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Majority Leader Lanang Ali Jr.: Honorable member of the parliament. Honorable MP Z Alonto-Adiong, deputy speaker and all other deputy speakers, visitors, friends, ladies, and gentlemen, Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

Mr. Speaker, we are on item number 6, reading in approval of journal number 40 of July 22, 2020. I move to dispense the reading of the previous journal and I further move for the approval of the same.

Deputy Speaker Ziaur-Rahman Adiong: There's a motion to dispense the reading of the previous journal of the previous session and further move for its approval. Is there any objection? It has been seconded. The motion is approved.

MP Lanang: Mr. Speaker, we are now on item number 7. Resolutions. May we request the secretary general to read. Mr. Speaker, do you propose resolution number 431, 432, 433, and 434 have the same subject matter and title, Mr. Speaker. So I further move to consolidate the same.

Speaker Adiong: All those resolutions?

MP Lanang: Yes. And to [unintelligible] the Secretary General at the same time.

Speaker Adiong: The secretary general is requested to read all the resolutions mentioned by the majority leader. The titles and the authors of these resolutions.

Secretary General Raby B. Angkal: Mr. Speaker. Proposed resolution number 431, entitled Resolution condemning violence against Palestinians by Israel forces targeting innocent civilians including women and children and the desecration of Al-Aqsa Mosque in the holy month of Ramadan and urging world leaders to act for the immediate cessation of the hostilities. Authored by Honorable MP Paisalin Tago, co-authors are as follows, the honorable deputy speaker Nabil Tan, deputy speaker Omar Yasser Sema, MP Abraham Burahan, deputy majority floor leader Khadafeh Mangudadatu, deputy speaker Ziaur-Rahman Adiong, deputy minister Jose Lorena, honorable Susan Anayatin, honorable Rasul E. Ismael, honorable Sahie Udjah, honorable Aida M. Silongan, Honorable Eddie M. Alih, Honorable Said Shiek, Honorable Rasul Mitmug Jr., Honorable Nabila Margarita Pangandaman.

For proposed resolution number 432, entitled A Resolution Strongly Condemning the Lawless and Inhumane Acts of the Israeli Governments in Palestine and Expressing the Sympathies and Support of the Bangsamoro Government to the Opressed Palestinians in Gaza and Other Occupied Palestinian Territories and urging the United Nations Security Council and other concerning international bodies to take immediate measures to intervene and suppress further acts of aggression by the Israeli government. Authored by Honorable MP Saffrullah Dipatuan.

On proposed resolution number 433, entitled A Resolution [cut] by the Honorable Ziaur-Rahman Adiong. Co-authors MP Attorney Paisalin Tago, Mr. Speaker.

MP Lanang: Mr. Speaker, I move to treat all those resolutions as simple resolution and transfer to the business for the day.

Speaker Adiong: There's a motion that all four resolutions read by the secretary general be treated as simple resolutions and shall be included in the business for the day. Is there any objection? Hearing none. The said motion is hereby approved. All four resolutions are hereby included for the business for the day.

MP Lanang: May we request again the secretary general to read the next two proposed resolution. Proposed Resolution Number 438 and proposed resolution number 442 for having the same subject matter and title, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Adiong: The secretary general is requested to read PR 438 and 442 [inaudible] The titles and the authors of these resolutions.

Secretary General: Yes Mr. Speaker. On proposed resolution number 438 entitled Resolution Recognizing and commending the role and contributions of Rev. Eliseo R. Mercado Jr. OMI PHD to peace and development in the Bangsamoro. Authored by Honorable MP Dr. Susana Anayatin. Co-authors are as follows: the honorables MP Don Mustapha A. Loong, MP Narciso Yu Ekey, MP Abdullah B. Hashim, MP Rasul E. Ismael, MP Rasul Mitmug Jr., MP Nabila Margarita Pangandaman, MP Melanio Ulama, and MP Punduma B. Sani.

On proposed resolution number 442 entitled a Resolution Expressing the Profound Sympathy and Sincere Condolences of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority on the Death of Fr. Eliseo Mercado and Honoring His Contributions to the Bangsamoro People's Cause for Genuine Autonomy. Authored by the Honorables MP Amilbahar Mawallil and MP Engr. Baintan Ampatuan. Co-authors the honorable Atty. Laisa Alamia, Atty. Suharto Ambolodto, Atty. Rasul Mitmug Jr., Engr. Don Mustapha A. Loong, Honorable Rasul E. Ismael, Abraham Burahan, and honorable Sittie Shahara Mastura, Mr. Speaker.

MP Lanang: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I move to treat this to be a simple resolution and be transferred for the business for the day, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Adiong: Which one? All?

MP Lanang: All the two proposed resolutions.

Speaker Adiong: There's a motion to treat proposed resolutions number 438 and 442. Is there any objection? Hearing none. PR 438 and 442 are hereby treated as simple resolution and will be included in the business for the day.

MP Lanang: May we request the secretary general to read the next proposed resolution 447.

Speaker Adiong: The secretary general is requested to read proposed resolution number 447. The title and the author.

Secretary General: Mr. Speaker, on proposed resolution number 447 entitled Resolution Adapting A Calendar of Session for the Third Regular Session of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority Parliament. Author, the honorable member of the parliament Atty. Lanang T. Ali Jr., Mr. Speaker.

MP Lanang: Mr. Speaker, I move to treat this as a simple resolution and be transferred for the business for the day.

Speaker Adiong: There's a motion to treat PR 447 as simple resolution and shall be transferred for the business for the day. Any objection? Hearing none. Is that an objection MP Mawallil?

MP Mawallil: Mr. Speaker, may I move that this particular resolution be prioritized in the order of business later. I believe that this is a very important resolution.

Speaker Adiong: I believe that's the intention of the majority leader. [inaudible] we can decide and we can discuss this particular proposed resolution today. Yes, what's the question of the deputy speaker Sema?

Speaker Omar Yasser Sema: May I clarify, it would be prioritized in the business of the day not in the order of business?

Speaker Adiong: That is correct. So again, there's a motion, there is no objection, PR 447 is hereby treated as simple resolution and included for the business for the day.

Majority leader: We are on item number 8, first stage of bills. May we request the secretary to read the first proposal to parliament please.

Speaker Adiong: The secretary general is requested to read the title and author of parliament bill number 53.

Secretary General: Yes, Mr. Speaker. On the first stage of bills we have BTA Parliament Bill Number 53 entitled An Act Creating the Bangsamoro Sustainable Development Board, Defining

Its Power and Functions, Providing Funds Thereof and For Other Purposes. Authored by Honorable MP Abdulraof Macacaua. Co-authors: the honorable MP Engr. Baintan Adil-Ampatuan, Honorable Bainon G. Karon, Honorable Marjanie Macasalong, Honorable Aida Silongan, Honorable Amilbahar Mawallil, Honorable Atty. Laisa M. Alamia, Honorable Atty Rasul Mitmug Jr., 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-author may just raise their hand so the secretary can put it on the record.

Speaker Adiong: Secretary, please take note of those members who raised their hands. These are the members who wants to be part of this bill as co-authors.

MP Jose Lorena: Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Adiong: Yes, what's the [?] of the gentleman from Sulu, MP Lorena?

MP Lorena: Thank you. With the kind permission of the majority leader, I really want to be part of this but I just have a point of inquiry because 11054 created a sustainable development board. Is this board separate from the [?] relation mechanism on the sustainable development board?

Speaker Adiong: With due respect from the good gentleman from Sulu, the majority leader... [unitelligeble]

MP Lanang: May I respond, Mr. Speaker?

Speaker Adiong: We're still under the first stage, therefore no discussion whatsoever will be taken over any bills that are proposed at the first stage.

MP Lorena: That's correct Mr. Speaker but I would like to join as a co-author and therefore, I must have a clear intent of the bill.

MP Lanang: Yes, Mr. Speaker. May I respond Mr. Speaker? This is the bill which is very needed in the IGR [?], especially in the operational of the development of the Bangsamoro Development Board.

MP Lorena: That said, Mr. Speaker, may I be associated with this particular bill? That is the only point that I want to raise.

Speaker Adiong: Well noted, MP Lorena. Thank you for that manifestation. Again, secretary, have you listed all the names of the members who wants to be part of this bill as co-authors? Just signal me if you're already done listing all those names. And secretary, please kindly include my name.

MP Lanang: Mr. Speaker, may I respectfully-

Speaker Adiong: With the pleasure of the good gentleman from Cotabato, MP Sema.

MP Romeo K. Sema: Yes, Mr. Presiding chair, thank you. Since this parliament bill number 53 is part of the priority bill already stated in the Republic Act 11054, therefore Mr. Chair, majority leader, I'd like to manifest that we request to certify as urgent bill to the office of the chief minister.

