker, I move to open the period of amendment.

DS SEMA: The period of amendment is now open.

MP LANANG: May we respectfully request... no Mr. Speaker I move to close the period of amendment.

DS SEMA: There is a motion to terminate the period of amendment. Is there any second? There being no objection, the period of amendment is now terminated.

MP LANANG: Mr. Speaker, I move for the adoption and approval of this resolution.

DS SEMA: subject to style?

MP LANANG: subject to style, Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: There is a motion to adopt proposed resolution number 413, subject to style. Any second? There being no objection, proposed resolution number 413 is hereby approved and adopted.

MP LANANG: Yes Mr. Speaker we proceed to proposed resolution number 427. The parliamentary status of this speaker is we are on the period of interpellation and debate. The principal author ABDULLAH B. HASHIM. May we respectfully recognize MP ABDULLAH HASHIM to deliver his sponsorship speech [crosstalk]

DS SEMA: The gentleman from [unknown] is recognized.

MP ABDULLAH HASHIM: Mr. Speaker, perhaps more accurately from Pagalongan [crosstalk]

DS SEMA: The gentleman from Pagalongan, [Unknown], Kalawit is recognized.

MP HASHIM: [foreign language]. Mr. Speaker, honorable members of the parliament, and all those present, this resolution aims to join the public officials and employees of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Government in seeking the utmost definition of being a public servant in accordance with moral governance. It is then hoped that the pursuit of moral governance and the prevention of corruption be paved and showed a clear way. Moral governance intends that the public servants be accountable not only to the public but also to the creator. Yet, I believe the current definitions need further emphasis on that aspect. Therefore a specific explanation is required that will serve as a guide to public officials and employees. This resolution aims to use the halal concept as a model for this guide. Halal is generally defined in Islam as any action or thing which is permitted and lawful. In the context of Islam, the determiner of what is permitted and lawful is a law through his legislation meaning the Qu'ran and the tradition of the Prophet Mohammad [foreign language]. In the context of our current setting and circumstance the determiner is the law of the land and it is hoped that both contexts are in harmony as much as possible. It is my humble opinion that with moral governance this can be achieved. The concept of halal is generally considered in legislation as only regarding the permissible food, drinks and goods, and the manner of purity of such items, but halal also encompasses the permissible actions of an individual, which in the context of this resolution, the permissible actions of the public servants and the purity of those actions. It may also be emphasized that doing the opposite of such actions will put into trial the once intimate relationship with the creator. With this model the public servants will have a personal sacred role not only in bringing the government to the Bangsamoro people but bringing themselves closer to the creator by performing in accordance with his will and limits.

In closing the Bangsamoro darul-ifta is the most appropriate office to spearhead the pursuit of a detailed definition of moral governance, especially with respect to the concept of halal due in part to the mandate of the office to promulgate religious edicts or fatwa, as for the Bangsamoro Autonomy Act number 13 or the administrative code. Thus, this simple resolution aims to direct a BARMM office in doing an initiative which is part of the office's stated powers and functions. As such I humbly request from my fellow honorable members of the parliament that this simple resolution be passed. [foreign language]. Salaam.

DS SEMA: Majority floor leader.

MP LANANG: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I think there are no other members of the parliament— I move to close the period of interpellation and debate. Mr. Speaker may we respectfully recognize MP MAWALLIL, Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: The gentleman from Tawi-tawi is recognized. Those who are in the Zoom who would like to interpellate the honorable gentleman from Pagalungan, please raise your hand so you will be recognized

MP MAWALLIL: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Just a few clarificatory questions about the resolution. I would like to ask the proponent, the good gentleman from Maguindanao, in a nutshell what do you intend to achieve with the approval of this resolution?

MP HASHIM: Mr. Speaker I would like that there will be the fatwa, inshallah, will serve as an inspiration and a guide for the Bangsamoro employees and public servants and also at the end of our resolution there is also a given consideration for the BTA parliament to perhaps turn it into a code of conduct or at least use it as a guide for such code of conduct.

MP MAWALLIL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask— this is a very innocent question— if the good gentleman from Maguindanao have looked into the provision in the administrative code relative to this resolution, to the subject of this resolution. Is there an existing guideline or mechanism that put forward this intention?

MP HASHIM: We have merely used the mandate of the darul-ifta, Mr. Speaker to formulate this resolution.

MP MAWALLIL: Mr. Speaker, hypothetically speaking, if this parliament will not approve or will not adopt this resolution, what will hinder or prohibit the darul-ifta from issuing such edict or fatwa, Mr. Speaker?

MP HASHIM: I believe there is nothing that hinders them from issuing such fatwa and this is merely, Mr. Speaker, perhaps a reminder or in support also to the office.

MP MAWALLIL: I'd like to signify my intention to be part of this resolution. The reason why I'm asking if there is a prohibition on the part of the darul-ifta is because the resolution may send a message that the darul-ifta in issuing fatwa or religious edict need the imprimatur of the parliament. So that is clear for me Mr. Speaker, that the darul-ifta can issue fatwa or religious edicts as mandated by the administrative code. That is all, Mr. Speaker. Thank you very much to the gentleman from Maguindanao

MP HASHIM: Thank you also.

DS SEMA: The gentleman from Lanao del Sur, the deputy minority floor leader is recognized. I'm sorry, deputy majority floor leader, to be followed by the deputy minority floor leader.

MP PAISALIN TAGO: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. This is not an interpellation. This is a statement of support to the proposed resolution because it is very high time that the darul-ifta declare a fatwa regarding the concept of moral governance, especially to ask public officials that has been governing the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao. And therefore, Mr. Speaker, I am very much supportive of this proposed resolution. Thank you very much. That's my manifestation, Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: Duly noted. The deputy minority floor leader is recognized.

MP RASOL: Yes Mr. Speaker. Maraming salamat po sa oras na binigay. Message of support din po ito dahil po author tayo ng resolution. Ang isang maganda po dito sa resolution na ito, Mr. Speaker ay maipapakita na ang mga acts at practices natin in islam ay actually part din ng governance measure. Ibig sabihin yung mga bagay na ginagawa natin sa Islam ay mga bagay din na mabuti para sa paggogobyerno. So I fully support this resolution, Mr. Speaker and we thank the main author MP HASHIM for giving us this resolution. Salamat po, Mr. Speaker.

MP LAISA: Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: The minority floor leader is recognized.

MP LAISA: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wanted to ask a question to the good MP, MP Hashim but he has already replied earlier so instead of asking that question Mr. Speaker, as a continuation of the manifestation of MP Hashim earlier, with respect to the mandate of the darul-ifta, it appears that is resolution actually request or directs the darul-ifta to issue a fatwa which is in a sense like a legal opinion in the Islamic juristic sense, which is part of the mandate of the darul-ifta. And this will add into or enrich the current code of ethics that we have in the government for public servants which is found in our jurisprudence and in the rules of the civil service commission and in the laws covering public servants and public officials. And in so, this will be the first time, Mr. Speaker, and I would like to recognize MP ABDULLAH HASHIM who has been very articulate, Mr. Speaker, I would like to add that manifestation, in filing this resolution. I would like to recognize this effort Mr. Speaker. This would be the first time, if ever, the darul-ifta of BARMM will be issuing a fatwa that will identify which ones are halal or haram or not allowed under Islam with respect to moral governance. In the context of public service for our public servants, this is the first time that we will have this not just in the BARMM but also in the

Philippines. and so, Mr. Speaker, I would like to be associated with the main author MP ABDULLAH HASHIM and the co-authors of this resolution. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: The gentleman from Sulu is recognized

MP DON MUSTAPHA LOONG: Thank you Mr. Speaker. This is also not an interpellation, Mr. Speaker, but to acknowledge the importance of this resolution in highlighting that a public office or a public officials are trustees. The important keywords that are highlighted in this resolution, Mr. Speaker, is the word khalifa, vicegerent, and the trustees. I think Mr. Speaker, with this resolution, perhaps darul-ifta and the other agencies can strengthen the awareness of more of our public officials and employees that indeed the public office that they hold be they the head of the office or even any ordinary employee for that matter, still being in a government position they are vicegerent, they are trustees, they are represent as khalifa in this earth. Therefore, they hold a very important responsibility with that trust. I again commend the authors of this resolution and I request to be also a part of the co-authors of this resolution. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: The deputy speaker the gentleman from [unknown] is recognized.

DS ADIONG: Thank you. Just a quick one question. [crosstalk]

DS SEMA: Those who are in the Zoom, please raise your hand if you want to interpellate. Yes the deputy speaker is recognized.

DS ADIONG: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just one quick question before I make my short manifestation. Does the proponent also believe that the qur'anic verse by [unknown] "to forgive what is evil and to enjoy what is good" is essentially what constitutes the definition of halal and haram. In that though it is prescribed in the holy book in the holy Quran, it encompasses not only the Muslims but the entire humanity by practicing honesty and dedication to work. Is it correct? Does the gentleman also agree with me that that is essentially the foundation of the concept of halal and haram?

MP HASHIM: Mr. Speaker, I agree with this and, actually, to even expound that further this is the reason why we want to direct such issuance of an explanation or further to expound the moral governance principle. It should be from a recognized religious institution and here in BARMM, it is the darul-ifta which is actually mandated by our law.

DS ADIONG: That is correct, Mr. Speaker. I 100% agree with the observation and the assertion of the proponent of this measure. I ask that question Mr. Speaker because darul-ifta is associated with the Islamic religious order and the BARMM is predominantly Muslims and in reality on the ground we have non-Muslim constituents of BARMM, we have the settler communities and we also have the indigenous peoples communities. I just have to point out Mr. Speaker that though this may appear initially as Islamic tenets, it covers not only the behavior and the prescribed attitude and also encourages the individual to be honest in their dealings with their fellow human beings and with their work because the concept of halal does not only exclusively be limited to the Muslims but to the general public, the human kind, whether you are a Muslim, whether you are a Christian or whether you are a lumad, that the concept of halal is basically allowing the permissible act is also part of the prescribed manner by which a civic duties or civil servants should always attune himself or herself in exhibiting his job or his responsibilities. So therefore Mr. Speaker, I laud the intention of this resolution as well as the proponent and to assuage the general public that though, again this may appear religious, but the intention really is shared by all the religious order present in the BARMM— Christianity, Islam, and other religious groups. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

[crosstalk]

MP LANANG: The two ladies, MP Latiph and MP Anayatin, Mr. Speaker.

MP SUSANA ANAYATIN: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon. Assalamualaikum. First and foremost, I would like to commend the author MP Hashim for the very laudable resolution. Mr. Speaker. All religions espouse peace and at the same time espouses the values of public service. I find no reason why we should not pass this resolution immediately and I would like to be a co-author of this resolution if the main author will allow, Mr. Speaker

MP HASHIM: By the way Mr. Speaker, of course, I allow, as well also the same for those who mentioned it before, Mr. Speaker.

MP ANAYATIN: Mr. Speaker, I further suggest that the fatwa to be issued be translated to Filipino and major dialects in the BARMM.

DS SEMA: That should be included in the period of amendments

MP ANAYATIN: Ok thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: The lady from Tugaya, followed by the gentleman from Tawi-tawi.

MP LATIPH: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I congratulate MP Hashim [unintelligible] Mr. Speaker who move for this adoption as a simple resolution for the reason that at the first instance that I read the resolution it touched my very being as a Muslim. Why? Because this is a resolution that calls for the conduct of public officials and employees as khalifa. It goes into a very deep psyche as a Muslim that we are reminded of our trust in this moral governance that we are given the authority to govern and author to be of good and highest moral character. As such, Mr. Speaker, when I saw the import of this resolution, I immediately raise my hands went to the podium and move that it be adopted as a simple resolution. Why? Because we need this resolution to be implemented as soon as possible before our term ends. We need guidance Mr. Speaker on what constitutes halal conduct. We need guidance from no less than our darul-ifta, the highest body of imam in the Bangsamoro. And it also bodes well for understanding between and among religion because in this time of day our counterparts, our non Muslim counterparts, must understand that we are towards the path of moral governance and they have to know, they have to have grasp and concept what moral governance is and how it is seen in our daily conduct of business in this Bangsamoro government. So therefore Mr. Speaker, I move that this body adopt in toto the proposed resolution 427 and I laud and I appreciate MP Hashim, as well as the co-authors. I also move Mr. Speaker that I be included as one of the co-authors. So moved, Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: Majority floor leader, may we recognize first the gentleman from Tawi-tawi, then from Basilan, from Lanao del Sur. All last three recognitions.

[UNKNOWN MP]: Yes, Mr. Speaker. Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me the opportunity to say my words. Unang-una po gusto kong magpasalamat kay kapatid MP Abdullah Hashim for filing this resolution. Alam po nating lahat ang moral governance ay isa sa mga adbokasiya ng ating government of the day kaya lang hindi natin alam kung ano itong moral governance na ito na gusto natin gagampanan ng ating Bangsamoro government. Kaya with this resolution requesting the darul-ifta to come up with its decision or recommendation or ano talaga ang ibig sabihin ng moral governance ay magiging guidance po natin itong lahat. Alam po natin ang isa po sa magandang magagawa sa government of the day is really to show to the world that moral governance ay nandito po, ginagampanan ng Bangsamoro government. Kaya ako ay nagpapasalamat na ito po ay na file ng ating ng mahal na kapatid na si MP Abdullah Hashim. Kaya ako po ay kung –i would like to join him to co-author this resolution and we support, kagaya ng sinabi ng ating mga kasama, malaki po ang magagawa, magiging guidance po natin itong lahat, hindi lang po para sa mga Muslim kundi para sa lahat po na nagtatrabaho as public servant dito sa Bangsamoro government.

Maraming salamat po and please include me, brother Abdullah Hashim as co-author of your resolution. Maraming salamat po

MP HASHIM: I accept also.

DS SEMA: The gentleman from Tawi-tawi, you are recognized. The gentleman from Basilan, rather.

MP ABDULMUHMIN MUJAHID: Thank you Mr. Speaker assalamualaikum warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh. Actually, Mr. Speaker this is just a message of support for this very important and very timely resolution Mr. Speaker. Pagkakataon na po magkaroon tayo ng ganitong resolution [unintelligible] sa mga mamamayang moro lalong lalo na ang mga employees at kasama na po tayo doon At least maiba po natin ang imahe po natin ng namumuno or governing ourselves and this is the reason why we are struggling for self-determination upang maipatupad po natin gumagawa po natin ang dapat na katuruan ng Islam sa atin po. So I am very supportive of this resolution and I am requesting and urging to be part as co-author of this resolution, Mr. Speaker. Maraming salamat po sa authorship ng ating kapatid na si MP Abdullah Hashim for coming up with this kind of resolution. That's all Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

DS SEMA: We recognize the gentleman from Lanao del Sur and the minister of human settlements in the BARMM

MP HAMID AMINODDIN BARRA: Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh. I prefer to be referred to as the gentleman from Marawi City. I wish to convey my congratulations to our brother MP Abdullah Hashim for this resolution. This is an expression not only of defining what halal or haram is but it speaks about our functions as government employees in the glorious Quran [foreign language]. This speaks about the four functions of the government and these are the performance of prayer or the spiritual development of our people through our leadership, [foreign language] which speaks about the development of the economy of the people, and then it speaks about the two important functions of government [foreign language] this is part of that function in doing what is right and forbidding what is wrong. Hence, I wish to express my support to MP Abdullah Hashim, and with his permission to be included among the co-authors of this resolution. Thank you very much. Assalamalaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.

MP LANANG: Mr. Speaker, I move to close the period of debate and interpellation.

DS SEMA: There's a motion to terminate the period of debate and interpellations. Any second? Been seconded. There being no objection the period of interpellation and debate is hereby terminated.

MP LANANG: Mr. Speaker, I move to open the period of amendment.

DS SEMA: The period of amendment is now open. May we recognize the lady from Maguindanao.

MP ANAYATIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker the amendment that I propose is the translation of the fatwa to be issued into Filipino language and major dialects in the Bangsamoro, Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: Do you accept the proposed amendment?

MP HASHIM: Yes, I accept Mr. Speaker.

MP ANAYATIN: Thank you Mr. Speaker.

MP LANANG: Mr. Speaker, I move to close the period of amendment.

DS SEMA: Before that the proposed amendment of MP Anayatin is accepted [crosstalk]

The deputy speaker is recognized.

MP HATIMIL HASSAN: Thank you Mr. Speaker. My amendment is darul-ifta, in collaboration with other [unknown], particularly the ministry of science and technology and the ministry of trade, industry and tourism. Mag cooperate po sila dahil ang Ministry of Science sila kung minsan ang magde-determine kung ano-ano halimbawa sa food, kung ano ang halal kung ano-ano ang pwedeng kainin ng mga Muslim and ministry of trade and industry, sila din ang may power and authority to control halimbawa ang mga pag import kung ano ang mga halal na goods na pwede nating gamitin dito sa BARMM. So I propose that the darul-ifta, in collaboration with the ministry of science and technology and the ministry of trade, industry and tourism and perhaps another ministry sa BARMM na maco-collaborate sila para yung fatwa ng mufti natin would be kumbaga ma-justify o kaya would be issued na talagang in accordance with the halal criteria, yung kailangan natin ma-consume na mga Muslims or kaya gagawin ng mga Muslim. Yun lang po ang sa akin, Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: Before I recognized the deputy speaker, one minute suspension lang.

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DS SEMA: Session resumes. May we ask the proponent if he accepts the proposed amendment of the deputy speaker?

MP HASHIM: Mr. Speaker, although I agree with the general thought of the MP, I cannot accept it Mr. Speaker because the thing which we are searching for here is the issuance of the fatwa and that is mandated only for the darul-ifta.

DS SEMA: The deputy speaker Ziaur-Rahman Alonto is recognized.

DS ADIONG: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. With all due respect to one of our senior members of this parliament and a veteran legislator at that, I agree with the humble rejection of this proposed amendment because one it will convolute the resolution, number two the intent of the resolution merely provides asking the darul-ifta to provide the guidelines what constitutes halal in the execution of the civil servants and employees of the BARMM. It covers only the civic duties of all the appointed officials. It does not cover the dietary restriction of what prescribe, of what is allowed in Islam and what is not. So, I also humbly request the deputy speaker, one of our esteemed and veteran legislator in this parliament, that that amendment would constitute a separate resolution to be passed by this parliament, Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: Does the proponent of the amendment understand the rejection of his proposed amendment considering that the subject matter of the resolution is on halal conduct of employees and not with respect to food or beverages or any dietary requirement?

MP HASSAN: Well I withdraw my proposed amendment, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

DS SEMA: Majority floor leader.

MP LANANG: Yes Mr. Speaker. I move to close the period of amendment.

DS SEMA: The period of amendment is now terminated.

MP LANANG: Mr. Speaker I move for the approval and the adoption of this of this particular resolution.

DS SEMA: There is now a motion to approve and adapt this proposed resolution number- [crosstalk] been seconded. The same is hereby approved and adopted.

[Crosstalk]

May I hear from the proponent?

MP HASHIM: My gratitude Mr. Speaker. I just like to show my gratitude to the members of the parliament for the passage of this bill—

DS SEMA: Resolution

MP HASHIM: I'm sorry. Yes, Mr. Speaker I stand corrected—for this resolution—and I also thank MP Dandamun-Latiph for giving the motion in yesterday's session to treat this as a simple resolution and I also thank all of those have signified, who have already signified their co-authorship: Honorable Attorney Mitmug, MP Sema, MP Sani, MP Rasul Ismael, and of course, our Speaker Attorney Ali Pangalian Balindong, and all those who have signified their intent for co-authorship in this plenary. Thank you.

DS SEMA: Majority floor leader

MP LANANG: Yes, Mr. Speaker. We proceed to the consideration of proposed resolution number 444 A RESOLUTION CREATING THE PARLIAMENTARY LEADERSHIP CAUCUS. The parliamentary status of this, Mr. Speaker, we are on the period of interpellation and debate. May we respectfully recognize MP PAISALIN TAGO in the Zoom.

DS SEMA: The gentleman from Lanao del Sur is recognized.

MP PAISALIN TAGO: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, majority floor leader. Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh. This is in pursuant to our understanding that the principal authors in the plenary. In view of that Mr. Speaker, there are very able co-authors that can defend the measure. One of them is deputy speaker Zia Adiong, the acting speaker deputy speaker Omar Sema, and I also I understand the majority leader has signified to be one of the co-authors. In view of that, Mr. Speaker, before I turn over to my co-authors to defend this proposed measure, I implore and appeal to my colleagues for the approval of this measure for this session.

[Crosstalk]

DS SEMA: Those who want to interpellate, please raise your hand or list your names [crosstalk]

MP TAGO: Deputy Speaker Zia Adiong can also defend the measure, Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: Who are you assigning to defend the resolution?

MP LANANG: MP Zia Adiong, Mr. Speaker.

MP TAGO: Since you are presiding Mr. Speaker, I think it's the deputy speaker Zia Adiong, who is in the floor, can defend the measure, Mr. Speaker.

MP LANANG: may we respectfully recognize MP MAWALLIL, Mr. Speaker followed by MP Latiph.

DS ADIONG: Mr. Speaker may I request for a one minute suspension?

DS SEMA: One minute suspension.

MP LANANG: Yes Mr. Speaker may we respectfully recognize MP Mawallil, MP Latiph, MP Baintan Ampatuan, and MP Romeo Saliga. In that order Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: The gentleman from Tawi-tawi is recognized. Is the deputy speaker Ziaur-Rahman Alonto ready for the interpellation?

DS ADIONG: Mr. Speaker I will try my best to answer, address some of the inquiries of the interpellators. But let me just put into record that this is a big shoes to fill because the principal proponent was a former speaker in terms of experience in registration. He has far wider experience than this representation so at the onset I would like to again seek the indulgence of the interpellators to tone it down. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

MP MAWALLIL: Mr. Speaker, will the honorable proponent yield the floor for some clarificatory questions?

DS ADIONG: Certainly, Mr. Speaker

MP MAWALLIL: Again, thank you Mr. Speaker. I will ask this very basic question, Mr. Speaker, for the information and education of those who are watching us right now. In a nutshell, again, what do we intend to achieve with this resolution Mr. Speaker?

DS ADIONG: Basically Mr. Speaker, based on the experience of this parliament since we started the inaugural session, there are several interests, group interest and priority agenda of each of the members. What we experienced Mr. Speaker may cause some division although this is very regular in the parliament because we are a policy making body, we enjoy and we celebrate diversity of opinions, but since we are appointed by the president and mandated, and given the tasks with the same mandate to forward expeditiously the major codes I believe this will provide the platform for all the members and groupings in this parliament to discuss further the important codes and important legislations to be addressed and to be presented to the parliament and also in order to expeditiously act. If there are differences in the opinions, this platform can address that and once we have already presented these legislations, important codes, then we can avoid further delaying the enactment of these priority codes. Not only that Mr. Speaker, we can also deal with administrative matters. You can also address the privileges of each of the members of this parliament. It will further enhance relationship, coordination, and appreciation of all the legislation that are being put forward before this parliament Mr. Speaker.

MP MAWALLIL: Thank you Mr. Speaker Mr. Speaker, I'd like to know from the proponent what he thinks on what are the basic differences of this structure vis-a-vis our parliamentary rules, practices, and procedures Mr. Speaker?

DS ADIONG: Basically it will improve further the understanding of each and every member. It will give also way for the members who have certain advocacies and platforms that they want to put forward before this parliament. By having this caucus, Mr. Speaker it would definitely itemize priority agenda and it will also consolidate matters of priority in so far as the appreciation of this body is concerned over certain laws and legislations that are to be passed by this parliament

MP MAWALLIL: Thank you Mr. Speaker citing those problems earlier by the proponent, may I know from the proponent what is the current process or the mechanism that is being utilized by the parliament in setting the agenda for the session and among other things Mr. Speaker

DS ADIONG: We use Mr. Speaker, and we act based on what is prescribed under the house rules. In terms of passing an legislation, it goes through the regular process, legislative process. One the committee deliberation and if need be the committee so decides that it would require

further inputs coming from the stakeholders or we can do public consultations and after the committee fully appreciate the content and the intention of a certain legislation, it will be advance in the plenary and that is where the parliament will decide whether to approve or reject any proposed measures before the floor. Because the intention Mr. Speaker is not all parliament members are members of a certain committee where a specific legislation is being referred to Mr. Speaker. Basically that is the usual regular legislative process that we observe and practice in this parliament Mr. Speaker.

MP MAWALLIL: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to know where did the proponent draw this kind of setup? Is this a standard practice also by other parliaments in other parts of the globe?

DS ADIONG: Mr. Speaker, in the United States, Mr. Speaker, they also have separate caucuses because they have two dominant parties in the house of representatives and as well as in the senate so they have caucuses they have the republican caucus and they also have the democratic caucus and also—

DS SEMA: They also have the bipartisan caucus.

DS ADIONG: Yes and the bipartisan caucus, so each of the party actually under their caucuses prioritize the legislation which are considered to be a priority of each of these individual parties. Now we apply that to the unicameral system which we have in this parliament. I've said earlier that we have specific mandate, we all are appointed by the president, and though there are certain divisions in terms of, as manifested based on our experience, throughout our voting pattern, the intention really, the causes of this division really is not based on party representation but based on individual appreciation of the law, which based on our experience causes delays in the legislations that we are tasked to promulgate and to enact. So by having this caucuses Mr. Speaker, it would enhance further understanding of the members. It will also further uphold and promote individual privileges and rights of the members of this parliament and definitely it would expedite and fast track the enactment of the major codes which we are all tasked to implement and an act as soon as possible Mr. Speaker.

MP MAWALLIL: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Is that an assurance Mr. Speaker that if we pass this resolution— [crosstalk]

DS ADIONG: It will be an assurance if the gentleman will adopt, will approve, will vote for the adoption of this resolution, Mr. Speaker.

MP MAWALLIL: Thank you for that, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to bring the attention of the good proponent to section 2 on the second page where it says about the composition: the parliamentary leadership caucus shall be composed of the speaker of the parliament as the presiding officer, the deputy speakers, majority floor leader, deputy majority floor leader, minority floor leader, the deputy minority floor leader, and at least three senior leaders of the government of the day, members of the cabinet to be designated by the chief minister, and such other members of the caucus, as the caucus may determine. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to ask what is the wisdom why there are 3 senior leaders of the government of the day, which in this case, am I right speaker that hindi automatically mga MPs, members of parliament, itong three senior ministers na 'to?

DS ADIONG: Yes, Mr. Speaker. The resolution is silent about the determination of who among the cabinet members would sit in the caucus but again Mr. Speaker, we presume and I'm sure the good gentleman from Sulu would also know this, that when we speak about three senior members of the government of the day, we presume that they are certainly a member of the parliament

MP MAWALLIL: But that's not said in the— [crosstalk]

DS ADIONG: Yes, we can improve further—

MP MAWALLIL: Mr. Speaker, what is the intention of the proponent?

DS ADIONG: Ok I'm going to that Mr. Speaker, the intention really of section 2 under this resolution is to provide again a platform for the legislative in the parliament and as well as the executive branch to form a [unknown] platform in order to synchronize their priorities because what we have experienced, Mr. Speaker, is that somehow though we are in a parliamentary setup and I do not fault anybody here Mr. Speaker because this is in fact the first parliamentary unit after the Batasang Pambansa and we experienced speaker is that some of the legislation or some priority programs of the government of the day do not necessarily translate or do not necessarily or the parliament do not necessarily inform right away the programs of the executive. In order to unify that, in order to harmonize that, that here is really indeed a harmonious working relationship between the legislature and the executive, which in fact is the very essence of the parliamentary setup, we thought of providing a platform for a caucus where the executive branch of the government, the government of the day, and the leaders and officers of the parliament sit down and decide how to support the form of legislation, the priority agenda of the government of the day.

MP MAWALLIL: Mr. Speaker I do not argue that point, Mr. Speaker. My only question is kailangan i-klaro natin na yung tatlong i-a-appoint ng chief minister na nagrerepresent dito sa caucus na ito ay members of parliament ba na minister? or minister lang siya na, not necessarily member of parliament? We need to have distinction. Certainly kung sasabihin natin na obviously MP sya, but it does not say so.