Speaker Adiong: That would depend on the pleasure of the speaker. But we take note of your manifestation, Minister Sema. Thank you very much for that. Shall we proceed, majority leader? To which committee would you like-

MP Lanang: Not yet, Mr. Speaker. We have to go with the second stage of bills which is the reading of sponsorships. There would be no other action in this particular bill.

Speaker Adiong: What's the pleasure of the deputy speaker Tan? Can you turn on your microphone sir? Your honor?

MP Nabil Tan: Ayun. Natatakot ako sa COVID eh. Just to be clarified. On the query of the deputy minister MP Jo Lorena, this was mentioned in the BOL, the creation of this. We are just operationalizing, is that word? Operationalizing the provision of the BOL? Because it's already created by the BOL.

MP Lanang: Mr. Speaker, I would to respond with the query. Yes, Mr. Speaker, it was provided in the BOL and I've read it personally, Mr. Speaker. But this bill require the act of the parliament. Meaning there should be an enabling law-

MP Tan: To operationalize?

MP Lanang: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

MP Tan: Okay, I'm-

Speaker Adiong: It would require an enabling law for its operation.

MP Lanang: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

MP Tan: That's the operative word.

Speaker Adiong: Yes.

MP Tan: With this, may I be allowed to- may I associate myself with the bill, if the author will agree.

Speaker Adiong: Secretariat, please take note of MP Tan manifestation. Thank you very much deputy speaker Tan. Majority leader?

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

Speaker Adiong: Secretariat, please read the title of BTA Bill Number 104 and the authors.

Secretary General: Yes, Mr. Speaker, BTA Bill Number 104 is entitled An Act Requiring All Constituent Local Government Units In The Bangsamoro Autonomous Region To Allocate An Adequate Land Space For The Establishment of A Bangsamoro Public Cemetery, Providing For Its Guidelines And Other Purposes. Authored by the Honorables MPs Amilbahar Mawallil, MP Atty. Rasol Mitmug, Jr., MP Engr. Baintant Adil Ampatuan. With the co-authors as follows: the honorables MP Atty. Laisa Masahud Alamia, MP Atty. Suharto Ambolodto, MP Engr. Don Mustapha Loong, MP Rasul Ismail, MP Abraham Burahan, and MP Sittie Shahara Mastura, Mr. Speaker.

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 may just raise their hands so that the secretariat may record it.

Speaker Adiong: Secretariat, please record all those members raising their hands as co-authors. Yes, what's the pleasure of the deputy majority leader, the gentleman from Buluan, MP Mangudadatu?

MP Khadafeh Mangudadatu: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I would like to rise before this chamber. I just want to be clarified, because what I know Mr. Speaker, in relation to this proposed bill number 104, we have the existing MMA Act Number 317. And if I may read, the particular title of MMA Act Number 317, Mr. Speaker: An Act Requiring All Local Government Units in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao to Allocate A Suitable Landspace for the Establishment of A Public Cemetery for the Bangsamoro, Providing For its Guidelines, and For Other Purposes. And in addition to this, Mr. Speaker, citing particular provision under Bangsamoro Organic Law. Under the general provision, Mr. Speaker, it says that all subsisting laws enacted by the autonomous region in Muslim Mindanao regional legislative assembly by virtue of authorities provided under Republic Act 6724, as amended by Republic Act 9054 shall be deemed valid and in effect unless inconsistent with this organic law or repealed by laws passed by the parliament. So Mr. Speaker, being the principal author and as well as the presiding officer during the defunct [unintelligible], also as the co-author of the measure, I would like to know Mr. Speaker, wala na ho bang saysay yung MMA Act Number 317? Reading, citing the general provisions under section one of the Bangsamoro Organic Law. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Adiong: Thank you very much for that manifestation, MP Mangudadatu. Yes, the deputy minister MP Lorena is recognized.

MP Lorena: First I'd like to, because there was a question raised on matter of the legal issue. As a member of the parliament and a member of the BTC, I'd like to state that there is a provision under 11054 which states that all laws passed by the RLA [?] remain valid and effective until it is amended or modified, as read by the majority leader. Seemingly the subject is of the same subject because it only asks the local government units to allocate the space. Perhaps it would be best to know first whether that particular MMA Act has been implemented. If that is implemented then therefore there were already allocated lands then perhaps it would be demanding too much from local government because they may have already allocated such land. In passing a bill such as this, in purposes of amendment, perhaps the old law must also be looked into as to whether it has been made effective, it has been complied with so that we will no longer be passing a law which effect has already been taken cared of in the past. That is just a manifestation to guide the gentlemen and our deputy majority leader. Thank you.

Speaker Adiong: There was no question but I will allow the majority floor leader to say his piece. Again, I would caution and advise our colleagues that this is just on the first stage of the bill. Which basically under the house rules are not subject to any discussion.

MP Mangudadatu: Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Adiong: Yes, what's the pleasure of...

MP Omar Yasser Sema: Before the gentleman from Maguindanao will answer the query of MP Lorena, I would like to add also another clarification. If this law is an amendatory law to the MMA Act, I would like to ask from the sponsors or the authors if this is an amendatory law? Otherwise, I would join Atty. Jo Lorena in his manifestation.

Speaker Adiong: Majority leader, would you allow exchanges on the floor considering that this is still on the first stage of the bill? Yes, I will recognize the good gentleman from [...] but I am posing this question to the majority leader because under the house rules of this parliament, the first stage of any bill shall not be subject to further deliberation. So would you allow the exchanges on the floor?

MP Lanang: We will not allow, Mr. Speaker. Considering that all MPs just given their manifestation, there is no question.

Speaker Adiong: I would again reiterate that we are still on the first stage of this bill and the bill will not be subject to further deliberation. But I will allow the good gentleman from Buluan, not as a response but a manifestation as one of the authors of this particular bill. MP Mawallil is recognized.

MP Mawallil: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think that's fair because considering that the subject of the discussion is my bill. Mr. Speaker, I do not want to preempt the discussion at the committee

level but I do want to manifest this that we do not intend to undermine the previous legislative assembly and we commend MP Mangudadatu [cut]

Speaker Adiong: Mr. Deputy Toy Mangudadatu followed by the deputy speaker.

MP Mangudadatu: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Again this is [unintelligible] to the good gentleman from Sulu.

Speaker Adiong: This is a manifestation?

MP Mangudadatu: Yes, manifestation, Mr. Speaker. This is in relation to the discussions that we are discussing right now. Again, this is a rejoinder to the observation, an opinion of the honorable gentleman from Sulu, Honorable Jose Lorena. And in addition to that, Mr. Speaker, instead of filing a new law, which that particular intention are already in effect by virtue of MMA Act Number 317, why don't we act the ministry of interior of local government, considering Mr. Speaker, that now we are more than capable to fund that measure compared again to the defunct ARMM. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Adiong: Thank you very much. Deputy speaker Sema, you are recognized:

MP Omar Sema: Mr. Speaker, I think our queries are very reasonable and within our powers as members of the BTA. Just recently, the speaker have appointed officials in charge of the legislative research and this should have been properly researched, with due respect to the authors, that there is already an existing law on this matter. And if it is their intent to amend the previous MMA Act, it should have been stated in the title. Thank you.

Speaker Adiong: Thank you for that manifestation. Anyway, this particular bill will be subject to the discussion of the committee which the majority leader, the committee will this be referred to.

MP Lanang: May we proceed to the next—

Speaker Adiong: Yes. Please proceed majority leader.

MP Lanang: May we request the secretary general to read the next proposed bill?

Speaker Adiong: Secretary General, please read the title of BTA Bill number 105.

Secretary General: BTA Bill number 105 is entitled An Act Creating the Bangsamoro Parliament Corporate Body, Enhancing the Parliamentary Governance of the Region And Appropriating Funds Therefore. Authored by the honorables MP Amilbahar Mawallil, MP Atty. Laisa Alamia, MP Engr. Baintan Ampatuan and MP Atty. Rasol Y. Mitmug. Co-authors: the honorables MP Atty. Suharto Ambolodto, MP Engr. Don Mustapha Loong, MP Rasul Ismael, MP Abraham Burahan, and MP Sittie Shaharah Mastura.

MP Lanang: This is a private member bill and any member of the parliament who wish to co author may just raise their hands Mr. Speaker

Speaker Adiong: Members who would like to be coauthors please raise your hands. Secretariat, please take note. Alright, we will proceed. What's the pleasure of the deputy minister Jose Lorena?

MP Lorena: I would like to be associated with that. Of course subject to our final conversations with the author because we have been discussing the matter of the corporate body because this is one of the principal learnings that we have in Scotland. However, I would like to manifest if this bill be referred to the committee, I would like to be a co-author.

Speaker Adiong: Will any of the author or coauthor do a thumbs up sign if they accept the manifestation of the...

MP Mawallil: Mr. speaker as one of the main proponents, may I request the secretariat that the name of MP Jo Lorena be included as one of the principal authors of this bill.

Speaker Adiong: Alright. Secretariat please take note of the request of MP Mawallil

MP Mawallil: And also MP Nabil Tan as one of the principal authors. Thank you.