DS SEMA: I think that can be tackled in the period of amendment.

MP MAWALLIL: Is the proponent amenable to amend this section Mr. Speaker during the period of amendment?

DS ADIONG: Mr. Speaker, it's essentially an issue of trust. Since the chief minister is the head of the government of the day we give him a leeway to choose which among [crosstalk]

DS SEMA: As long as they are – [crosstalk]

DS ADIONG: Yes, as long as they are part of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority and we prefer– I do agree with the gentleman from Sulu, that on the basis of putting forward an official or to at least to uphold the authority of the parliament– [crosstalk]

DS SEMA: I think the gentleman from Tawi-tawi would like that it would be spelled out in the law that the three senior leaders referred to here are members of the parliament.

MP MAWALLIL: Exactly Mr. Speaker

DS ADIONG: We leave it silent because we also want the parliament to contemplate and provide us a more better way of ensuring that section 2 would be carried once this resolution is adopted. And so we are open and I'm sure the principal author, the deputy majority leader, is also open two amendments pertaining to this particular– cut

DS SEMA: Any other question?

MP MAWALLIL: Yes. I will make it quick Mr. Speaker. I just like to put this on record. Mr. Speaker, will this caucus if passed, would automatically alter or amend some parts of our rules?

DS ADIONG: No, Mr. Speaker. It would in fact even improve the way we deal and approach legislation, in so far as consolidating support of the parliament is concerned.

MP MAWALLIL: yes Mr. Speaker what I'm talking about here is will it alter some provision relative to the structure that are currently in the rules, practices, and procedures of the Bangsamoro parliament?

DS ADIONG: No, it would not Mr. Speaker. It will not preclude or it will not replace any of the rules that are already in the house rules Mr. Speaker. Let me just put it this way, it would even further enhance, even further improve our dealings with each other since we are all parliamentary— [crosstalk]

DS SEMA: The question is will it amend the rules?

DS ADIONG: No, certainly not Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: So the answer is not, MP Mawallil .

MP MAWALLIL: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker a few more questions, why does it need appropriation, Mr. Speaker, and how much?

DS ADIONG: Can you give me a few minutes Mr. Speaker? I would just have to go through the resolution. Can you cite to me Mr. Speaker— can I ask the good gentleman from Sulu to point exactly where in the resolution will it require an allocation?

MP MAWALLIL: Mr. Speaker, may I bring the attention of the proponent to the last page, section 7 that talks about budget, “the speaker of the parliament, as a presiding officer, may apportion such budget as may be necessary to carry out the functions of the caucus.”

DS ADIONG: Mr. Speaker, this is entirely the administrative discretion of the speaker. When it comes to budget utilization it is entirely— [crosstalk]

DS SEMA: There is no appropriation here.

DS ADIONG: He was referring to the budget, Mr. Speaker and let me quote, Mr. Speaker, to the specific section under this resolution, “section 7 budget ‘the speaker of the parliament, as a presiding officer, may apportion such budget as may be necessary in carrying out the functions of the caucus’.” Mr. Speaker, this is also entirely part of the administrative supervision over the budget of the speaker, Mr. Speaker.

MP MAWALLIL: Yes, but I understand—[crosstalk]. We have passed a budget for this fiscal year Mr. Speaker

DS SEMA: The point here is he is asking whether there is an appropriation for this. There is no appropriation because the budget will be taken from the funding of the office of the speaker.

DS ADIONG: It will be charged Mr. Speaker under the office of the speaker. It does not require any additional appropriation.

MP MAWALLIL: It does not say that it will be charged under the office of the speaker. We just have to be particular with this because this concerns appropriation, Mr. Speaker. We have to be reminded that we have appropriated the budget for this year. If ever we pass this resolution, there will be effects in the budget of the parliament, Mr. Speaker. Saan po ba natin kukunin yung budget for this? Will it be drawn out from the MOEs of the MPs, from the speaker's office? from what kinds of funds Mr. Speaker?

DS ADIONG: Mr. Speaker, as stipulated in the budget, although it is not clearly detailed as to how do we charge these funds. It is the speaker's office that necessary budgeting or appropriation may be incurred [crosstalk].

MP MAWALLIL: Mr. Speaker, as the vice chair on the committee on accounts, I suggest we go into details on this.

DS SEMA: Gentlemen, the word here is apportion, may apportion.

DS ADIONG: May apportion, the speaker may not apportion.

MP MAWALLIL: but he may.

DS ADIONG: Yes

MP MAWALLIL: he may, he can.

DS ADIONG: He can.

DS SEMA: He can, because that is the discretion of the speaker.

MP MAWALLIL: The question is saan po natin kukunin and how much? Just to put on record Mr. Speaker.

DS ADIONG: Yes, Mr. Speaker. Again, this is one of the areas where the principal author and the co-authors seek the wisdom, collective wisdom—

DS SEMA: May we hear from the gentleman from Lanao del Sur? The deputy majority floor leader, Paisalin Tago.

MP TAGO: Mr. Speaker, may I be allowed to answer?

DS SEMA: You will not answer but you will only clarify this.

MP TAGO: Yes, I will clarify with your instruction Mr. Speaker. The budget for that purpose is for the administrative and operational meetings of the caucus and so the caucus may make, create a secretariat. For that purpose, we can provide budget for that but subject to the discretion of the speaker because the budget should be taken from the budget of the office of the speaker. I beg to disagree with the statement, Mr. Speaker, of MP Mawallil from Tawi-tawi that there is a certain budget for this Mr. Speaker and for the MPs. The budget is for the operational, the budget for this is not individually for the speaker alone but because it is the budget of the institution, it can be channeled to any other purpose, Mr. Speaker so that's the main logic for that provision, Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: So why did you not spell it out in the provision?

MP TAGO: If there is a problem in the provision then an amendment is duly accepted, Mr. Speaker. There's no problem to amend as long as the main context of the main resolution, the substance of the proposed resolution will not be changed. I am agreeable to any amendment Mr. Speaker, that's all.

DS ADIONG: so I am copy-pasting the reply of the good deputy majority leader.

DS SEMA: May I again ask another clarificatory question? Will this resolution be inoperable if there is no provision for budget?

MP TAGO: It will not.

DS SEMA: So even if we remove— [crosstalk]

MP TAGO: The caucus will stand even if there is no budget. The budget is included for contingent purposes

DS SEMA: Yes, what you are saying is if you remove this provision, the caucus can still operate because of the discretion of the speaker.

MP TAGO: Yes, definitely it can operate Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: Even if you remove this provision, this can be operationalized?

MP TAGO: Yes even if you remove the entire section 7 it will operationalize the caucus because the caucus do not depend on the budget.

DS SEMA: If this will be removed, saan kukuha ng budget para sa mga meetings ng caucus?

MP TAGO: On that matter, bahala na ang speaker. The speaker can make way because he is a presiding officer, the speaker can make way for that matter.

DS SEMA: MP Mawallil, you can proceed. I hope you were clarified by the majority floor leader.

MP MAWALLIL: Just to be clear, I do not object to the provision that this mechanism needs budget. My point, Mr. Speaker, is we have to be particular about budgeting. If we intend to appropriate a certain portion of our budget. Then we need to identify how much ang initial budget for this one because alam nyo naman yung appropriation and yun yung problema natin baka kailangan pala ng malaking halaga dito and saan po kukunin kahit sa office ng speaker? But these are programmed funds na. Na-program na ng activities nya eh. So yun po yung concern ko. Let us not burden the office of the speaker na maghanap pa na kung magkano ba 'to. Let us, once and for all, finalize this. I'm still amenable na okay hindi natin tanggalin 'tong portion na 'to provided that in detail po ang nakalagay na amount. Otherwise, I do not think that this should merit the adoption. If we intend to fund this resolution. Then so be it. Let's identify a starting fund for this.

DS SEMA: Anyway, you can propose your amendment.

MP MAWALLIL: Thank you Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: The main proponent is willing even to remove that provision.

DS ADIONG: Mr. Speaker, we are amenable to the amendment and we certainly understand the apprehension of the gentleman from Sulu. Though his manifestation may sound chastisement. But I understand.

DS SEMA: The lady from Tugaya is recognized.

MP LATIPH: Yes, Mr. Speaker. Will the co-authors yield to some clarificatory questions?

DS ADIONG: One question only, Mr. Speaker?

DS SEMA: Can we give you three questions only because it is now 5:00, we still have other matters, other resolutions—

MP LATIPH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I will go straight to the point. Mr. Speaker, as I read the entire resolution, at first I was quite happy that we are creating this parliamentary leadership caucus. However, upon reading the details, namely section 2 and then section 3, the section 3 is very important. It would appear Mr. Speaker that it is already an amendment of our rules. And this amendment particularly pertains to the power that's solely exercised by committee on rules that is composed of 29 members. It's under section 4 paragraph 1 article 17. This section 3 of proposed resolution number 444 directly affects our power in the committee on rules. As such it amends portions of it, namely: in section 4 of our parliamentary procedure, article 17 paragraph 1 and read, the committee on rules shall have 29 members. It shall have jurisdiction. The word, Mr. Speaker is jurisdiction—on all matters affecting the parliamentary procedure and practices of the BTA. Mr. Speaker, section 3 of proposed resolution 444 speaks of parliamentary procedure and practice. This power resource speaker as submit belongs to no other than the committee on rules and it is the committee on rules measure speaker who has the authority and jurisdiction to determine with finality whether or not it intends to amend the parliamentary procedures. The mere fact of filing this speaker will not, to my mind, result into a parliamentary practice and procedure that is sanctioned by our section 17 paragraph 1 section 4 of our rules. So, Mr. Speaker, I believe that this power that is being implemented and asked by the simple resolution is violative of our power under section 4 paragraph 1 article 17 of the committee on rules that has sole jurisdiction to amend its procedure and practices. Resolution 444, Mr. Speaker, I submit, is an amendment not merely on a form, procedures, and practices because it goes into the very heart of this parliament, meaning determination of priority legislative agenda.

DS SEMA: One minute suspension.

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DS SEMA: Resumed.

DS ADIONG: Mr. Speaker, may I respond partially to what the honorable lady from Tugaya earlier stated as her observation? Though there was no question in her manifestation, but I do agree that there are several different appreciation, in so far, as the rules is concerned. What I can assure the lady from Tugaya is that in leadership caucus, do not have the voting power. It is nearly a consensus building mechanism for the understanding of the parliament. But be that as it may, Mr. Speaker, we already agreed, this representation and with the interpreters, and the majority leader, and with the wisdom of the presiding officer, since we have pending measures, resolutions that require immediate action by this parliament, we decided to defer Mr. Speaker the discussion on the subject matter. By that time hopefully the principal author, the deputy majority leader, will also be present to convince the interpellators in supporting the adoption, eventual adoption, of this resolution. I submit Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: The gentleman from Lanao del Sur is recognized.

MP TAGO: As principal author, I agree with the deferment so that it will be tackled in the next session and I am physically present to defend the proposed resolution. And I ask to my colleagues to approve the proposed resolution. That's all, Mr. Speaker. Thank you very much.

DS SEMA: With that motion we now defer the consideration of the proposed resolution.

MP TAGO: We calendar it in the next succeeding session.

DS SEMA: The lady from Maguindanao is recognized.

MP LATIPH: Mr. Speaker, I have not yet yielded my floor. Mr. Speaker, yes in reference with the deferment, I agree, however I will make a conscious manifestation and motion in this honorable body that we have rules and we are governed by rule of law. We have to check each and every actions that we make and check it if it's congruent with the rules, Mr. Speaker. As far as I'm concerned the rules committee is still existing.

DS SEMA: Yes, the matter is already deferred, we now proceed to the next order of business.

MP TAGO: It was already deferred.

MP BANTAN AMPATUAN: Mr. Speaker just a manifestation, Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: Is that still a manifestation on this matter?

MP BANTAN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, that once we tackle this particular resolution, Mr. Speaker, the order of interpellators, shall remain. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: Secretariat, please take note of the order of interpellators.

MP LANANG: Yes, Mr. Speaker, may we proceed? I move Mr. Speaker to consolidate the discussion on proposed resolution number 384, proposed resolution number 407, and proposed resolution 452, Mr. Speaker, because it deals with the same subject title and matter Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: There is a motion to consolidate the three resolutions 455, 458, 489.

MP LANANG: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I move to open the period of interpellation and debate.

DS SEMA: The period for interpellation and debate is now open.

MP LANANG: Any members of the parliament who would like to interpellate or have clarificatory questions on Hijab Day.

MP BANTAN: Mr. Speaker, I believe that this has gone lengthy discussions prior to the passage, prior to the filing of the additional resolution, Mr. Speaker, and therefore I move that the period of interpellation be closed, Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: There is now a motion— [crosstalk]

MP TAGO: You cannot stop the interpellation, unless there is no interpellators then you can close the interpellation. That is the protocol Mr. Speaker. You ask first if there is an interpellator because you cannot close it if there is an interpellator. And the sponsors as a rule cannot move for the closing of the interpellation, Mr. Speaker, it is the majority floor leader who will close the period of interpellation. That is the rule.

[Crosstalk]

The principal sponsor cannot move for the closure of the interpellation and debate. You cannot control the proceedings. That's my take, Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: One minute suspension.

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DS SEMA: The deputy majority floor leader still has the floor. Session resumes.

MP TAGO: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I understand a while ago that there are three consolidated resolutions regarding Hijab Day.

MP LANANG: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I made a motion to consolidate the three resolutions Mr. Speaker.

MP TAGO: Proposing, Mr. Speaker, because as I read it, the resolution number one speaks of commending and the other one is for support what's the other resolution [unintelligible]

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DS SEMA: who among the proponents are defending this? Kanino naka-address ang mga questions ni deputy majority floor leader?

MP LANANG: may we respectfully recognize MP Bainon Karon on the importance of why this resolution should be approved by this august body because there is I believe a reason for that Mr. Speaker. MP Bainon Karon as the chairman of the Bangsamoro Women Commission could enlighten the august body for the approval of this particular resolution, Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: The honorable MP Bainon Karon is recognized. Can you repeat your question, MP Tago?

MP TAGO: There are three proposed resolutions which speaks of hijab. One is commending, the one is praising gratitude, deepest gratitude and support, and the one is support and there are several authors for hijab, regarding hijab. So the one that is sponsored by Bainon Karon is support. Is MP Bainon Karon the one who will answer my interpellation? Because there are several authors.

MP BAINON KARON: Okay. [foreign language] Honorable Speaker Attorney Ali Pangalian Balindong, Deputy speakers Attorney Omar Yasser Sema, MP Hatimil Hassan, Attorney Nabil Tan, MP Ziaur Adiong, Majority Floor Leader Attorney Lanang Ali, Jr., Minority Floor Leader Attorney Laisa Alamia, Assistant Majority Floor Leaders Attorney Raissa Jajurie, Attorney Paisalin Tago, Khadafeh Mangudadatu, Deputy Assistant Minority Floor Leader Attorney Suharto Ambolodto, Attorney Rasol Mitmug, And Engr. Baintan, Secretary General Professor Roby Angkal, other honorable members of the parliament, good afternoon. First of all, Mr. Speaker this representation would like to express her gratitude to the secretary-general for assisting my office for the drafting of this proposed resolution and to the majority floor leader for including this proposed resolution in the agenda of today's session. House bill number 8249 entitled An Act Declaring The First Day Of February Of Every Year As National Hijab Day And Promoting An Understanding Of The Muslim Tradition Of Wearing A Hijab, authored by representatives Amihilda sangcopan, Yasser Alonto Balindong, Datu Roonie Sinsuat Sr., Mohammad Khalid Dimaporo, Deogracias Victor B. Savellano, Abdullah Dimaporo, Godofredo Guya, and Ansaruddin Abdul Malik Adiong, was filed on December 2020 and it was approved in the house of representatives on January 2021 and transmitted to the senate. At the same time, Senate Bill Number 2081 entitled An Act Declaring The First Day Of February Of Every Year As National Hijab Day And Promoting An Understanding Of The Muslim Tradition Of Wearing Hijab, authored by Senator Miguel Zubiri was introduced to the senate on March 2, 2021 and hurdled the first reading on the next day.

Together with House Bill 8249, it was referred to the senate committee on cultural communities and senate committee on women, children, and family relations. The Bangsamoro government, through the leadership of the honorable chief minister Ahod B. Ebrahim, is implementing moral governance hence strongly promotes the proper wearing of hijab in the region. For two consecutive years since the establishment of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region In Muslim Mindanao, the BARMM was in solidarity in the celebration of the World Hijab Day every February 1st. If we have been supporting this worldwide observance, all the more the Bangsamoro government fully supports a bill designating a National Hijab Day passed by our esteemed colleagues in the senate and the house of representatives. In careful consultation with our Muslim religious leaders from the Bangsamoro darul-ifta Mufti Abuhairra A. Udasan emphasized that the observance of Hijab Day is not a forbidden innovation in Islam or bid'ah. Its sole purpose is to remind Muslim women that hijab is an obligation thus it is permissible for Muslim countries or any authority to designate a day to celebrate the wearing of hijab as it is just a matter of reminder and it nearly allows for the greater consciousness on the national scale as to what exactly the hijab means for Muslims— a way of life, a sign of devotion, faith, and piety. In line with, the foregoing approval of this proposed resolution is being sought from

the members of this parliament. Before closing, let me read to you our position paper, which we will deliver during the senate bill deliberation on July 6, 2021.

[foreign language] Allah, the most glorified, the almighty declared in the glorious Quran that all you children of Adam, we have bestowed on you garments to cover yourself as well as to be an adornment to you. But the garment of righteousness, that is the best such are among the signs of Allah, that they may remember.

In another part of the glorious Quran, Allah, the most glorified, the almighty commanded the prophet Mohammad, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, and say to the believing women that they should lower their gaze and gather modest, that they should not display their beauty or ornaments except what must ordinarily appear thereof. That they should draw their [unknown] with their bosom and not display their beauty except to their husbands, their father's husband, their sons, their husband's sons, their brothers, their brother's sons or their sister's sons, or their women who are their servants, their right hand, or male servants free of physical needs or small children have no sense of shame. The Bangsamoro government through the leadership of the chief minister Ahod Ebrahim promoting moral governance to the Bangsamoro Women Commission, the principal women development agency in the BARMM. The Bangsamoro government strongly promotes the proper wearing of hijab. For two consecutive years since the establishment of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region In Muslim Mindanao, the BARMM was in solidarity in the celebration of the World Hijab Day every February 1st. If we have been supporting this worldwide observance, all the more the Bangsamoro government fully supports a bill designating a National Hijab Day passed by our esteemed colleagues in the senate and the house of representatives. The objective of the proposed bills is parallel with the goal of the Bangsamoro government in ensuring mutual respect and protection against others' distinct beliefs, customs, and traditions. The filing of this bills signify the very intention of the authors to promote a mutual understanding and appreciation of the core values in Islam, among which is modesty, which have been more appeared in this modern times when violence and abuses against women are prevalent. We therefore commend the authors of this bills for taking the initiative and we further express our appreciation to the senate and the house of congress for consulting the Bangsamoro government on the proposed bills, thereby giving us the opportunity to provide further enlightenment. This stand is a manifestation of a strengthened coordination between the national government and the Bangsamoro government. . In careful consultation with our Muslim religious leaders from the Bangsamoro darul-ifta Mufti Abuhuraira A. Udasan emphasized that the observance of Hijab Day is not a forbidden innovation in Islam or bid'ah. Its sole purpose is to remind Muslim women that hijab is an obligation thus it is permissible for Muslim countries or any authority to designate a day to celebrate the wearing of hijab as it is

just a matter of reminder and it nearly allows for the greater consciousness on the national scale as to what exactly the hijab means for Muslims— a way of life, a sign of devotion, faith, and piety.

We believe resource speaker that the National Hijab Day will be able to educate and raise awareness from among Filipinos on the wisdom and importance of wearing hijab and ultimately end discrimination against any [foreign language] or a woman wearing hijab.

With that, we have these proposed revisions or amendments. This is in consultation with darul-ifta. We have proposed revisions on some of the wordings of the proposed bill wearing of hijab among Muslim females start at the age of puberty. However, it has been a practice that girl children are highly encouraged to wear hijab even before the attainment of puberty. Hijab is an Arabic word which literally means covering, barrier, or screen. It refers to the thing that covers the body of a woman and following this definition, the word hijabing cannot refer to a person with a head or body covering, [blank audio] is the proper term for a woman wearing hijab. Hence section 3 of the proposed bill shall be read as follows: section 3 definition of terms—

DS SEMA: May I cut the lady from Maguindanao? You are now talking about the bill in Congress.

MP BAINON: [blank audio] proposed stand of the Bangsamoro government. Can I finish first?

DS SEMA: I think there was a different question raised from the gentleman in Lanao del Sur. The deputy majority floor leader, what was your question a while ago?

MP TAGO: Yes, thank you Mr. Speaker. First of all, I want to emphasize that I am in full support of hijab especially for women. As a matter of fact, I have a pending resolution that all Bangsamoro women employees should wear hijab. My question, Mr. Speaker, is since that the babu [?], because MP Bai Karon is my babu, since my babu see the [unintelligible] that darul-ifta has made the pronouncement that the bill is not bid'ah, my concern Mr. Speaker, first of all, if we make a law that make February 1 as Hijab Day baka ang isipin ng iba na naghi-hijab lang tayo on February 1. Because hijab is an everyday appearance of Muslim women. Araw-araw naghi-hijab ka. Kapag hindi mo kasama ang [unknown] mo, maski sa bahay ka, maghi-hijab ka. So yun ang worry ko, baka yun ang maging patutunguhan noon. Baka sabihin February 1 lang pwede mag Hijab.

Tanong ko kay MP Karon, the resolution speaks of the gratitude and commendation to both houses of congress for the bill. Bill pa lang yan, hindi pa ba naipapasa yan sa kongreso? Yung hijab day? Hindi pa tapos?

DS SEMA: Yes, in relation- the question is baka daw yung February 1 doon lang mag-hijab ang mga babae. In relation to that can I raise a question also? Can you furnish the secretariat a copy of the fatwa issued by the darul-ifta? Because we cannot allege it merely. We are talking here of a fatwa, therefore there should be a written fatwa issued by the darul-ifta.

MP Karon: Mr. Speaker, actually kasama po namin ngayon yung representative ni Mufti ng darul-ifta. [crosstalk]

DS SEMA: Dala-dala ho nya yung fatwa?

MP Karon: Manghingi kami ng ano na makapagsalita.

DS SEMA: It's not allowed. They are not allowed to speak. If they are there, they should bring a copy of the written fatwa of the darul-ifta. Kung merong fatwa yan, then that can be...

MP BANTAN: May I answer?

DS SEMA: Yes, you may answer MP Bantan.

MP BANTAN: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Upon conferring with the staff of MP Banton. There was no written fatwa that was released. But there was a public pronouncement from the Mufti during the celebration of the Hijab Day last year.

DS SEMA: You're saying there is a fatwa?

MP BANTAN: Yes, there is a fatwa.

DS SEMA: Therefore, there should be a copy of the written fatwa. We could not just allege it. [crosstalk]

MP BANTAN: There's no written but it was public pronouncement, Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: I don't know if the deputy majority floor leader will allow that.

MP TAGO: That is not a conclusive evidence. The conclusive evidence, Mr. Speaker, is the written, as signed by the darul-ifta. Because pronouncement can be hearsay. Minsan, with due respect, minsan yung nasasabi baka iba ang meaning. Kaya dapat may written para clear and categorical. Nevertheless, Mr. Speaker, kasi matagal pa kung hintayin natin ang fatwa, tanong ko lang sa procedural, tanong ko pangalawa, yan ba ay hindi pa na-approve sa ating kongreso? Yang Hijab Day?

MP KARON: Actually, hindi pa nga na-approve. Nasa committee level pa and so with the bills is sponsored by Senator Zubiri. So kaya nga mag-aapela sana ako for this honorable body to immediately approve this because kailangan namin dahil we were invited. We are being asked for our position in the Senate Bill and House Bill of the National Hijab Day on July 6 by the committee on cultural communities, joined with the committees on women, children, and family relations and gender equality. So kaya namin—

DS SEMA: One minute suspension.

[blank audio]

DS SEMA: Attorney Tago. Attorney Tago?

MP TAGO: Yes. Present.

DS SEMA: I think the majority floor leader and I have agreed that we will divide the house whether to approve this bill, this resolution. [crosstalk]

We are talking here. We're trying to—

MP BANTAN: Mr. Speaker, why are we voting dividing the house when we haven't acted yet on anything. We are still in the period of interpellation.

DS SEMA: We are consulting. This is the only way that we can settle this matter. We are consulting with the leaders. So we will... [unintelligible] and I have agreed that we will settle this, we will finish the period of interpellation then amendments then we will submit this for the approval of the body. If there will be objections, we will divide the house.

MP TAGO: Okay. Understand, Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: Majority floor leader, we continue with the period of interpellation.

MP LANANG: Yes. [crosstalk]

MP BANTAN: Mr. Speaker. Before we continue with the period of interpellation, just a manifestation. Mr. Speaker, just for the record, Mr. Speaker, because earlier—

DS SEMA: Let me resume first the session. Session resumes.

MP BANTAN: Mr. Speaker, am I recognized?

DS SEMA: You are recognized.

MP BANTAN: Just a manifestation, Mr. Speaker. Just for the record, because earlier when I had a motion to approve this proposed resolution, MP Paisalin Tago had a [unintelligible] reaction. He even laughed and had some words against my motion, Mr. Speaker. And Mr. Speaker, just for the record, this is not the first time that one proponent of a particular legislative measure moved for the termination of the interpellation, Mr. Speaker. And that is because Mr. Speaker, it is found in our rules, Mr. Speaker. When I say Mr. Speaker, my action is based on the rules, I want to cite rule 22, debates and deliberation, Mr. Speaker. Especially section 6, item B. Section 6, Mr. Speaker, talks about procedures in considerations of bills and resolutions, Mr. Speaker: the BTA shall adopt the following procedures in the considerations of bills and resolutions, Mr. Speaker. And item B, Mr. Speaker, talks about the sponsor of the bill or author of the motion, shall have the right to close the debate, Mr. Speaker. And that's where my action was founded, Mr. Speaker. And I would like to correct the sarcastic reaction of MP Tago, Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: I think that rule clearly states— [crosstalk] Yes, we will give you the floor—

MP TAGO: The word sarcastic, Mr. Speaker. As a member of the parliament, we should be talking honorable here. We should not talk improper language. There is no sarcasm when I say that the sponsor should not close the debate. Correct me if I'm wrong. If you are talking about the rules, so be it. But there is no sarcasm in my statement, Mr. Speaker. So, we are honorable people here. We should not improper, unparliamentary language. I beg to this body because we are all Muslim, Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: I think that has been duly settled. We now continue with the period of interpellation. Majority Floor Leader?

MP LANANG: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I move to close the period of debate and interpellation.

MP TAGO: Mr. Speaker, meron pang interpellation.

DS SEMA: You will proceed with the period of interpellation, deputy majority floor leader?

MP TAGO: Yes. We will proceed with the interpellation, Mr. Speaker because may clarification lang ako doon. Kasi ito we are commending both houses of congress. Kaya nga ang tanong ko kanina kung na-approve ba sa Congress? Kasi why are we already commending na hindi pa na-approve sa Congress. So yun ang katanungan ko po Mr. Speaker.

MP LATIPH: Mr. Speaker. I will answer the question.

DS SEMA: The lady from Tugaya is recognized.

MP LATIPH: Mr. Speaker, this is precisely the point of today's resolutions. Because on May 19, 2021, a letter was sent by Senator Imee Marcos to MP Bainon Karon asking her to attend their [unknown] working group for the finality of the National Hijab Day. To which our good member of the parliament as well as the chairwoman of the Bangsamoro Women Provision, proposed some major revisions to the bill, National Hijab Day. So if we do not have any position on this matter, we are afraid, Mr. Speaker, that our voice in the national government will not be heard. That is the reason why Mr. Speaker, that MP Bainon Karon said that we are being asked by the senators on our position on both Senate Bill and House Bill on July 6. This resolution seeks the support of this parliament on the positive stand of the Bangsamoro government on the position of the good senators and congresswomen and men. That's the reason why, Mr. Speaker, we have already prepared, the Bangsamoro Women Commission has already prepared major proposed revisions to the National Hijab Day Law that is being prepared by the Senate. And we ask this honorable parliament to support us in this position so we can have a voice in the national government.