Speaker Adiong: And deputy speaker Nabil Tan as principal author.

MP Omar Sema: Mr speaker, I would also like to be associated with this also subject to the preparation of the support to bangsamoro transition on this matter. We are also funding a bill on this matter funded by the Subatra.

MP Mawallil: Mr. Speaker, I would like to clarify on what the line subject to the support of the subatra.

Speaker Adiong: This will be tackled in the committee.

MP Mawallil: Ok. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I accept the manifestation of MP Omar Sema as one of the co-authors of this bill.

Speaker Adiong: Thank you, MP Mawallil. MP Deputy Speaker Tan raised his hand first. We recognize Speaker Tan.

MP Nabil Tan: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I thank my brother MP Amil Mawallil for proposing which I was about to ask also that I be made a principal sponsor because we have been discussing this in the past in some informal manner and I think one of the learnings we had in Scotland before the lockdown was about this creation of the corporate body, which is a

principal feature of the Scottish Parliament. Thank you very much and thank you for including me as principal author of this.

Speaker Adiong: Thank you, Your Honor. The good lady from Maguindanao, MP Ampatuan is recognized.

MP Ampatuan: Just a very minor correction Mr. Speaker. I've noticed that all my names listed there are wrongly entered. Please correct Secretariat. Baka maiba na pangalan ko after ng BTA.

Speaker Adiong: Please Secretariat, double check the spelling of the names of the authors.

MP Lanang: May we request the secretary general to read the next proposed parliament bill?

Speaker Adiong: Secretary General please read BTA Parliament Bill Number 106, the title and authors.

Secretary General: Mr. Speaker on BTA Parliament Bill Number 106, entitled An Act Requiring All Students in Public and Private Schools, From Grade Six to Grade 12 and Graduating College Students, Within the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao To Plant At Least Two Trees Each Towards Environmental Preservation and Appropriating Funds Thereof. Authored by the Honorable MP Rasul E. Ismael.

MP Lanang; This is a private member bill and any member of the parliament who wish to co author may just raise their hands Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Adiong: Raise your hands members, for those who want to be co-author. I noticed that there is only one principal proponent. Are you in favor of all those members raising their hands as your co-authors?

MP Rasul Ismael: Yes, Mr. Speaker. And please include all the minority as principal sponsor, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Adiong: The seven?

MP Rasul: The seven.

Speaker Adiong: All the seven members of the minority, please include their names. As author or co-authors? Principal authors. Secretariat, seven members of the minority, all principal sponsors.

MP Lanang: May we proceed to the next parliament bill? May we request the secretary to read the same?

Speaker Adiong: What's the next—

MP Lanang: Parliament Bill Number 107.

Speaker Adiong: Secretary General, please read BTA Parliament Bill Number 107. The authors and the title.

Secretary General: Mr. Speaker, BTA parliament bill number 107 is entitled An Act Creating the Bangsamoro Irrigation Coordinating Office, Defining Its Powers and Functions, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes. Authored by the honorables MP Engr. Baintan Adil-Ampatauan, MP Amilbahar Mawallil, and MP Atty. Laisa Alamia.

MP Lanang: This is a private member bill and any member of the parliament who wish to co author may just raise their hands Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Adiong: By the way, those members who are online please type your name if you want to be co-authors of any of the bill mentioned. Just type your name in the chatbox so you will be properly included in the list of co-authors. Those who are in the Zoom. Yes, what's the pleasure of the deputy minister?

MP Lorena: Mr. Speaker, Majority Leader, I would like to be associated with that bill principally because I want to contribute to the bill because some are confused whether it is the board or not. But clearly, I have read 11054, irrigation and water system are already [unintelligible] for us. So I want to be associated.

Speaker Adiong: Again, I apologize to MP Lorena We would like to hear your words, your wisdom, can you speak louder?

MP Lorena: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I was just saying that I want to be associated with that bill because I want to contribute to the enrichment of the bill. Considering that there seems to be a confusion as to whether irrigation and water system are de-board [?] to the BARMM. So having said that, with the permission of the author, I want to be part of that bill.

Speaker Adiong: Thank you MP Lorena. MP Baintan? Okay, MP Rasul Mitmug.

MP Rasul Mitmug: Mr. Speaker, we would like to be part of the authorship of the bill. Me and MP Ras Ismael.

Speaker Adiong: Noted. MP Speaker Sema.

MP Omar Sema: Mr. Speaker, much as I would like to be associated with this bill I think we have to be clarified on this matter if this is a proper subject matter that can be tackled by the parliament. That is my manifestation Mr. Speaker. Because it is not in the list of powers of the devolved powers to the Bangsamoro, Mr. Speaker.

MP Ampatuan: Mr. Speaker, may I say something about this bill? We try to look at the 55 powers granted to the Bangsamoro government. Irrigation and water resources are part of it, Mr. Speaker. Second Mr. Speaker, right now there's no clear institution in the Bangsamoro government that looks at the irrigation concerns of our farmers because there are no established mechanisms yet on how to deal with the irrigation systems operating right now in the Bangsamoro government. That's why the tenure [?] of the bill is just a creation of a coordinating office, because right now we don't have a mechanism. As I've mentioned we don't have a mechanism and therefore we need to put a coordinating office that will look into this and later on once we're capable already of institutionalizing, then the regular parliament may opt to have the institutionalization of the irrigation office in the Bangsamoro. But right now, what we have establishing is a coordinating office so that all the efforts pertaining to irrigation there is a body or there is an office that looks into it, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Adiong: Thank you. Deputy Speaker Tan is recognized followed by MP Lorena. I would like to reiterate to the members, again I would humbly reiterate that we are still on the first stage of this bill and if there is any discussion perhaps we can reserve that in the second stage or perhaps in the committee level. But I will allow the deputy speaker to say her piece.

MP Tan: I now have the floor, Mr. Speaker?

Speaker Adiong: Yes, you're recognized.

MP Tan: Thank you very much. I would like to associate myself with this bill if the principal authors will so agree. My intention really is that, my belief is that there should be a coordinating office for this because I have been in touch with some people helping farmers from Lanao Sur and she approached me, she's from Go Negosyo. And she told us, with MP Jo, that there is no water and there's a basic and urgent need to have some irrigation. And you know the irrigation office is a multi-billion funded office so I think to be able to support our farmers in the Bangsamoro, especially in Central Mindanao, we do need a coordinating office, if it cannot be devolved to the BARMM. At least a coordinating office so we will be aware on where do we stand on this so and a prorated support in the budget. But I hope that this will be funded by the national, not from our block grants. Thank you very much.

Speaker Adiong: Thank you, DS Tan. Yes, MP Lorena.

MP Lorena: Thank you. Just to assuage our brother, particularly the deputy speaker, the matter of irrigation system has been provided as a power of the BARMM under Section 2 Article 5, the last number to put it on record is CCC, Water supply and services, flood control, and irrigation systems. And as mentioned by deputy speaker Nabil Tan upon our discussion with Dinggay [?], we immediately looked into the possibility of setting our own irrigation system and we went into the law and it is found in Article 5 Section 2 CCC, which says water supply services, flood control, and irrigation systems.

Speaker Adiong: Thank you for your manifestation MP Lorena.

MP Omar Sema: May I now move to striking out my manifestation a while ago?

Speaker Adiong: Ok. The early manifestation of deputy speaker Sema is hereby stricken from the record. What's the pleasure of the deputy majority leader?

MP Mangudadatu: Thank you Mr. Speaker, may I be associated with this measure if the principal author will allow.

Speaker Adiong: Yes, MP Baintan. Do you accept? I believe she accepts.

MP Baintan: Thank you Mr. Speaker. All those who manifested to be authors and principal authors are accepted.

Speaker Adiong: The deputy majority leader MP Tago, you're recognized sir.

MP Paisalin Tago: Thank you Mr. Speaker. In view of the beautiful explanation of my colleagues, the previous speakers, may I manifest my intention to be part of this historical bill if the authors are willing. I think they are willing, just to put on record.

MP Ampatuan: Mr. Speaker, just for the record, may I know those who intends to be part of this bill? Once more. Pakitaas yung kamay.

Speaker Adiong: I think all the members present here physically.

MP Ampatuan: Not necessarily, Mr. Speaker. There are those who—

Speaker Adiong: I'm one of those who wants to be co-author.

MP Ampatuan: Thank you. All those who manifested are accepted Mr. Speaker.

MP Lanang: Mr. Speaker Don Loong.

Speaker Adiong: Yes, the good gentleman from the 700 years sultanate of Sulu, MP Loong. You are recognized, your honor.

MP Don Mustapha Loong: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I agree with MP Baintan that irrigation will be funded by the national and there's really a need for a coordinating office and I remember during the congressional hearing on section 37: the public works and infrastructure, that while we envision that the national government will fund these irrigation systems, it is but critical and vital that we establish mechanisms for the coordination. And that's why I am very supportive of this bill, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Adiong: Thank you for your manifestation MP Loong. Majority leader, shall we proceed?

MP Lanang: Yes, Mr. Speaker. But before we proceed the minority floor leader MP Laisa Alamia would like to rise on her personal and collective privilege. May we respectfully recognize the minority floor leader?

Speaker Adiong: The good lady from Basilan, the honorable minority leader MP Laisa Alamia is recognized.

MP Laisa Alamia: Thank you very much, honorable deputy speaker and majority floor leader for allowing me to speak. All of the members of the parliament right now who are at the SKCC, the honorable interim chief minister Ahod Balawag Ebrahim, our honorable speaker Ali Pangalian Balindong, the distinguished ladies and gentlemen of the BTA and their staff who are present here today, Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

I rise on a persona and collective privilege to speak on the matter of the proverbial black swan, otherwise known as the extension of the BTA. When we took our seats within the august halls of the Bangsamoro Parliament, we did so with a commitment to serve the people of the Bangsamoro. While we are thankful for the nomination by the GPH and the MILF Peace Panels and the appointment by the president, our mandate is only truly made possible by the collective struggle of our people, the Bangsamoro. As they fought not only for genuine autonomy but for recognition of our social, cultural, economic, civil, and political rights, of human rights for all. Our primary duty to serve the people of the Bangsamoro. In taking our oaths as members of the parliament, we swore to serve not only those who are within our reach, we swore to serve the marginalized and oppressed, especially the marginalized and the oppressed. And it is in their interests that we must carry out our responsibilities and fulfill our commitments. Nandito tayo dahil sa Bangsamoro. Nandito tayo para sa Bangsamoro. This sworn duty is our shared duty, something that we must accomplish together. We took our oaths not as members of the majority only or the minority alone. But as members under one parliament, under one Bangsamoro regional government. This is why, Mr. Speaker, it is a disservice to the people of the Bangsamoro to take the collective struggle for self-determination that we wage in the vast fields and seas of the region, reduce it into mere politicking within the halls of this parliament. We began our term knowing full well that despite our best efforts, the limited we had was bound to be our biggest obstacle. Having only granted three years to facilitate a multi-layered and multi-faceted political transition. And this one requires knowledge of government bureaucracy, with a competence to govern, and an experiential understanding of the people's struggles in the grassroots. This is precisely the reason for the parliament's current composition. As diversity and inclusion were the standards that were used in establishing an interim government tasked to facilitate a multi-faceted, multi-layered political transition.

Our chief minister acknowledges just as much. In his address to the Bangsamoro yesterday, he emphasized the diversity of the people in the Bangsamoro. All of whom are quote united by the common aspiration to address the historical injustices, put an end to various forms of violence, and bring genuine peace and development to our right to self-determination, end of quote.

All of these he said cannot be done overnight. However, we lay down the foundation that will allow generations to have better lives in a Bangsamoro region we can all be proud of. These basic principles of diversity that serves as the backbone of the Bangsamoro parliament and by extension of the regional government, unfortunately seemed to have been forgotten as we near the end of the transition period, one that we seek to extend. Especially as the pandemic through the proverbial branch of the regional government. Mr. Speaker, amendments to the Bangsamoro Organic Law that were submitted via a report by the Senate Committee on Local Government do away with the spirit of representation in the Bangsamoro. As it attempts to reallocate the 80 seats of parliament and increase the number nominated by the MILF from 41 to 47. Meaning 6 seats that are currently held by other sectors will be displaced. Sultan Karat, a province outside the jurisdiction of the Bangsamoro region is set to gain a seat in the parliament while Lamitan City, a city who voted in favor of the BOL overwhelmingly during the plebiscite is denied representation. Other component city such as Marawi City and Cotabato City are assured of one seat each according to the Senate Committee's proposed amendments. Seats for Christian settlers, non-Moro, and other Moro indigenous peoples, the MNLF, Ulama, women, the youth, and other sectors required under the BOL were inadvertently or advertently not been included. If time is truly of the essence, Mr. Speaker, amendments to the BOL that go beyond the simple act of extending the transition period to 2025 is misleading and perhaps even disingenuous. The pressing matter at hand is that the regional government needs more time for the transition. I cannot overemphasize that, hence the appeal for an extension. Going beyond this ask and in the process railroading amendments absent of due diligence we afforded the BOL and the information campaign leading to the plebiscite is a disservice to the people of the Bangsamoro. If the extension of the transition period is not about power, as the chief minister himself said yesterday, then why are we taking representation away from our constituencies? If the extension truly about ensuring the successful implementation of the Bangsamoro peace process, then why are we doing away with the conscious effort to democratize the process that gave us the BOL as we aim for amendments that have nothing to do with the very simple task of extending the transition period.

The chief minister is right in saying that the Bangsamoro is not just the legacy of the MILF or the Duterte administration because it is the legacy of every generation that struggled for our right to self-determination. And in honor of this inheritance, we commit to the continuous assertion of this hard-won right. In the spirit of self-determination, the people of the Bangsamoro also strongly assert the right to genuine representation. They must not and will not be denied. Throughout the transition, Mr. Speaker, despite the unforeseen challenges, we worked and are still working, all of us here in the parliament, together to deliver urgent and relevant services in response to an unprecedented public health crisis. As we continue to perform the functions and responsibilities of the parliament as enumerated in the Bangsamoro Organic Law. Unless our mandate and representation have changed, then there is no reason for us to fall into the trap of divisive politics that was implied in the recent Senate proceedings concerning the extension of the transition period concerning the Bangsamoro regional government.

Mr. Speaker as everyone was able to witness, when Sen. Panfilo Lacson asked about the reason why we in the BTA, in the senator's own words, and I quote "failed to accomplish the task of passing an electoral code and establishing parliamentary districts in anticipation of their regional elections" unquote, Senator Miguel Zubiri in response brought up how quote "when you talk to one group, they will blame the other group kasi dalawang group yan eh, majority, minority. You talk to the majority sabi nila yung minority daw nanggugulo, di natatapos— and he's referring to the electoral code— pag tinanong mo naman ang minority, e minority kami eh," end of quote. Mr. Speaker, ako po ay naaawa doon sa kung sinuman ang nagsabi kay Kagalang-galang na senator Zubiri. Nakakaawa po sya. Ako po ay naniniwala na dito sa loob ng parliament ay walang nagtangkang magbigay ng ganung klaseng kasinungalingan sa ating mga senador. Alam po nating lahat dito sa parliament na ang electoral code at parliamentary districts bill ay hindi pa naisasalang hanggang ngayon. Papaano po kaya manggugulo ang minority kung ang electoral code ay wala pa dito sa parliament? Ang minority po ay hindi manggugulo at never na nanggulo sa pagpasa ng priority codes sapagkat iisa lamang ang ating layunin— ang maitaguyod ang tunay na autonomiya sa Bangsamoro. Kung maalala po natin yung mga priority codes na naipasa na kagaya ng education code, ang aming kasama sa minority si MP Rasol Mitmug mismo ang tumulong kay minister Iqbal sa pag depensa sa education code. Ang aming pagtulong sa pagpasa ng ibang priority codes kagaya ng civil service code at Bangsamoro administrative code ay alam ng lahat ng nandito sa loob ng parliament. Lahat tayo tumulong para maipasa po yun.

Munting paalaala lamang po sa ating lahat na narito ngayon, just in case nakalimutan na natin, hindi po tayong dalawang grupo. Mga Bangsamoro po tayo na iisa lamang ang adhikain. Ang BARMM po ay bunga ng mga dugo at pawis ng ating mga Mujahideen at Mujahidat. We are all Bangsamoro. All of us suffered and endured the injustices committed against the Bangsamoro. Lahat tayo ay dumanas ng sakit at pait bunga ng pakikipaglaban para sa ating mga karapatan bilang mga Bangsamoro. Tayo dito sa BTA ay appointed by none other than the president himself. We are all jointly and solidarily responsible and mandated to do what is required of us under the BOL. We are members of one parliament, under one regional government. We pushed for a parliamentary form of government to facilitate ease in correspondence and coordination between the executive and legislative arms of the Bangsamoro regional government. Mr. Speaker, every parliament that exists in the world right now thrive because of the unique dynamics that exists between the majority and minority blocks. As the minority offers constructive critics of the policies and programs of the majority in an expression of its support and commitment towards building a strong and vibrant democracy.

Here in the Bangsamoro, we in the minority block, are here to stand in solidarity with the majority. Pitching in at every possible opportunity so we can uphold transparency and moral governance at every level of the regional government. Members of the minority are not mere [unintelligible] who seek to delay every success we yearn to achieve together. Why, Mr. Speaker? Because for every failure of the Bangsamoro, BTA, of the BARMM, is also ours to bear and endure together. The failure of the majority is also the failure of the minority. Ang failure ng BTA ay failure nating lahat, failure of each one of us and we in the minority refuse to point our fingers and assign blame to our fellow members in the Bangsamoro parliament as if we

could effectively perform our functions without one another. We need each other. We are all here for one reason and that is to represent and serve the people of the Bangsamoro.