MP TAGO: Mr. Speaker, if that will be the case as explained by my colleague, it is not for the support of the bill that was passed in both houses in congress. But we should pass a resolution making some statement regarding the bill that was approved, that was filed in both houses of congress. Kasi ang wording ng resolution is supporting the bill in Congress. So it means to say that we are supporting in totality the bill in Congress, without any means of revision. So yun ang worry ko. Instead, Mr. Speaker, we should pass a position paper through the Bangsamoro Women Commission regarding matters that we found out would be good for the bill.

DS SEMA: So, you are saying that there is no need for resolution but the Bangsamoro Women Commission on their own can pass a position paper.

MP TAGO: That's precisely true, Mr. Speaker. Kasi kung ipasa natin ang bill supporting the bill, hindi na tayo pwedeng mag pasa doon ng recommendation sa senate kasi sabi nila you support our bills, you support the house of congress bill. So there's no need. So ang tingin ko dyan, it will be the Bangsamoro Women Commission that will pass a recommendation to the committee hearing the bill. That's my position, Mr. Speaker.

MP LATIPH: Mr. Speaker, yes, I understand MP Attorney Tago about this matter. But to be clear, a while ago, MP Karon has already read the position paper of the Bangsamoro Women Commission, as well as the revisions, the proposed revisions. In her mind, and the wisdom of the good MP Karon, as well as my colleagues here MP Baintan and yours truly, we would like to express our support to the ongoing passage of the National Hijab Law so that it will not be hampered and they will see that their sisters in the Bangsamoro are fully supportive of this positive measure against discrimination, against stereotyping of women, and to promote greater understanding between religions. So if we do not support this, we might be perceived as pro-inequality, pro-discrimination, and not supportive of national government unity. This bill Mr. Speaker, is not addressed to the Muslims. This is addressed to non-Muslims to promote greater understanding between two religions or other religions so if we do not support this, we might be perceived otherwise. That's the reason, Mr. Speaker, we are asking this honorable parliament to support measures that promote greater understanding among religions. That is the reason why, Mr. Speaker, we need to pass this resolution.

MP TAGO: If that is the worry of the sponsor, Mr. Speaker, I think there is a bill in Congress that was filed by our Muslim congressman regarding discrimination on Muslims. Yun na lang ang suportahan natin kasi 'yun malinaw, discrimination. Yang bill na yan, itong Hijab Bill, with due respect to my colleague, we are not talking about discrimination. They're talking about awareness on Hijab. [crosstalk]

DS SEMA: May I clarify? So the bill in congress should have been entitled World Hijab Consciousness or Awareness Day. Not World Hijab Day. Because when you say World Hijab Day, it only states that the women should wear Hijab on February 1.

MP TAGO: That's right. The act of wearing hijab.

MP LATIPH: Mr. Speaker. [unintelligible] You are not a hijabi. I am a hijabi. If you go out in the streets of Metro Manila and experienced discrimination, you would probably support this bill. Because we as [crosstalk]

DS SEMA: Bawal ho magpalakpak. Bawal magpalakpak.

MP LATIPH: [unintelligible, crosstalk] Mr. Speaker, I cannot understand why we do not support women who wear hijabi that experience discrimination? That is experiencing stereotyping? Because you are not hijabi. Women who are hijabi, they experience daily discrimination. For example, Mr. Speaker, if I go down in Metro Manila, hailing a cab, and wear my hijab, they would not Mr. Speaker, let me ride the cab because I'm hijabi.

DS SEMA: One minute suspension.

[blank audio]

MP LANANG: Again, Mr. Speaker, I emphasize and I appeal to my motion to close the period of debate and interpellation.

DS SEMA: There is a motion to close the period of interpellation and debate. Been seconded. There being no objection, the same is hereby terminated.

MP LANANG: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I move to open the period of amendment.

DS SEMA: There is now a motion to open the period of amendment.

[crosstalk]

MP TAGO: Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: The deputy majority floor leader is recognized.

MP TAGO: Mr. Speaker, hindi pa tapos ang interpellation, na-close na ang interpellation. I will not make amendments. May kina-clarify lang ako, Mr. Speaker. This is not an amendment. Bahala na kung mag point of order. Mr. Speaker, yung sinasabi kanina na hijabi, lahat ng anak ko nag hijab. Lahat ng pamilya ko naghi-hijab. I'm not anti-hijab. Kaya nga yun [unintelligible] ang hijab hindi lang February 1. 24 hours a day, every day yan hijab. Maski sa bahay mag hijab ka kapag kasama mo ang [unknown] mo. Hindi yung February 1 lang ang hijab. Yan ang

objection dyan, Mr. Speaker. And that's my answer to my colleague, my favorite colleague from Tugaya, MP Dandamun-Latiph. Lahat ng pamilya ko, naghi-hijab. Mas close ang hijab nila, lahat ng mga anak ko. Maski tignan mo pa sa picture. So yun lang, Mr. Speaker. I have no amendments.

DS SEMA: Thank you, deputy majority floor leader.

DS ADIONG: Mr. Speaker, may I move to close the period of amendment?

MP LANANG: Mr. Speaker, I move to close the period of amendment.

DS SEMA: There's now a motion to close the period of amendments.

DS ADIONG: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Shall we proceed to the adoption, Mr. Speaker? Majority leader?

MP LANANG: Mr. Speaker, I move for the adoption and approval of the consolidated—

MP TAGO: I object, Mr. Speaker. I object the decision of the House, Mr. Speaker. Unless, sa akin, sa akin lang, sa akin kasi the hijab, it concerns the core of our religion, yung pag hijab. It is the core of our religion. Pag walang written ang darul-ifta, wala palang written pronouncement, so that is my reservation, Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: What are your grounds for your objection, MP Tago?

MP TAGO: Walang written ang darul-ifta regarding yan pag declare ng Hijab Day. Walang written fatwa by the darul-ifta. [crosstalk] With due respect, kasi hindi ako ulama. Ang ulama ang nakakaalam dyan.

DS SEMA: There is a motion to adopt the consolidated resolution...

MP LANANG: And there is an objection.

DS SEMA: There was a second but then it was objected. We go to the division of the house.

MP ABRAHAM BURAHAN: [crosstalk] May I move that before we divide the house, can we direct the SECGEN to make a roll call again so that we can determine the quorum. If we still have a quorum at this point in time.

DS SEMA: There is a motion for the secretary-general to call for the roll-call [crosstalk]

DS ADIONG: Mr. Speaker, may I appeal? Because we still have pending resolutions. We need to approve and adopt this resolution. May I appeal [unintelligible] gentleman from Sulu that there are in fact, ways on how to get votes from the Zoom and from the plenary. If possible that we can dispense with this issue because it has already caused emotional, you know, so can we dispense this altogether and then no longer [crosstalk]

MP ABRAHAM: Mr. Speaker, how can we—

DS SEMA: With due respect to the deputy speaker—

DS ADIONG: Please, Mr. Speaker? With due respect to the gentleman from Sulu, Mr. Speaker.

MP ABRAHAM: How can we conduct, Mr. Speaker, a business for the day if we're not in quorum at this point in time [crosstalk].

MP LANANG: Under the rules, when there is a question [unintelligible] on quorum, Mr. Speaker, the secretary-general shall call the roll.

[crosstalk]

DS SEMA: Yes, it's automatic.

DS ADIONG: It was not stated specifically. That was merely a request. So if the gentleman from Sulu wants to terminate the session and we no longer have to adopt those resolution pending [crosstalk]

MP ABRAHAM: With due respect [crosstalk]

DS ADIONG: [unintelligible] question the quorum, Mr. Speaker. And then we'll proceed.

MP ABRAHAM: I'm not questioning. How can we conduct a business if we're not in quorum, Mr. Speaker? [crosstalk]

DS SEMA: One by one po. [crosstalk] Okay. The gentleman has called for the secretariat to call for the roll call.

MP ALI SANGKI: Mr. Speaker, I have been raising my hand to reconcile this.

DS SEMA: Yes, what is your concern MP ALI SANGKI?

MP SANGKI: You know I have been raising my hand, considering that we are working as a body. Hindi lang isa o dalawang tao ang member ng parliament. And as I was looking over this topic about this hijab, this was forwarded to this august body nung February pa. Then March, may forwarding. Ilang beses nang dumaan dito sa session. This is the last document that I saw about this hijab. Now I understand the working of the senate, I have been, with due courtesy, hindi sa pagmamayabang, there is a technical working group in the senate. I noticed that the resolution pertains to the submission of a document coming from this august body to be submitted in the senate and the technical working group of Senator Zubiri. I think the honorable proponent is only asking for the endorsement of this document to the senate, for the senate [blank audio] for so long a time looking into this document to make us better Muslims. I would like to [unknown] the proponent [unknown] proponent dito na— because there are three. It was by Bainon Karon. And what she is asking only is for this body now to endorse this resolution. This is not yet a law. This is just a manifestation of the desire of this parliament to be sent to the senate for the senate to be guided of what they're going to enact there to become a nationwide policy of the national government. So on the division of house, I think there's nothing wrong about it. All you have to do now is pass this and forward this to the senate to be looked into by the technical working group. This is a very simple issue. We have to look forward because there are many things that we have to do. [crosstalk] We do not need to have the division of the house, all that we need now is to listen to the very laudable explanation ladies in this august body. There are only three documents, since February pa. And we have not looked into this in an in-depth manner that's why I was asking a while ago, do we have a committee on style? And you said— [crosstalk] and we do not have a committee on style to look into this. With due respect, Mr. Presiding Officer, my manifestation is to support [crosstalk] and there's no need to divide the house. Just approve this, forward to the senate for the senate to be guided and we can still work with the technical working group if there are things that we wanted to be amended. Thank you very much.

DS SEMA: We take note of your manifestation. The secretary-general is now directed to conduct a roll call vote without need of an explanation.

[crosstalk]

DS SEMA: Yes, MP MANGUDADATU?

MP KHADAFEH MANGUDADATU: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, before you direct the secretariat to constitute the vocation as what has been directed by MP Tago, can you please also recognize the stand of MP Jess Burahan, questioning the quorum for this session, Mr. Speaker. Considering that we have an issue of the matter, we are now dividing the house to vote whether we are going to approve the measure or not. And that intends that we need to determine a quorum for that matter. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: Have you determined the [blank audio] quorum?

MP LANANG: [unintelligible]

SECGEN: Mr. Speaker, I directed the staff of the office of the secretary-general around this afternoon, Mr. Speaker to check if we're still in the quorum. Mr. Speaker, the result is that for the physical we have 20, and for the Zoom we have 26. We have 46.

MP MANGUDADATU: I disagree with the statement of the secretary-general, Mr. Speaker. The only way to convince participating via Zoom is for the secretary general to call the attention of all the members who are physically present as well as the members who are participating in the Zoom, Mr. Speaker.

MP LANANG: Mr. Speaker, may we request the secretary-general to call the roll to determine the existence of quorum.

MP MANGUDADATU: I support the majority floor leader. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: The secretary-general is directed to call the roll to determine the existence of quorum.

SECGEN: We submit, Mr. Speaker.

[roll call from 4:44:77- 4:52:54]

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DS SEMA: Session suspended for one minute.

[blank audio]

DS SEMA: Secretary-general, did you have a determination of the quorum already?

SECGEN: Mr. Speaker, upon the result of the roll call on the physical we have 19, on the Zoom we have 24. A total of 43, Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: Majority floor leader?

MP LANANG: Mr. Speaker, we have a quorum, Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: How many votes are needed for the measure to pass?

MP LANANG: The votes, simple majority Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: So how many votes would be required?

MP LANANG: 32.

DS SEMA: What is now the pleasure of the majority floor leader?

MP LANANG: We proceed with the division of the house, Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: Roll call vote?

MP LANANG: Yes, Mr. Speaker. [unknown] votes by raising hands. I move to the division of the house by voting through raising of hands.

DS SEMA: So no longer roll call vote?

MP LANANG: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: How about the Zoom?

MP KARON: Mr. Speaker, pwede ba na before the division of the house, pwede ako magsalita? In behalf of the Bangsamoro women?

DS SEMA: Yes, you have the floor.

MP KARON: For a number of years, we're in the struggle. Na-experience po namin na mga Bangsamoro women yung dadaan ka ng checkpoints, pababain ang lahat ng naka-hijab so kami yung nasasaktan, hindi kayong mga lalaki. Kung paano naman kami makakatulong sa aming mga brothers, mga mujahideen, Dumadaan kami sa mga checkpoints, ano ang mga dala dala namin? Yun ay mga pang support sa mga brother mujahideen at isinasakripisyo namin ang buhay namin para lang makatutulong. Ang mga anak namin hindi namin alam kung paano iyon dahil wala sa poder namin. Inaalagaan sila ng aming mga magulang, usually, dahil sa takot namin na baka mag operation ang military, maiwan namin ang aming mga anak dahil wanted kami. Ngayon ba sa lahat ba ng mga sakripisyo namin ito ba yung kapalit ito ba yung kabayaran ito ba yung presyo ng aming mga sakripisyo sa loob ng ilang taon? Ngayon ipapakita niyo sa amin na wala kayong suporta when in fact ang aming intention ay in support para sa moral governance ng Bangsamoro government. Sino naka-experience sa inyo, kayong mga bata pa kayo at that time.

DS SEMA: One minute suspension.

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DS SEMA: Majority floor leader, does the lady from Maguindanao still have words to state? We now proceed with the voting, Majority Floor Leader.

MP LANANG: Yes, Mr. Speaker. There will be two questions: who are in favor for the approval of this particular resolution and who are not in favor of this particular resolution. They just raise their hands Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: Those who are in favor of this resolution please raise your hands.

[blank audio]

MP EDRIEZA RIMBANG: Mabuhay Kayong mga babae. Yung mga hindi boboto, hindi nila mahal ang kanilang mga ina, ang kanilang mga anak na babae, mga kapatid nila, kanilang mga asawa.