What was once an elephant in the room that we set to address last year, the false and perceived dichotomy of ARMM versus BARMM has reared its ugly head as we have come face-to-face with the perceived proverbial black swan: the Bangsamoro's need for an extension of the transition period.

Mr. Speaker, this was not unexpected for this is precisely the scenario we have been working hard to avoid, knowing that three years is barely enough for established systems to work. Let alone for a transitional one such as ours, a new form of government. As we await the decision concerning the extension of the transition period, we will continue the work we have started and pursued with the rest of the Bangsamoro parliament.

Mr. Speaker, we reiterate our support to the leadership of the Bangsamoro government led by the Chief Minister. And we reiterate our commitment to serve alongside our fellow members of parliament. Let it be clear that the success of a political transition is only possible with a united Bangsamoro government, where we work together not in competition with each other but in cooperation with one another. Only then can we secure the success of the transition along with just and lasting peace in our region.

Lastly, since I have worked, and we in the minority have worked with everyone, in the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, under the Chief Minister, I would like to say that it has always been an honor serving with all of you. Maraming Salamat po. Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

Speaker Adiong: Thank you very much, minority leader MP Alamia. I believe all of the members here share your observations and perhaps some of the misgivings that many of our members felt during the course of the senate deliberation of the extension and we share your observation and it is true that we will not be distracted by mere number division in the parliament because all of us took the same oath of office, read the same exact words in the oath of office, and pledged our loyalty to the Bangsamoro people, took oath for one in the same president, and we are mandated to do exactly the same thing, which is to enact the six major codes. So we commend you minority leader for your expression of solidarity with the majority and the members of the parliament. MP Lorena, you are recognized to be followed by MP [unintelligible].

MP Lorena: Thank you Mr. Speaker, majority leader. I thank the minority leader for coming out to the open and coming out with the diagnosis of what transpired in senate. Clearly the manifestation is joined by many and therefore I congratulate and I salute her for opening up the unoften deliberation in the Senate. But if the lady minority leader would allow some questions that I want to be raised, may I be allowed to raise specific clarificatory questions on the matter?

Speaker Adiong: The minority leader stood on personal privilege so yes, minority leader, would you accept questions from your colleagues on the floor, MP Alamia?

MP Laisa: I will be honored, Mr. Speaker to answer any question.

Speaker Adiong: Thank you. MP Lorena, please proceed.

MP Lorena: Thank you, minority leader. My first question, I was not looking into the screen deliberation in the senate. May I be informed whether the transcript of records of the senate bear out and I know judiciously the minority leader have looked into the deliberation. Was there really a statement to the effect that there is a division in the parliament among minority, just a point of clarification, Mr. Speaker.

MP Laisa: Yes, Mr. Speaker. We have confirmed this and we have video recordings of the senate proceedings, Mr. Speaker. But I would just also like to inform all the members of the BTA, especially those who were not able to watch though the whole proceeding is available on Youtube and the website of the senate that eventually although they have not yet approved on second reading the changes that will be made on the committee report on the senate committee on local government, with respect to section 2 of the extension bill that tackles the representation of the next BTA, there is an understanding among the members of the senate that they will be removing that particular section, Mr. Speaker. Although as of writing, as of today, that has not yet been changed, Mr. Speaker.

MP Lorena: Thank you. And thank you also on elucidating on the status of the bill. Seemingly the report has not yet been acted upon because it has not been approved on second reading. And therefore, are there joint manifestation from the floor which would amplify the fact of division with respect to the passage of priority codes jointly by both majority and minority in the senate? I just want to be clarified because as I've said, pardon my absence then. I want to know.

MP Laisa: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Thank you to the good MP from Sulu. That is a very important question. Right now, there is no joint resolution or manifestation whether it is formal or informal coming from the Bangsamoro Transition Authority with respect to the matter.

MP Lorena: Thank you. You also mentioned earlier that there is a move to remove a particular portion of the exchange between majority leader Migz Zubiri and the principal committee chair of the local government committee. Was there an intention recorded in the transcript of proceedings?

MP Laisa: Thank you. Actually, with all due respect, just to correct that, there was no manifestation in the senate to expunge from the records what has transpired when Senator Lacson interpellated Senator Migz Zubiri and Senator Tolentino on that particular matter, with respect to having two groups in the BTA. That there is the majority and the minority. So there was no manifestation at the senate level that they would like to have that expunged from the

records, it is still there for now. Although the agreement that was made based on the interpellations of the other senators is with respect to section 2 of the extension bill, which provides that from the 80, there will be 47 from the MILF, six from the non-Moro IPs where I also mentioned earlier that a province outside BARMM will be included, Lamitan was excluded. We have also not seen in the committee report the MNLF and they have manifested this more than sufficiently in the senate that the group, the MNLF has not been included in the language of section 2 of the extension bill. And based on my analysis of the proceedings in the senate, in the last proceeding, the last session where they discussed the extension bill, they intend to remove section 2 to amend the bill and remove section 2 where those provisions that have offended other groups, other sectors, were questioned because of representation. They intend to remove that section, Mr. Speaker.

MP Lorena: Now, I will be soliciting your personal view as a lawyer and having read 11054. From my view, the misunderstanding may have resulted because the procedural niceties provided in 11054 with respect to the relationship between the national government and the autonomous region, which is sometimes called intergovernmental relations, which includes among others the Bangsamoro parliament and the congress of the Philippines intergovernmental relation mechanism has been misunderstood and has not been operationally taken care of. Perhaps. From your view, is there a need for us to even discuss this with the national government and the congress of the Philippines? I am soliciting your personal view as a human rights lawyer.

MP Laisa: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. The honorable MP from Sulu, that is a very relevant question, Mr. Speaker. So as to my opinion as a lawyer and as a member of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, reading into the provisions of the Bangsamoro Organic Law, where it provides that there shall be created a Philippine Congress- Bangsamoro Parliament Forum. So it serves as the intergovernmental relations body that would be the main coordinating body and even oversight when we talk about oversight in the legal sense of the world, then this is the body that should be well activated and should be operationalized, and should be utilized when it comes to looking at, viewing the BOL- RA 11054, if there is a need to amend that. And I agree that this should have been the venue where all of these discussions should have been made. Incidentally, on the committee report on the senate committee on local government, it states in another section of the extension bill that there will be created an oversight committee, which was discussed also in the senate, and which I personally believe as a lawyer and as a member of the BTA should not be included anymore in the extension bill because as it has been mentioned by our good MP from Sulu, there is already a mechanism already within RA 11054 and that is the Philippine Congress-Bangsamoro Parliament Forum, which is an IGR body and we are all represented there headed by the speaker himself, speaker Balindong. And this should be the proper mechanism or venue to discuss matters like this, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Adiong: MP Lorena, can you abbreviate your question?

MP Lorena: This is my last question. I thank you for pointing out to all of us that we are all appointees of the president. As appointees of the president, we are working at his pleasure. In your view as former executive secretary, and I think 11054 has defined the relationship of national government and the autonomous region. As appointee of the president, does it not behave, behold all members of the parliament to succinctly report to the principal who appointed all of us, which is the president, and my view is if there is a misunderstanding of that because execution of laws, enforcement of law beholds in the office of the president after it is legislated. Moving forward, is it necessary to submit formally a report to the office of the president on the status of what we are working and what we have achieved so far so that we can already define the roadmap or the future until 2022 perhaps. Or even shorter than that depending on the outcome of the deliberation on the House of Representative and the Senate. As appointee of the president, is it not required or mandatory to submit not only an official but formal report to the president on what we have, perhaps we must know so that we may be able to articulate what we have achieved. Perhaps on this note, we should ask those who have been preparing the reports as provided by Republic Act 11054, not only to summarize the report but to attach verbatim reports so that the president will also know the status of what the parliament is doing after all we are at the mercy of the president, since 11054 have provided the appointing authority is vested no other than the president of the republic of the Philippines. In your view, is it necessary for each and everyone of us to submit our own prognosis and report so that the president will be guided accordingly? Thank you. That would be my last question. And I thank you the good lady minority leader for elucidating some of the points that I raised. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

MP Laisa: Thank you very much MP Jo Lorena. Mr. Speaker, I agree with what has been raised and suggested by the good MP from Sulu. In fact it has been provided in the Bangsamoro Organic Law that that BTA should make a report to the president at the end of our term. And considering we are all appointees of the president and therefore as mentioned by MP Jo Lorena, the president is the head of the entire executive department of the country and so he is in charge of executing laws and because he is in charge of RA 11054 then we are required, even as a standard operating procedure to submit regular reports to the office of the president. And since we are headed by the chief minister who heads the entire regional government and heads the executive authority of the BTA while the parliament is headed by the Speaker. Then we expect that these reports are regularly submitted by the office of the chief minister in coordination with the office of the speaker of the parliament. And so I agree with the good MP from Sulu that we should be submitting all of these reports and I agree that this should not just be a regular report but it's a report with specifics, with details attached and this should be done regularly. In normal government bureaucracy, all of these accomplishment reports are usually submitted bi-yearly, meaning every semester. So two times a year we should be submitting a report. It will serve as a performance evaluation which incidentally we don't have in the BTA. And I think that we should have some kind of a performance evaluation system which is required in all other government branches and entities where we need to submit an evaluation, an assessment of our performance. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Adiong: Yes, I already—

MP Lanang: Move to suspend, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Adiong: Before we act on the motion, I have already recognized MP Tago but there is a motion to suspend so we will have to suspend for one minute.