DS SEMA: Sultan Rimbang, you do not disturb the voting.

[blank audio]

SECGEN: Saglit lang po.

[blank audio]

SECGEN: We are Still counting on the Zoom.

DS SEMA: Those who are not in favor, please raise your hands.

[blank audio]

[UNKNOWN: Si Jess, mabilang ba yan? Jess, nakataas masyado ang kamay mo. Yan.

[blank audio]

DS SEMA: May we ask those in the Zoom to please raise your hands again to determine whether or not you vote against the resolution.

[UNKNOWN]: MP Tago, yung kamay mo hindi nakikita.

[blank audio]

DS SEMA: Hindi, tapos naman na yung in favor. [blank audio] Those who are in the Zoom, those who are in favor Please raise your hands.

[UNKNOWN]: Sir speaker, in favor?

DS SEMA: Yes. Those who are in favor.

[blank audio]

DS SEMA: Kung wala na sya sa Zoom, hindi na siya counted.

[blank audio]

DS SEMA: Those who are in the plenary, those who are not in favor please raise your hands.

[blank audio]

MP BANTAN: Point of order Mr. Speaker. Based on our rules, the presiding chair cannot vote unless there's a tie.

DS SEMA: I can still vote, I am only a presiding officer.

MP BANTAN: Mr. Speaker that's based on our rules and you are violating our rules.

DS SEMA: I would like to exercise my vote.

MP BANTAN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to put on record that we are violating our rules.

DS SEMA: You can count it or not but I will exercise my vote

MP BANTAN: Mr. Speaker, I put on record that the presiding chair is impartial.

DS SEMA: I can still vote whether or not you count it.

MP BANTAN: Mr. Speaker let me—

DS SEMA: Makaka vote ako, hindi mo lang i-count, but I am exercising expressing my vote here.

MP BANTAN: You are violating section 12 of rule 22.

DS SEMA: I am exercising my right to vote whether or not you count it, it's up to you.

MP BANTAN: Mr. Speaker this will be a precedent case Mr. Speaker. And I think as early as now, we should correct our own procedures Mr. Speaker. If you cannot follow our own rules—

DS SEMA: it will be up to you whether or not you count it. I am expressing my position on this.

MP BANTAN: No, Mr. Speaker based on our rules the presiding speaker, deciding chair should not be in impartial. No impartiality, Mr. Speaker

DS SEMA: In the Zoom, those who are not in favor, please raise your hands.

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DS SEMA: In the zoom those who abstain, please raise your hands.

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DS SEMA: Secretary-general do you have the result of the voting?

SECGEN: Yes, Mr. Speaker. The result of the voting for this particular measure is for yes votes for physical on the plenary is 18 yes votes; for Zoom we have 16 yes votes, a total of 34. No votes 0 physical and four no votes in the Zoom with three abstains so therefore yes votes have it.

DS SEMA: With the results of the voting 34 are in favor, four not in favor, and three abstain the measure is passed by this august body.

MP TAGO: Mr. Speaker...

DS SEMA: Yes, deputy majority floor leader.

MP TAGO: May I be allowed to explain my vote?

DS SEMA: Yes.

MP TAGO: Only for 1 minute

MP LATIPH: Mr. Speaker, I object because a while ago, when we voted, we agree that there will be no more explanation of the votes Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: I did not— was there a motion?

MP LATIPH: We heard that a while ago.

DS SEMA: There was no motion.

MP LATIPH: You said Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: Order. Wala po akong sinabing ganyan. I-review nyo ang record.

MP LATIPH: They also heard it. We heard you have to go to vote without explanation of your vote.

MP TAGO: Hindi, sa roll call yun, kanina tignan niyo ang record.

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MP RIMBANG: Mr. Speaker, I move to close the botohan na po. Sana po sundin po natin ang rules ng plenary. Thank you for Mr. Speaker Napaka gwapo mo eh, ang galing mo.

DS SEMA: What is the pleasure of the majority floor leader?

MP LANANG: We proceed to the next item on the order of business?

MP TAGO: Wala bang explanation of votes? One minute lang.

DS SEMA: We will give the floor to the deputy majority floor leader.

MP TAGO: One minute lang Mr. Speaker.

MP MANGUDADATU: Point of order Mr. Speaker.

MP BANTAN: Let me put on record the presiding chair is already impartial Mr. Speaker

DS SEMA: I have the right. I have already— [crosstalk]

MP BANTAN: The presiding chair is already impartial.

DS SEMA: If you want to explain your vote also, I will give you the floor. What rule did i violate?

MP BANTAN: Mr. Speaker according to section 12 rule 22, Mr. Speaker

[UNKNOWN]: Ceasefire.

DS SEMA: One minute suspension

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MP LANANG: We are in consideration of [unknown]. The next resolution is resolution 454, A RESOLUTION URGING THE BANGSAMORO GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE MINISTER OF HEALTH BARMM TO COORDINATE THE DIFFERENT GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES OFFICES AND AGENCIES AS WELL AS LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO PURCHASE MUCH NEEDED COLD STORAGE FACILITIES INCLUDING ULTRA LOW TEMPERATURE FREEZER IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO AVAIL OF

ANY AND ALL BRANDS OF COVID-19 VACCINES FROM [unintelligible]. as agreed in an early decision, the deputy minister— [crosstalk]

DS SEMA: The deputy minister of health is recognized.

MP ABAS: Thank you Mr. Speaker, thank you, majority floor leader. In response to the resolution the purchase actually is underway we are just waiting for the delivery of the cold storage facilities. We have procured one storage facility per province that can store 190,000 doses of vaccines and that can store even those necessitating very cold temperatures so we can procure Pfizer, we can procure AstraZeneca and put it there.

DS SEMA: Majority floor leader. If there are any interpellators they can—

MP LANANG: Yes, I move to open the period of interpellation and debates Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker may we call the principal author of this particular measure.

DS SEMA: There is a motion to open the period of interpellation. Been seconded. There being no objection, we proceed to period of interpellation.

MP BANTAN: Mr. Speaker, may I be recognized?

DS SEMA: You are recognized.

MP BANTAN: Just for the purpose of understanding the intent of the proposed resolution as I manifested to be a co-author of this, can you explain to us in the most simplest way what do we intend to achieve through this resolution?

MP MUSSOLINI LIDASAN: Mr. Speaker, may I answer?

DS SEMA: The gentleman from Cotabato City is recognized.

MP LIDASAN: Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh, to answer the query of our colleague, MP Bantan, I would like to raise four questions that the MOH answered. One, we ask the MOH how many vaccines and what vaccines had the Bangsamoro government received from the national government? According to the MOH as of June 15, 2021, we received Sinovac, 81,200; AstraZeneca, 20,000 with a total of 101,200 doses of vaccine. Second question, approximately how many vaccines are left? Sinovac first dose 10,805 and 2nd dose 31,542. And remaining doses of AstraZeneca is 1000. Third [unintelligible] first [unknown] 41,899 and second

[unknown] 13,659. Our last question was how many still need to be vaccinated? Based on our masterlist, according to the MOH [unintelligible], they say population, the total unvaccinated were 92,273 for the first dose, while the second dose is 28,240 due for the second dose.

Mr. Speaker, the population of BARMM is around 3 million and in the past few weeks I've met a lot of our friends from the US Embassy, Australian Embassy, Japanese Embassy, most of the first world countries are donating vaccines. There's no need for us to purchase, as of now, vaccines for covid-19. Unfortunately, based on our research as well, the facilities that we have in BARMM, even in Cotabato City is very limited. These vaccines are placed in the vaccines intended for babies— yung mga vaccination for toddlers and newborn babies. In fact, the simplest answer to the question is we are not getting more vaccines because we do not have storage capabilities to accommodate -70 degrees to -80 degrees of vaccines so nasasayangan po tayo. Not like Davao, not like Zamboanga City, Sultan Kudarat Province, they all received the vaccines from the national government because they have good facilities. Dito sa atin matatapos na po yung year, we are now in June and, entering July, and we have allotted 500 million pesos sana yung pera na 'yun, nagagastos na natin because we need to gain or achieve herd immunity [unintelligible].

MP BANTAN: Further clarification Mr. Speaker. If we say we don't have to cold storage facilities right now and we cannot get the other vaccines, did we factor in how much does it cost and how much resources in terms of manpower and in terms of technical capacity is needed in order to meet the requirements for the vaccines that need this kind of facility, Mr. Speake?

MP LIDASAN: For this resolution, Mr. Speaker, we only call for raising the different line agencies as well as the LGUs because these storage facilities will be handled by the different LGUs, so at that level lang po. But with the good suggestion of our MP Baintan, I think the deputy minister of MOH can better answer that question. Because given the fact, as a member of the Committee on Finance and Budget Management, I know for a fact how many money do we have for addressing the pandemic.

MP BANTAN: Mr. Speaker, it's very important for us to understand when we pass this resolution what would be the implication to the LGUs in terms of their readiness and with also with the line agencies. Because I know that vaccines are very sensitive, Mr. Speaker, even if you can procure the cold storage facilities without the proper or technical capacity to manage it, it will become useless. My question is are we ready? Even if you have money, are we ready to manage this cold storage facility?

DS SEMA: The deputy minister of health is recognized.

MP ABAS: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Our staff at the grounds, they are well-trained to manage these vaccines. Actually the vaccines that we have, we just store it -10 for AstraZeneca. Pfizer will require a -70. That is the reason why we are not allotted Pfizer vaccines from the central office, but once we establish this we can now store the Pfizer vaccines that will be coming from the central office. Available naman po kasi sa central office yan, they will be giving us that.

MP BANTAN: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Just a follow up clarification on that because the resolution urges the Bangsamoro government through the ministry of health to coordinate with different government ministries, offices, as well as LGUs. Now i don't see the relation, Mr. Speaker, of the the role of the LGUs and the role of the ministries as far as this procurement or purchase of the facilities, freezers or cold storage facilities, needed for the vaccines can you enlighten us please what will be the role of the LGUs because based on the explanation of the gentleman from the ministry of health, he's talking about the capacity of the ministry of health and not the capacity of the local government units and the ministries and offices.

MP LIDASAN: Mr. Speaker, actually, it is the LGUs that has the barangay health workers who are responsible in informing our community about the importance of the vaccine and even in the rollout of the vaccination so it's important also that we have them on board in this process, Mr. Speaker, so that as early as now we have a synchronous mode of implementing vaccination program in our region.

MP BANTAN: Thank you Mr. Speaker. May i know if you have a figure how much does it cost one cold storage facility?

MP LIDASAN: In our initial findings this is different from the MOH, if you get the ultra cold storage from Germany roughly the unit per se is around 20 million pesos. Hindi pa po kasama doon yung freight and transportation.

MP BANTAN: That means to say, Mr. Speaker that if we have 116 municipalities, three cities, five provinces, 2590 barangays which of these areas are our priority in terms of this purchase of cold storage facility?

MP LIDASAN: Again, it will depend on the recommendation of the MOH. Because as of now the process of the government is they have the people in the community has to register that they want to be vaccinated. That's why my next resolution, we would like to urge the local government agencies and MOH to continue the proper information, education campaign of the vaccines because as of now out of the 3 million population we are a merely less than a hundred thousand so until now we cannot reach the herd immunity.

MP BANTAN: Thank you Mr. Speaker. This will be my last question. May I know if the national government, because i know they are overall-in-charge of the vaccination programs is the national government and in terms of allocation, we should have an equal allocation with the rest of the country or LGU, or regions for that matter and I understand that some of the cities and LGU have already got their cold storage facilities. May i know from the proponent and maybe from the ministry of health, is BARMM not included in the allocation of cold storage facilities in order to accommodate these kinds of vaccines?

MP LIDASAN: Mr. Speaker, it's good that the lady from Maguindanao pointed this question because last few weeks ago, I met with those who are responsible for distributing Pfizer. The US government plans to distribute 2.2 million Pfizer vaccines for the Philippines and out of that they already distributed 200,000 only in Davao. And when I spoke to them, they said they cannot give to BARMM because we do not have the ultra low cold storage facility. So what I did was I coordinated with the DOH- National and I was able to interview their Secretary Abdullah and that's where I get all these initial information that i have [unintelligible]. So he's worried that yun nga, tumataas po yung cases ng covid-19 in the BARMM and even in Mindanao and with all these donations coming from different first world countries, it's very unfortunate na hindi tayo kasali. Sultan Kudarat Province has already received that, Zamboanga, mga nearby. Bakit dit o sa BARMM and our LGUs could not avail of those free vaccines.

MP BANTAN: One last follow-up, Mr. Speaker. May I know if we have resources, if you have money, can we immediately buy without the intervention of the national government?

MP LIDASAN: I think we cannot buy vaccines but the national government can help us. In fact, according to our deputy minister of MOH, MP Abas, they already purchased five. On process na. But I believe that is five ultra cold facilities are not enough to roll out to all the different municipalities in the region.

MP BANTAN: Ok, I still have one, actually. Is it not part of the vaccination program of the MOH? Because you presented to us a very comprehensive plan. Is it not part? Because we know from the very beginning that there are sort of vaccines that need a negative cold storage facility. So is it not part of the BARMM package plan with the vaccination program?

MP ABAS: Mr. Speaker...

DS SEMA: Yes, you are recognized Minister Abas.

MP ABAS: Yun na po sinabi natin. It is part of the plan that we will procure. That is the reason why we decided to procure the storage facility, that is a container van capable of operating 24/7 with a dual power supply, one from the outlet and the other may generators in case mag brownout kasi alam naman natin yung provinces natin sometimes hindi maganda yung power supply so just in case mag brownout meron siyang backup generator and that can store 190,000 doses. So for example, Sinovac, 100,000 vials which is more than enough Mr. Speaker for the province and all of the provinces will be given 1 each,

MP BANTAN: So ibig sabihin nito na tayo ng plano what we lack resources?

MP ABAS: Yes actually the container van just cost around 4 to 5 million po pero storage facility.

MP BANTAN: Mr. Speaker, I'm confused now. The good deputy minister is talking about the vehicle and the proponent is talking about the negative degree cold storage facility. Is it one in the same

MP ABAS: Yes po, the container van can store up to -7.0

MP BANTAN: but that is 4.5 million only?