MP: One minute?

Speaker Adiong: Five minutes. Session suspended for five minutes.

[Session suspended]

[Session resumed. Timestamp: 2:06:44- 3:09:39]

Speaker Adiong: Session resumed. Before the chair recognize the gentleman from Tamparan, Taraka Masiu, Bayang, and Ragain MP Popoy Tago, I would like to make a humble appeal to the members of this parliament. If there are interpellations, clarificatory questions, addressed to the minority leader who just earlier gave her speech on matters of personal privilege, I suggest and I appeal that we would discuss this in the committee. Because essentially the speech of the minority leader is just a clarification that there is indeed no obstructionists in the parliament that in so far as majority or minority groupings in this parliament is merely an official functions for each of these members on both groups to perform the legislative duties. In reaching a consensus, in order to enact the six major codes, which is basically the mandate of all the members of this parliament. And that is the bulk of her speech and any issues concerning the bill submitted by the House and in the Congress regarding the extension of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority must and should at least prudently be discussed in the committee. Because the senate is currently deliberating on this said measure and on the principle of parliamentary courtesy, we should allow the senate to go on performing their legislative function in so far as the appreciation of this particular measure is concerned. And number two, we would avoid preempting the decision, whatever the decision that the senate will reach in so far as the bill for the extension of the BTA is concerned, while congress, the Lower House, has yet to deliberate officially on the said measure. So again, I would appeal to the members, in order to expedite the discussion, we should address this clarificatory questions on the committee level because I believe the speech will be referred to the committee on rules. Again, I reiterate that the speech of the minority leader dwells on clarification and explaining that there is no division in parliament in so far as trying to enact the six major codes which is essentially the mandate of each and member of this parliament appointed by one and the same president.

MP Tago, you're recognized.

MP Paisalin Tago: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh. I abide Mr. Speaker with your statement that there will be no interpellation that is why my face mask is censored. As you can see it, it is written censored. So I censor myself from any interpellation. On the speech a while ago by our minority floor leader, I rise from this

floor Mr. Speaker, firstly as a rejoinder to the statement of minority floor leader and a reaction to her statement. Indeed, it is true that in this hall, the Bangsamoro Transition Authority Parliament, there is no majority and minority. Kaya po kung natatandaan ng lahat nung tayo ay pinulong ng ating interim chief minister, for the record, sinabi ko hindi kailangan magtatag ng minority floor leader dahil tayong lahat ay appointed ng president. Walang majority and minority position here. But despite of that Mr. Speaker, the chief minister, designated the minority floor leader para lang may semblance of democracy dito sa parliament. But in truth and in fact, there is no majority and minority. Tama po ang sinasabi ng ating kagalang-galang minority floor leader, tayo po ay naluklok dito sa Bangsamoro Transition Authority sa isang layunin, ang layunin para sa kapakanan ng Bangsamoro people. Para sa kapakanan na sinusulong natin na right to self-determination. Kaya tayo naluklok dito dahil may mandato tayo na binigay sa atin, sa pag appoint sa atin ng presidente na gawin ang mga batas na nandoon sa Bangsamoro Organic Law. The parliamentary set up for the information of all, that was created for the Bangsamoro, the first parliamentary set up for the BARMM, the Bangsamoro Transition Authority is a unit parliamentary setup. Hindi kagaya po ng ibang jurisdiction ng parliamentary setup na kaya merong majority at minority because of ideology. Kaya makikita ninyo sa ibang parliamentary setup, merong conservative, merong liberal, merong pro-labor. Kasi because of ideology. Kaya sila merong hindi pagkakaintindihan. Tayo po ay wala tayong di pagkakaintindihan dahil sabi ko nga, at sinabi ng minority floor leader, sinabi ng ating mga kasama, ang layunin natin ay iisa, for the good of the Bangsamoro people. So, with that Mr. Speaker, I join with the statement of the minority floor leader. Tayo dito ay magkakasama, we go along and we help the Bangsamoro Transition Authority help its mandate para sa Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao and for the Bangsamoro people. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker and it is my motion Mr. Speaker, para dugtong ko matuldukan ang issue Mr. Speaker, we move the speech of our minority floor leader to be referred to the proper committee for proper discussion, Mr. Speaker. Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

Speaker Adiong: Thank you MP Popoy Tagu for that motion. Before we act on the motion, MP Sultan Rimbang, you're recognized.

MP Edrieza Rimbang: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Assalamualaikum sa mga kapatid ko, sa ating mga staff, guests, sa lahat ng nanonood ngayon sa ating session ngayon. Ako po ay nagpapasalamat sa ating pangulong Rodrigo Roa Duterte dahil sa pagappoint nya sa mga BTA, pag autonomy ng Bangsamoro kaya nandito po ngayon ang BARMM. Pangalawa po, nagpapasalamat din ako sa mga senator, congressman na naglalay sa Bangsamoro para po ma-extension tayo. Sa ating mga kagalang-galang na mga senador, gusto ko po iparating sa inyo, Senator Christopher Lawrence "Bong" Go, Senador Miguel Zubiri, Senador Tolentino, and ang aking kumpare na si Senador Koko Pimentel na dito po sa miyembro po ng parlamento ay ginagawa po naming dito kaya nga po, actually po ala pong tatawagin na minority o majority sapagkat nandyan po sa BOL 11054 sa provision na is apo yun na appointed by the government. Isa po tayo mga parliament na in-appoint ng ating gobyerno sa mandatos ng ating Pangulong Rodrigo Roa Duterte. Dito po sa parlamento ay wala pong nangyayaring bangayan dito, regarding po sa bangayan dito kaya po naglaan po ang speaker natin na meron pong majority,

minority ako po ay majority, minority din po ako kasi buo po tayo, hindi po ibig sabihin na meron pong nangyaring bangayan dito sa parliament. Paalala lang po, bilang miyembro ng parlamento, kung meron pong ipapasang batas o anong bagay na makakatulong sa Bangsamoro ay yan po ay inaaral ng ating mga parliament. Kaya nga po minsan nagkakaroon ng sagutan dito sa ating parliament o hindi pagkakatuig sa batas na Bangsamoro na nakakatulong sa Bangsamoro o di makakatulong sa Bangsamoro ay dinadagdag natin o binabawas natin. Sa mga kapatid natin na nasa labas naman, hindi naman sila member ng parlamento, huwag po natin pangunahan yung mga parliament member. Kami po ay ginagawa po naming ang aming trabaho, kahit po may pandemya, ok lang po na kami po ay makaranas na ang pamilya po namin. Regarding po sa may COVID, hindi po namin inaalala ang aming sarili. Ginagawa po namin kung anong magagawa namin dito sa parliament para po makatulong sa mamamayang Bangsamoro. Kaya po mga ministro na hindi po member ng parliament, pag nagbitaw po tayo ng salita ay medyo magtanong po tayo sa member ng parliament kasi po, with due respect po sa mga ministry, under nyo po ang inyong ministry, palaguin nyo po. Kung ano yung nasa batas na ipamigay, ipamigay para sa COVID-19. Wag po natin pakialaman itong sa member of parliament kasi ginagawa nito ay naaayon po sa batas. Uulitin ko po, nagpapasalamat po ako Mr. Speaker, aking suggestion po ay maglaan po tayo ng spokesperson po natin, member of parliament, para isa po ang desisyon natin, para hindi pati yung sa labas ay nagsasalita po sila wala po tayong idea don. Kaya ayan po ang suggestion ko, mga member of parliament, speaker Balindong, na maglaan po tayo ng spokesman po natin na member of parliament. Ako po ay nagpapasalamat, with your respect po sa inyong lahat. Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

Speaker Adiong: Thank you very much. There was an earlier motion. Yes, DS Omar?

MP Omar Sema: To the majority floor leader, may we reiterate that this be referred to proper committee, Mr. Speaker?

Speaker Adiong: That was correct. That was the motion in fact of MP Tago. Would you second the motion.

MP Omar Sema: Yeah. May I move for another one minute suspension that I can confer with the majority floor leader?

Speaker Adiong: One minute suspension.

[session suspended at 2:19:24, resumed at 2:20:21]

Speaker Adiong: Session resumed. There was an earlier motion to refer the privileged speech of Minority Leader to the Committee on Rules. Is there any objection? Yes, what's the pleasure of the gentleman [unintelligible] and Cotabato City?

MP Rasol: It's not an objection, Mr. Speaker but a clarification. Should we move to put the privilege speech of the minority floor leader to the journal before having it referred to the committee?

Speaker Adiong: Actually the moment you spoke, the moment you deliver your speech, that is already recorded in the journal.

MP Rasol: Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Adiong: Yes, thank you. There's a motion to refer to the committee on rules. Is there any objection? Hearing none. The motion is approved. The privileged speech of the minority leader is referred to the committee on rules. Thank you MP Laisa Alamia for that speech.

Majority leader.

MP Lanang: Another thing Mr. Speaker, I move that the statement referring to the non-members of the parliament be stricken out of the records, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Adiong: Ok. There's a motion that a portion of the speech of one of the members in reference to the non-members of this BTA Parliament shall be stricken out from the record. It is being seconded, so stricken. Secretariat, please take note.

MP Lanang: Yes, Mr. Speaker. We proceed to the order of business, we are on business of the day, the first item was moved, requested a while ago is the consideration of proposed resolution number 447, Mr. Speaker, the resolution Adapting A Calendar of Session for the Third Regular Session of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority. For that, Mr. Speaker may I pass-

Speaker Adiong: We will take up the resolution for the adoption of calendar?

MP Lanang: Yes, PR 447. May we respectfully recognize MP Tago as the majority floor leader, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Adiong: Di ka makadecide Majo ah? Torn between two lovers. The deputy majority leader is recognized, please take over the floor. Proceed MP Tago.

MP Tago: In the period of [unintelligible] may I recognize the real majority floor leader...

Speaker Adiong: For the sponsorship speech?

MP Tago: Because the sponsorship speech will be done by the sponsor of the proposed resolution in the calendar of activities, Mr. Speaker. I recognize the chair of the committee, MP Lanang Ali, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Adiong: For his sponsorship speech, MP Lanang Ali is recognized.

MP Lanang: [unintelligible] Alhamdulillah, Alhamdulillah, Alhamdulillah. We are now in the third session of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority Parliament. And here is the proposed resolution number 447 for the calendar regular session of the Bangsamoro Transition Parliament for the year 2021 up to 2022, Mr. Speaker. This proposed resolution as provided in the rules, we are in regular session in every third week and fourth week of the month. Counting on these regular sessions, we have 60 days regular session for the year 2021. And as far as my counting is concerned, all the days on the proposed resolution do not fall in any regular holidays, Mr. Speaker. So I am appealing to the members of this august body for the immediate approval of this proposed resolution.

Speaker Adiong: MP Tago.

MP Tago: There is an appeal with the majority floor leader for the approval and if there is no one to interpellate the majority floor leader, I am moving for the termination of the interpellation. There is interpellation. MP Lorena.

Speaker Adiong: We adapt first, MP Tago, the committee report of MP Lanang.

MP Tago: It is not a committee report, Mr. Speaker. This is merely a simple resolution that was agreed a while ago to be part of the business for the day.

Speaker Adiong: I stand corrected. So we open the period of debate and interpellation.

MP Tago: I am opening the period of debate and interpellation, Mr. Speaker. Thank you very much. With your permission, may we recognize MP Lorena for his interpellation.

Speaker Adiong: Period of debate, interpellation is now open. MP Lorena you're recognized.

MP Lorena: Thank you Mr. Speaker. During our second regular session, there were times that our chief minister calls for special session to address specially items that would facilitate the passage of the codes. We have accomplished three major codes and we are now in the term-end of 2021-2022. There are still two major codes, the election code and the local government code. This is outside from the revenue code in the ingenious people's rights act. May I ask the majority leader whether this is considered in the two weeks schedule as provided for in the calendar of sessions we have?

MP Lanang: Yes, Mr. Speaker. With respect to the special session, the rules provide that the chief minister may call at anytime of the day during the regular sessions period of the year. A special session upon writing to speaker stating the urgency of the special session. Pwede po yan kahit saan po basta may sulat po ang chief minister na magpatawag ng special session.

MP Lorena: I understand that, Mr. Speaker. But mine is about the time that is needed to pass the other codes that we have not accomplished. I thought it necessary that we have now to

finish all the codes. And therefore, we must have, in order to be just and fair to the Bangsamoro people, we have to double our time. For this reason that I have to ask the majority leader whether there was consultation on the matter of accomplishing the major codes so that if time warrants that we have to double our time by scheduling three week sessions then I would have opted for that because I do not like to leave this parliament without accomplishing the other major codes. So if the majority leader would like to clarify why we're still maintaining a what we call business-as-usual when it is no longer business as usual because extension is being called and we have been already looked into to finish these codes.

MP Lanang: Yes, Mr. Speaker. With respect to the priority codes, it is stated by the chief minister the other day that the priority codes will be passed this year. And with respect to the urgency of the passing of these and the schedule, Mr. Speaker, ganito po yan. Kami po ng SUBATRA ay nagpa-plano po ng isang strategic at operational plan kung how and when of the day natin dapat maipasa o ma-file, madiscuss sa committee, maibalik sa plenary for deliberations ang bawat priority codes. Dapat po ay nakaschedule ito ngayon May and then na-move sa June dahil po sa certain pagtaas po ng COVID-19. Ito po ay naka-schedule dapat noong second week ng June pero na-postpone po natin, minove po natin dahil po medyo naging mataas COVID-19 ngayong buwan ng June. So, pag ito po ay matuloy itong planning natin sa parliament, hopefully by first week of July and I am targeting here inside the SKCC, first week ng July, para mapagusapan po natin kung anong araw, kung anong buwan, kung anong time natin aaprubahan yung mga priority codes na yun, without mentioning the other priority legislations, Mr. Speaker. Nasa planning po yun, nasa pipeline po yung planning na yun. Hindi lang po natin na-implement dahil po sa sudden surge ng COVID-19 and wala po ang Davao, Cagayan de Oro, ang GenSan ay sarado po ngayon ang kanilang border dahil po sa COVID-19 pandemic. So ang napagdesisyonan naming sa SUBATRA including the speaker is dito na lang po ma-held sa SKCC para pag-usapan kung paan tayo moving forward dito sa mga priority codes na 'to Mr. Speaker.

MP Lorena: Thank you. Do I get it because I think aside from the three major codes as provided for under article 16 there are other codes, economic legislations that need to fast-track. Do I understand from the majority that after the strategic planning, we may amend the schedule of sessions we have to accommodate the time required to pass all these legislations?

MP Lanang: Yes, Mr. Speaker. With respect to the third week and fourth week, that will be our regular sessions, Mr. Speaker. On the first and second week, Mr. Speaker the chief minister may call a special session if there is really a necessity for a special session. Meaning the first and second week of the month, Mr. Speaker, if the chief minister would decide na kailangan nating tapusin itong priority codes na 'to despite hindi na sya nakakapaloob sa regular sessins ay pwede po nating gawin natin itong sa special sessions na ito. Nasa chief minister at kay speaker na po ang decision but this proposed resolution, Mr. Speaker, just defined the regular sessions of the day of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority.

Speaker Adiong: MP Lorena, are you proposing an additional session days?

MP Lorena: That is based on the on workload, Mr. Speaker. If the workload demands because there are other legislations like we have, for example, I would like to cite our Bangsamoro peace and development code, which did not go through the first reading because there is unanimity in recommending, we want to fasttrack economic provisions, implement economic provisions under the BOL. Because there are six major codes to be done, but it does not foreclose us under the general welfare to pass the other codes in order to enhance the revenue capacity of the BARMM but also to deliver programs and projects to our people. I would like to be very candid Mr. Speaker, until now the island provinces are still waiting for some economic provisions by way of a legislation and I am sorry to say we have been given ample time for that legislation to become [unintelligible] because legislation are necessarily to provide the necessary basic services to our people. I would be remiss to part from this parliament without even initiating that kind of legislation. While we have agreed that the initiative to pass legislation, is the proper promise of the government of the day, that does not foreclose the members of the parliament to initiate legislation for the welfare of the Bangsamoro. And I would not like to be charged for incompetence with the appointing authority for not doing that. Rest assured that we will do our best to pass even individual bills in order to accommodate the requirements of our people. Yesterday, the chamber of commerce of Sulu asked us to pass the Sulu Economic Development Authority, special port authority and we will have to legislate. The truth of the matter is, [unintelligible] period of this time to craft legislation. I would like to even to ask [unintelligible] to prepare it for me so that we can embark on a very progressive dynamic parliament that will not only be confined to the basic codes that we have been provided for but to provide economic ameliorations to our people, which until today have been lacking in our provinces, particularly in the island provinces of Sulu. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Adiong: Thank you. Would you be willing of the period of amendment, MP Lorena?