MP ABAS: Yes.

MP BANTAN: But according to the figure that was given earlier it cost us 20 million?

MP ABAS: That is another, baka another prototype naman po sya and we are not aware of that.

MP BANTAN: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: I recognize the deputy minority floor leader Suharto Ambolodto.

MP AMBOLODTO: Thank you, presiding officer. Some basic questions lang po. I think as early, with the indulgence of the presiding officer, kanina po tinanong po yung last part ng statement ni MP Ampatuan, she was quite confused na meron na palang parating and yet meron tayong resolution urGing for the procurement. Ang question ko dito, is if the proponent will be kind enough to answer do you think the five incoming facilities are inadequate to provide for the requirements of the vaccines that we need to roll out to our constituents?

MP LIDASAN: [unintelligible] The vaccine is released from the main storage so ilipat mo siya doon sa container storage [unintelligible]

MP AMBOLODTO: So my question brother is that basically the necessit. Kasi we already have incoming, procured by the ministry of health and then we have your resolution requiring or urging them to procure the same facilities. Are we implying that the five that has been procured by MOH are inadequate to respond—

MP LIDASAN: [unintelligible] The vaccine [unintelligible] and in the island province. So may oras po iyon, may days, in fact, [unintelligible] cold storage facilities given how many barangays and how many municipalities we have Mr. Speaker, I do believe its not enough as I mentioned a while ago we have around 3 million Bangsamoro residing within the region.

MP AMBOLODTO: So, Mr. Speaker, if five cold storage facility is not enough, how many should we procure? Kung inadequate yung 5, mga ilan kaya ang dapat meron tayo?

DS SEMA: The ministry minister of health is recognized.

MP ABAS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, actually the problem of storage is [unintelligible] Pfizer vaccines. We do not have a problem with the storage of AstraZeneca and Sinovac because this can be stored in the regular vaccine refs of the RHUs and BHS. If you will visit our our RHU and some of our BHS, you will see a blue refrigerator that would suffice for the storage of Sinovac and AstraZeneca, so yung -70, that would be for Pfizer vaccine alone. Kagaya ng sinabi po natin that is peculiar to Pfizer vaccine alone. Storage- wise we did not have a problem even with with the vaccines coming from the central office office, hindi po kami nagkaroon ng problema sa storage ng dalawang vaccines, the AZ and Sinovac. So with Pfizer, it requires a -70 temperature, dun lang po yung magiging problem. With the five, I think with all due respect to the proponent, with the five I think it will be sufficient because yung ibang vaccines naman pwede mong i-store doon sa RHUs and BHS. Sa mga province na lang po yung Pfizer. And that would be hindi mo na kailangan ng masyadong marami because we are rolling out mga vaccination naman ay hindi lang sa province. We have capacitated our district hospitals and our RHUs, we have bakuna centers now that we accredit para maging mas mapabilis pa natin yung rollout ng vaccination.

DS SEMA: May I clarify from the ministry of health, you said a while ago that this is already ongoing. An ongoing process in the MOH?

MP ABAS: Yes po, delivery na lang po ang hinihintay.

DS SEMA: So there is no debate here.

MP ABAS: Yes, that would come kasi po from abroad.

DS SEMA: So it's already been purchased?

MP ABAS: Yes

DS SEMA: I think there is no more question here to be answered because it is already a matter that is already been procured by the MOH. Majority floor leader, we close the period of interpellation. What is your question MP Mangudadatu?

MP MANGUDADATU: Yes, Mr. Speaker. This is in connection to the statement of the deputy minister of health.

DS SEMA: MP Mangudadatu, before you fire away your question we need to clarify that this matter is already an ongoing procurement in the minister of health office.

MP MANGUDADATU: Precisely, yes Mr. Speaker. Precisely [unintelligible]

DS SEMA: Ok. Fire away.

MP MANGUDADATU: You said a while ago that this measure was already consummated on the part of the MOH considering that you already purchased those storage needed for the vaccines need for the Bangsamoro to purchase. My question is, Mr. Speaker, considering that we already purchased the storage and based on the statement of one of our friends from the embassy, the source of the Pfizer vaccine, that the Pfizer company, they're only doing transaction with the national government. Ang tanong ko po Mr. Speaker, ang MOH po ba ay mayroon na po bang agreement with the DOH-National? Are they allowing the Bangsamoro government to purchase the Pfizer brand of vaccine, Mr. Speaker?

DS SEMA: The question is related to the clarificatory question. You can answer him.

MP ABAS: Actually, for the purchase of vaccines [unintelligible] but hindi po pinasukan ng agreement ang pag purchase po ng cold storage facility wala po iyan. Anybody can purchase.

DS SEMA: Naka-mute ka.

MP MANGUDADATU: Mr. Speaker, I do understand the answer of the good deputy minister of MOH. But considering Mr. Speaker you already allotted funds for the storage then what guarantees do we have on the part of the national government that they will allow the Bangsamoro government to have that brand of vaccines based on the statement that was relayed to me by the source of the vaccine that they are only doing transactions with the national government? So baka mamaya hindi na tayo i-allow, masasayang lang po yung storage natin. My point there, Mr. Speaker, after doing so considering that they already purchased the storage might as well Mr. Speaker, on the part of the MOH or anybody from this parliament should file also a resolution asking the national DOH to allow the Bangsamoro government to purchase that brand of vaccine so that Mr. Speaker, kapaki-pakinabang yung storage na pinurchase ng Bangsamoro government. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

MP ABAS: Mr. Speaker, I will answer that. The only reason na hindi tayo nabibigyan ng Pfizer vaccines is because wala tayong storage. Once na may storage na po tayo, we can request Pfizer vaccines because there are some patients who want Pfizer vaccines, gusto nila na yun talaga yung kanila. We can request that sa DOH- Central Office. Pagdating po doon sa purchase, we can purchase anytime. You can purchase the vaccines through the mediation of the Department of Health.

DS SEMA: We will now cut the period of interpellation here [crosstalk, unintelligible] One minute suspension.

DS SEMA: Session is resumed. The minority floor leader is recognized.

MP LAISA ALAMIA: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, mister majority floor leader. Listening to the discussion Mr. Speaker, I would like to recommend if the proponent of the resolution would yield, if you remember Mr. Speaker, there was a bill that was filed, I think the main author is MP Nabil Tan, with respect to the appropriation of additional 50 million pesos for the procurement of oxygen tanks and when we interpellated we also included in the discussion of the committee on health and the committee on budget and finance the possible procurement of medicines such as remdesevir. Considering that based on the pronouncements of the good MP Abas that they have already procured the cold storage facilities for Pfizer for 70 or 73° and the nature of the resolution, while I agree, I totally agree with the intent of the resolution of the good MP LIDASAN that there is already a procurement being done, we're just waiting for the delivery but the proponent of the resolution believes that this might not be enough then the discussion would now pertain to appropriations for this Mr. Speaker because we already have appropriated an amount of, if i'm not mistaken 350 million pesos or 500 million pesos for covid-

19 and this has been already been program by the MOH for 2021. If we still need funds to appropriate, then I think the proper step is to refer this resolution and discuss this together with the bill on the appropriations for additional 50 million for the procurement of oxygen tanks to the committee on health to combined committee on health and combine committee on finance and budget management Mr. Speaker. So that we will not prolong the discussion anymore. That is my recommendation, Mr. Speaker, if the proponent of this resolution would yield. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: Will the proponent yield to the suggestion that we refer this to the committee on health and the committee on finance and budget management?

MP LIDASAN: Mr. Speaker, I think we can decide on this today. In fact it's good that I was able to, we were able to get the updates from the MOH, from the deputy minister on their move or their programs regarding the vaccination. I am open to improving this resolution, and hopefully we can pass it today so that it can be beneficial as well to the MOH. They can use it because I believe the 500 million is not yet programmed, so it's almost half of the year and we do need funding to support the ministry.

DS SEMA: May we ask the deputy minister of health to confirm the statement that the 500 million funding for covid has not yet been programmed?

MP ABAS: Mr. Speaker, it is not yet touched so hindi pa sya nagagalaw. The 500 million is still there.

DS SEMA: Yes, minority floor leader, you are recognized.

MP ALAMIA: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Just a clarification because the programming is different from touching or disbursing. I would like to be clarified, is there already a program at work. When the budget was submitted in 2020 for the parliament to approve for a 500 million pesos for covid-19 response? I'm sure there was a program, a specific detailed program on how the money would be utilized so i would like to clarify if that 500 million peso,s is there a program a list of things to procure but right now we have not yet disbursed it or is there no program at all? because if there's no program at all, Mr. Speaker, that means we appropriated a budget without details, Mr. Speaker which is actually not allowed following the standards of budgeting in appropriation Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: Yes, I agree with the observation of the minority floor leader.

MB ABAS: As I said, Mr. Speaker, it wasn't touched. It doesn't mean na wala siyang program. Meron po siyang program but it's not touched. The reason being when we try to procure, when we try to contact the Department of Health for the procurement of vaccines they assured us that the vaccines will be sufficient, the vaccines coming from the national government would be sufficient for the entire country so they even suggested that we use it for other purposes so yun yung reason why hindi natin nagalaw yung 500 million,

DS SEMA: May I join the minority floor leader in clarifying? May we utilize the 500 million for other purposes?

MP ABAS: For other covid-related purposes, maybe yes.

DS SEMA: Covid-related purposes.

MP ALAMIA: Mr. Speaker if i may finish? Considering the clarification from the deputy minister of MOH, I withdraw my recommendation earlier for the proponent of this resolution to have this resolution defer to the committee on health and committee on finance because this is no longer then an issue of appropriation. There are sufficient funds available but it's just that we need to give some kind of an authority to the MOH to procure the additional cold storage facilities, so we can be able to get the Pfizer and Moderna, which require very, very low temperature. I withdraw that and I support the resolution Mr. Speaker.

MP LANANG: Mr. Speaker I move to close the period of interpellation and debate.

DS ADIONG: If i may...

DS SEMA: Is that still on interpellation, I think we have exhausted the matter already.

DS ADIONG: i have an observation but maybe I will direct it to the amendments. I'll avail of the amendments Thank you Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: There is now a motion to close to period of interpellation and debate. Been seconded. The same is hereby terminated.

MP LANANG: Mr. Speaker I move to open the period of amendments.

DS SEMA: The period of amendment is now open.

DS ADIONG: Mr. Speaker, I have a suggestion to perhaps improve the nomenclature and the wordings of the resolution. Under the second to the last— i'm sorry the six whereas clause Mr. Speaker—the word that was used there, second line of the sixth whereas clause— the word that was used there is to realign a portion of the unutilized 500 allocation. Mr. Speaker, last year, I remember when we adopted the BAA, the Bangsamoro Appropriations Act, we allocated 500 million for the purchase of vaccines. I believe this is part of the capital outlay.

DS SEMA: Yes, can you go directly to the amendment already?

DS ADIONG: Yes, i'm trying to lay down my premise Mr. Speaker for the understanding of the body. So the capital outlay, Mr. Speaker cannot be realigned by the ministry. This not a delegated power of the parliament. What they can realign is the MOE, the capital outlay cannot be realigned. So I would like to suggest, instead of the word realign perhaps use the word utilize. If granted and if accepted by the proponent, this particular whereas clause on the second line is should utilize a portion of the unutilized 500 million allocation. That is my proposal Mr. Speaker. If accepted by the proponent and the MOH. Thank you.

DS SEMA: In view of that proposed amendment, can somebody point to the provision in the GAA, where as alleged by the deputy minister that we can use that for covid related vaccines. Can somebody point to that specific provision in the GAA. If we are to approve or amend this, it should be related to that provision in the Bangsamoro Appropriations Act.

DS ADIONG: Yes, I believer, Mr. Speaker, I believer the point of my contention, Mr. Speaker is that we approved the BAA, the 500 miliion, I believe is a capital outlay. It's not an MOE.

DS SEMA: My point is as alleged by the minister that you can use that 500 million for covid related purposes not necessarily covid vaccine so I would like to be clarified on that before we agree on this because it might be that what is stated in the GAA, in the BAA, are COVID vaccines and not COVID related purposes.

DS ADIONG: Yes that is correct Mr. Speaker that's why i'm trying to at least made this resolution more attuned to the legal system that we adapt in the parliament, that the capital outlay cannot be realigned by the ministry. It is the sole prerogative of the parliament. Thank you Mr. Speaker

DS SEMA: Yes, I agree.

MP BANTAN: Mr. Speaker...

DS SEMA: The lady from Maguindanao is recognized.

MP BANTAN: I have some proposed amendments Mr. Speaker on the title Mr. Speaker, I propose that the resolution should be titled resolution urging the bangsamoro government through the ministry of health- BARMM, in close coordination with the local government units, to purchase much needed cold storage facilities including ultra low temperature freezers in order to avail of any and all brands of covid-19 vaccines and for proper storage thereof. My contention Mr. Speaker is I don't see the point of coordinating the different ministries and offices for this matter Mr. Speaker. I think what we need to coordinate are the local government units who is our partner in rolling out the vaccination program.

DS SEMA: The proponent what is your reaction to the proposed amendment?

MP LIDASAN: Mr. Speaker I think when we drafted this resolution we see the importance of the different ministries as well because when we try to provide a platform or a program for vaccination it includes not only the LGUs but given the MSSD, all other line agencies as well. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

MP BANTAN: Mr. Speaker that will put burden actually—

DS SEMA: 1 minute suspension

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DS SEMA: Session resumes

MP LIDASAN: Mr. Speaker, I accept based on the wisdom that MP Bantant stated.

DS SEMA: You accept the proposed amendment?

MP LIDASAN: I accept the proposed amendment.

MP BANTAN: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I still have one. In corollary to the approval of this the prayer clause should also change. My second proposed amendment is on the last whereas which touched actually on resources, the realignment of funds and touches on the budget which is not within the jurisdiction or should not be covered by resolution. A proposal is to entirely delete the entire whereas clause because the resolved clause is the final clause, which will not affect anything. If we include this particular clause, we have some problem with

the budget law or the appropriations act Mr. Speaker. So my proposal is to delete the entire whereas . Thank you very much.

MP LIDASAN: Yes, Mr. Speaker i accept the proposed amendment.

DS SEMA: So there is no need to refer it to the bangsamoro appropriations act?

MP BANTAN: No need and the resolution will stand because the resolution just urged the ministry to consider the procurement of the cold storage facilities Thank you

MP LIDASAN: Thank you Mr. Speaker

DS SEMA: majority floor leader

MP LANANG: Mr. Speaker i moved to close the period of amendment

DS SEMA: There's a motion to close the period of amendment/ the period of amendment is now terminated. Majority Floor Leader.

MP LANANG: Mr. Speaker, I move for the approval and adoption [crosstalk].

DS SEMA: There is now a motion to approve the proposed resolution. The proposed resolution is now approved and adopted by the plenary.

MP LANANG: Mr. Speaker, we proceed to the next proposed resolution number 455. The parliamentary status of this resolution is that we are in the business of the and so therefore Mr. Speaker I move to open the period of debate and interpellation.

DS SEMA: We now begin consideration of proposed resolution number 455. Those who are interested to interpellate may raise their hands or go to the respective rostrums.

MP BANTAN: Mr. Speaker.

MP LANANG: Yes, MP Bantan.

MP BANTAN: I think the wisdom of this resolution is to promote and educate the public in order to increase the average of vaccination [crosstalk]

MP LIDASAN: That's correct Mr. Speaker. That's part of the intent of this resolution.

MP BANTAN: [unintelligible] Are you saying that the Ministry of Health is not doing this? If we do not pass this resolution the ministry of health will not do IEC?

MP LIDASAN: Not necessarily Mr. Speaker, but what we try to say here is that, again, this is a multisectoral war on covid so it's really necessary for us to work together and educate our people. I think the MOH have already suffered in terms of handling the problem itself so we are trying to put emphasis on the need to really inform and educate our people.

MP BANTAN: Mr. Speaker, when we state that the MOH will coordinate among the different government ministries, offices, agencies, as well as local government units, what does exactly these words mean to us when we coordinate?

MP LIDASAN: It means Mr. Speaker that there has to be a joint effort considering the urgency of the problem that we are facing.

MP BANTAN: Mr. Speaker if I put this into a real action. Mr. Speaker, what could be the possible role of a particular ministry in terms of educating, for example the ministry of public order and safety, is this part of their budget for this year because once you encourage them or task them to do this should be part of the work plan of the particular ministries and offices Mr. Speaker. My concern is with the extension of the availability of 2020 funds that doubles the task of the ministries and offices. Will it not add to the burden of the ministries and offices?

MP LIDASAN: Mr. Speaker I don't think so like for example MBCE, they have so many teachers students not necessarily involving— [unintelligible] we can campaign or conduct information and education in various ways. In fact if I'm not mistaken this month is earth month and the ministry of the... the DENR encouraged us to post Earth Day celebration. So the same thing this resolution merely tells us that all line agencies should encourage our people to be vaccinated. In fact here we also need the role of our religious leaders both in Islam and other faiths to also campaign to educate our people so that those fears, mga haka haka and all of those things would be properly addressed Mr. Speaker.

MP BANTAN: Mr. Speaker I believe the wisdom of this resolution. However if you put this into action, Mr. Speaker that is my concern. But my concern really is how do we measure, how do we say and how do we fully see the effect of all these things because this is parang role of the government approach but Mr. Speaker if this is a policy of the Bangsamoro government it will oblige all the ministries and offices and once we translate this into policy it will require

resources whether we like it or not be it time, be it financial, or be it human resources , Mr. Speaker so I think you should be very specific when we say we encourage or we coordinate. I think most strategic perhaps are those with influence offices like the darul-ifta because some of us do not believe on the vaccination and maybe other agencies. Religious. You are right in saying that we should tap the religious leaders. My suggestion is to the strategic partners. That we need to tap instead of bringing all together all our ministries and offices obliging them to do the same instead of making it strategic with identifying a strategic partner in the promotion of the vaccination program

MP LIDASAN: Thank you me speaker and I do believe the wisdom also of MP Baintan considering her experience as a former RPDO and in any way that she can help them improve the resolution i do accept

MP BANTAN: Thank you Mr. Speaker, that's all.

DS SEMA: The deputy majority floor leader is recognized

MP MANGUDADATU: Yes, thank you Mr. Speaker. With the indulgence of the principal author, in addition to his explanation, for me being the co-author of this measure, Mr. Speaker the main intention of this measure is to strengthen the awareness program for the people, for the bangsamoro people to be vaccinated because Mr. Speaker based on the problems that are being encountered most typically by the LGUs in particular Mr. Speaker itong mga senior citizens natin sa Bangsamoro region ayaw nilang magpa vaccine because their mind was distorted of the fake news Mr Speaker. So one of the intention of this measure is para matulungan ang MOH. Through MOH ibababa po nila sa LGU down to the barangay level for the barangay level and the municipal level to help campaign the awareness program kung ano ang naidudulot at kabutihan ng karamihan ay dapat nabakunahan at wag na dapat matakot doon to sa mga pekeng lumalabas na gustong patayin or after two years ay mamamatay kapag ikaw ay nabakunahan. Ito ang isang intensyon ng resolution na ito Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: The gentleman from Tawi-tawi is recognized.

MP MAWALLIL: Yes Mr. Speaker. I do support this measure Mr. Speaker but I'd like to raise some issues if the proponent will allow. Sino po ba yung central agency or body that is tasked for covid response in the national level?

MP LIDASAN: I think it's the under the office, aside from the IATF, under kay Secretary Galvez Mr. Speaker

MP MAWALLIL: Thank you for that answer Mr. Speaker. May counterpart po ba tayo sa region?

MP LIDASAN: Yes, we have a regional IATF.

MP MAWALLIL: Member po ba ng regional iatf yung MOH?

MP LIDASAN: Yes.

MP MAWALLIL: The reason why i'm raising this issue Mr. Speaker, obviously this is an issue about communications, information education stuff. I'd like to know kung ano yung standard because you are not just dealing here of the messenger. ibig sabihin i-cascade natin yung messages about vaccinations sa mga LGU. I'm more concerned of meron po bang strategic communications.

MP LIDASAN: I think the speaker the deputy minister can answer this question.

DS SEMA: The deputy minister of health is recognized.

MP ABAS: Thank you Mr. Speaker. With regards to the question if there is a strategic communication plan, we are being regularly updated from the central office and we developed our own communication activities. We have many communications activities including visuals – ang mga tarp natin na nakikita niyo, we have radio stations, we have internet advertisements as well sa social media and we are regularly updating our Facebook page on the status of vaccination as well as the status of the covid-19 in the region.

MP MAWALLIL: Thank you for that response Mr. Speaker. So naturally if there is a strategic communication plan you have to implement it. You cannot implement it without budget provision. May i know from the proponent if how much is the budget, existing budget, for communication strat plan for the implementation? For the provision of the implementation of the communication strat plan relative to the vaccination or the covid response? there is a communication strategy adopted by the MOH. How much is the budget for that because we have raised the issue earlier about budget. My next question in the 500 million vaccine fund that we have allotted in the Bangsamoro parliament, kasama po ba doon yung provision for administrative cost ng communications? Syempre, naturally may ganoon diba? So magkano po doon sa 500 million yung communications counterpart?

MP LIDASAN: Yes Mr. Speaker. I do believe these are very important questions being raised but going back to the main intent of the resolution as pointed out by my co-author, deputy majority floor leader Mangudadatu that he we are focusing really in urging the LGUs and the line agencies to help campaign, IEC. So we are going more on the details here, I think even the deputy minister of MOH could not give substantial answers.

MP MAWALLIL: Thank you for that Mr. Speaker, my other point is that if you want this to be a policy statement, I think we have to involve the office of the chief minister and also the minister of interior and local government. Just my opinion Mr. Speaker. But I do would like to know the budget for these programs because it is crucial for a successful communications plan, for the implementation of the earlier mentioned communications plan by the minister of health.

MP ABAS: Mr. Speaker yung sa budget, yun sa 500 million po it is purely from procurement of vaccines. Wala pong kasamang communications plan doon. The communications plan that we are implementing is the budgeted communications plan as a regular program of health education promotions office of the MOH.

MP MAWALLIL: This is my last question but i would like to supply one final note. Do you intend to incorporate, for future discussion on the budget deliberation, do you intend to integrate communications plan budget for 2022 because we believe that covid will still be around by that time.

MP ABAS: yes actually Mr. Speaker we are planning to scale up the communications activities that we will be having for next year. We are planning on doing like for example the text blast the ones being used by NDRRMC whenever merong, for example mga natural calamities, natetext lahat. Pwede namin gawin yun and we are also exploring the possibility doing TV ads as well on top of the other modalities of communication that we are doing.

MP MAWALLIL: Thank you one last request Mr. Speaker. Can the good gentleman, the deputy minister send this representation and other members of the parliament a communication collaterals relative to the vaccination? If you have posters or guidelines that you think the members of parliament can help in cascading to the ground we will gladly appreciate.

MP ABAS: Yes, god willing, Mr. Speaker, we will be sending it to the Secgen for dissemination to the members of the parliament. The folder that we will be sending is the source folder that we have. In the source folder nandoon lahat ng mga IEC materials that we are sending sa ating mga provinces

MP MAWALLIL: Last question, in this communication plan that you are adopting. What is the role of the members of parliament? Do you intend to utilize the offices as platform or you have not tackled this?

MP ABAS: We have not yet tackled this but we will consider.

MP MAWALLIL: Please. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: Majority Floor Leader.

MP LANANG: I move to close the period of amendments and debate.

DS SEMA: There is a motion to close the period of amendments and debate. Been seconded. There being no objection the period of interpellation and debate is hereby terminated.

MP LANANG: Mr. Speaker, I move to open the period of amendment.

DS SEMA: The period of amendment is now open

MP LANANG: may we respectfully recognize MP Abas.

DS SEMA: The deputy minister for health is recognized.

MP ABAS: Mr. Speaker I would like to propose an amendment urging the Bangsamoro government through the ministry of health and the bangsamoro inter-agency task force on covid-19. That would be the two offices most appropriate for the coordination among the ministry's offices as well as LGUs.

MP LIDASAN: I accept .

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DS SEMA: Majority floor leader. Are there any other proposed amendments?

MP BANTAN: A clarification Mr. Speaker when we say IATF does this include all the ministries and offices or majority at least of the ministries and offices?

DS SEMA: I think so

MP BANTAN: And that becomes the title redundant because the ministries and offices are still there. So my proposal Mr. Speaker—

DS SEMA: For congruency of the statement. You have to agree..

MP BANTAN: Well if it's the IATF, it's composed of the ministers and officers. You are urging the same. I think we can remove the ministries and offices and instead we take the inter agency task force. Everything the LGUs.

DS SEMA: You should propose that as an amendment.

MP BANTAN: Yes, Mr. Speaker resolution urging the Bangsamoro government through the bangsamoro inter agency task force on covid-19 to coordinate closely with the local government units in a region-wide information and education and communication campaign.

DS SEMA: So you are deleting among the different government ministries offices and agencies?

MP BANTAN: Yes because that becomes redundant Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: Please delete the phrase among the different

MP BANTAN: Region-wide information education and communication campaign.

DS SEMA: Secretariat delete the the phrase among the different government agencies government ministries offices and agencies as well as— secretariat please listen. Please delete the phrase among the different government ministries, offices, and agencies as well as. And include the word to closely coordinate with.

DS SEMA: What is the pleasure of the proponent?

MP LIDASAN: I accept Mr. Speaker.

MP BANTAN: Thank you Mr. Speaker and that goes to the prayer clause, Mr. Speaker.

MP LANANG: Mr. Speaker I move to close the period of amendments.

DS SEMA: There is a motion to close the period of amendments. Been seconded. There being no objection the same is hereby terminated.

MP LANANG: Mr. Speaker, I moved for the approval and adoption of this resolution.

DS SEMA: There is a motion to approve and adopt proposed resolution number 455 subject to style. Been seconded. There being no objection the same is hereby approved and adopted. Majority floor leader.

MP LANANG: May we proceed to the last last three resolutions of the same title and subject matter Mr. Speaker? This is in relation to the demise of former President Benigno Aquino. Yes Mr. Speaker. First I move to consolidate these three resolutions.

DS SEMA: There is a motion to consolidate the three remaining—what resolutions?

MP LANANG: Resolution number 456, 458, 459.

DS SEMA: There is a motion to consolidate proposed resolutions 456 458, and 459. Been seconded. There being no objection, the same is hereby consolidated. Majority floor leader.

MP LANANG: Mr. Speaker, I move to open the period of interpellation and debate.

DS SEMA: There is a motion to open the period of interpellation and debate. There being no objection, the same is hereby open. Those who intend to interpellate on the three consolidated resolutions, you can now raise your hands or submit your names.

[Crosstalk]

MP LANANG: I move Mr. Speaker to close the period of interpellation and debate

DS SEMA: There is a motion to terminate the period of interpellation and debate. Been seconded. There being no objection, the same is hereby terminated.

MP LANANG: Mr. Speaker, I move to open the period of amendment.

DS SEMA: There is a motion to open the period of amendment. There being no objection the the same is hereby opened.

MP LANANG: I move to close the period of amendment Mr. Speaker.

DS SEMA: There is a motion to terminate the period of amendment. There being no objection, the same is hereby terminated.

MP LANANG: Mr. Speaker, I move for the approval of the three consolidated resolutions.

DS SEMA: There is a motion for approval of the consolidated resolutions subject to style. There being no objection the same is hereby approved and adopted.

MP LANANG: Mr. Speaker there will be no other agenda.

DS SEMA: I think one minute. The deputy majority floor leader has an other matter—

MP TAGO: Omar.

DS SEMA: Yes?

MP TAGO: Nevermind. Kawawa si majo, inabot ng gabi si majo. Next time na yung other matters ko.

[Crosstalk]

DS SEMA: There is a motion to adjourn the session.

[crosstalk]

DS SEMA: Session is adjourned.

MP TAGO: Bye-bye.

[UNKNOWN]: Wala nang other matters...

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