MP Lorena: I will but as manifested, this calendar can be amended after our strategic planning. I will hold the majority leader to that and I hope that there will be caucus in the majority to define finally the agenda of this parliament for the next session. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Adiong: Thank you MP Lorena. Yes, majority leader you have a response to that?

MP Tago: Yes, short intervention on the statement on the amendment of the calendar of activities. Actually our calendar of activities here is pursuant to our rules. Because our rules is every third and fourth week of every month. So if you add another calendar of activities that will be amendment of our rules. Or to the letter of the chief minister for a special session if you go to the statement on the language of our parliamentary rules.

Speaker Adiong: I agree. I think the proper premise to do that is to amend the house rules in order to accommodate additional working session days. And I agree with the observation of MP Lorena. I think we need to double time.

Yes, the deputy minority leader, the lady from Maguindanao, you are recognized, your honor.

MP Ampatuan: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. Looking at the proposed resolution Mr. Speaker, even without enumerating the calendar we are certain our rules states that we have a session every third and fourth week of the month, Mr. Speaker. Am I right?

MP Lanang: Yes, Mr. Speaker. We have session every third and fourth week of the month, Mr. Speaker. However, the calendar of activities of parliament as practices in every jurisdiction, there should be a resolution defining the regular sessions of parliament, Mr. Speaker.

MP Ampatuan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think there is a rationale why there is a need to enumerate the dates that the session that we have. It is not just an enumeration but it should be linked or founded with a plan and earlier the majority floor leader said that there will be planning that will be done to determine the priority legislations and the schedule, Mr. Speaker. If that is the case, are we not doing it ahead of the planning exercise that is supposed to be done prior to this resolution?

Speaker Adiong: Madam MP, would it be okay if we ask you to remove your face shield because it obstructs you know, we barely hear or understand your question.

MP Ampatuan: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Uulitin ko po. Sinabi ng majority floor leader kanina na magkakaroon ng planning at dapat nagkaroon, dahil sa COVID, na-move. Sinasabi ng rules natin na even wala itong enumeration of dates, we are certain that all these dates are found in our rules. The reason why we are enumerating is that there is supposed to be a link to the activities of the committees and the parliament that's why we are enumerating this. Now, Mr Speaker, given all these dates that are fixed actually, Mr. Speaker, and in relation to the earlier interpellation of MP Lorena, are we certain that the priority codes and all the other codes will be passed into law as mandated of us?

Speaker Adiong: Majority leader.

MP Lanang: Mr. Speaker, as stated by MP Jo Lorena, the parliament can act on this particular schedule or improve or amend this particular schedule through parliament action so this is not cast in stone, Mr. Speaker. If we decide in the planning to improve this calendar of activities we can do so Mr. Speaker. I believe there is no conflict in the issues of MP Baintan Ampatuan. The purpose of this resolution is due diligence Mr. Speaker, so that every member of the parliament can be reminded on what particular day when there will be a regular session of the parliament.

Speaker Adiong: In other words, there is resolution in so far as setting up of dates, it's just a simple reflection on what was stated under the rules?

MP Lanang: Under the house rules, Mr. Speaker.

MP Ampatuan: Mr. Speaker, actually I am proposing that instead of just enumerating it here, there should be a legwork prior to the enumeration. And that legwork means an attached plan to all of these schedules, Mr. Speaker. And I think that's the rationale why are we enumerating,

Mr. Speaker. My second point, given that, we know in the rules that the third week and fourth week sessions, is it a given assumption that whether or not there is an advice or notice coming from the secretary general, there is a session?

MP Lanang: Mr. Speaker, first of all the schedule of the regular session are defined in the house rules in the third week and fourth week of the month. And every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. That in every Wednesday there is a chief minister hour and in Thursday there will be a privilege speech. My point Mr. Speaker is everything we have done here is in accordance with our house rules. The purpose of providing the date of the regular session precisely is again to implement the rules, number two is to remind us on what particular days of the month that there will be a regular session and if we have a plan in the future on how to act on certain priority legislation, we can sit and see the date of the regular sessions and decide when to put this legislation on the table to be discussed here in the plenary or when this priority legislation to be discussed at the committee level and at the end of the day we will have a comprehensive planning on how we will maximize the remaining days of the regular sessions in the third regular sessions of the BTA Parliament, Mr. Speaker. That is the purpose of this resolution, Mr. Speaker.

MP Ampatuan: Mr. Speaker, I think the good majority floor leader answered my earlier question of the rationale why are we enumerating. But given that answer, Mr. Speaker, I still suggest we should deepen it by coming up with a plan attached to these schedules. Because the way I look at it, there is so many pending bills and resolutions even in the first and second regular sessions that we haven't acted upon, Mr. Speaker. And considering the priorities that are mentioned by the chief minister yesterday, I doubt that this schedule will fit all the requirements that are expected of us. Nonetheless, Mr. Speaker, my second question that was not answered is that even though we have this schedule in this resolution, is it mandatory for the secretary general to issue a notice to the members of the parliament or there is no need? It is given fact that we need to attend the session?

MP Lanang: Once we approve this proposed resolution, it is mandatory for the members of the parliament to secure copies of the proposed resolution and put it in their office so they can be in full verse of the schedule of the sessions. Nevertheless, Mr. Speaker, the secretary general may send notice to each member of the parliament to again remind them of the regular sessions of this august body.

MP Ampatuan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My last point Mr. Speaker is that given the schedule, for the last two years of dealing with the budget of the Bangsamoro government, I have noticed Mr. Speaker that we have allotted a very minimal time for the deliberation of the budget. Does this schedule consider a thorough deliberation by this time of the budget of all the ministries and offices, Mr. Speaker because at this point in time, I'm contemplating and as adviser on committee on finance, Mr. Speaker, I will not allow a very simple deliberation on the budget of the ministries, Mr. Speaker.

MP Lanang: Yes, Mr. Speaker, we can discuss that in the planning activities of this august body and we can put on the particular date or months of when will we start deliberation of the budget.

MP Ampatuan: Mr. Speaker, that's my appeal to the members of this parliament that we should allot a time, if you try to look at the congress of the Philippines, they start with August, September, October, November, December as budget season. In our case, we're dealing with out budger in two to three weeks, Mr. Speaker and I think that's not enough so we should consider in this schedule the budget deliberation, a thorough budget deliberation in that case. Thank you very much.

Speaker Adiong: Thank you, MP Ampatuan. Anyway, this schedule is just a prescription of what the house rules actually stated. If I may appeal to the members, there is no in fact, it should not be subjected to further discussion because this is just merely prescription according to what the house rules states. This is just merely a schedule. If I may appeal to the members, let's just adopt this so we can move forward. This is a given ano na according to the house rules. Yes, DS Omar Sema?

MP Omar Sema: Mr. Speaker, magkatabi kami ni majority floor leader, tatanungin ko na lang sya para mataas na ang issue dito. Is this schedule approved by the speaker already?

MP Lanang: Yes, Mr. Speaker. Atty. Balindong tasked me to provide a calendar of activities as part of my work as majority floor leader of this parliament, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Adiong: And this is just merely magisterial.

MP Omar Sema: On that note, Mr. Speaker, I move for the approval of this resolution.

Speaker Adiong: Agree. Is there any objection to the motion? No, I will not recognize any—

MP Tago: Mr. Speaker, before we act on the motion, this calendar of activities sparked the power ministreal especially the committee on rules. Before we approve on the bill, we should pass it on the process. We should terminate first the interpellation, then after that there is a period of amendments, and if there is no one who wants to amend, then we close, then after that we approve the measures.

Speaker Adiong: With the pleasure of the majority floor leader, should we continue this interpellation on why the dates are being set that way?

MP Tago: There are so many interpellation on the dates.

Speaker Adiong: I know.

MP Tago: This is a problem. We should recognize everybody to speak.

Speaker Adiong: Let me just put into record, this resolution... if you go to the rules, it is in fact there. So this is just, it's a ministerial job so I believe there is no other discussion on it. But anyhow, is the pleasure of the majority leader to continue the deliberation?

MP Tago: Yes, with your permission Mr. Speaker, we recognize MP Romeo Saliga, afterwards our deputy speaker for seniority, Nabil Tan, another senior MP. With due respect to my uncle.

Speaker Adiong: So we recognize first MP Romeo Saliga to be followed by deputy speaker Tan, and MP Musa Diamla, and then MP Rasol Mitmug, in that order. MP Saliga, please proceed.

MP Romeo Saliga: Yes, thank you Mr. Speaker. With the remaining time left for us to perform our mandate, ito bang schedule natin kasama dito yung mga committee meetings kasi mukhang ito yung mga kumakain talaga ng oras, Mr. Speaker.

MP Lanang: Yung resolution na 'to pertains to the third regular session of the BTA parliament. The committee meetings as per agreement with the committee on rules, we can conduct this at the first and second week of the month.

MP Saliga: As a manifestation, Mr. Speaker, I support yung idea ni MP Jo and MP Baintan na sana itong schedule na 'to was tied up with a plan, yung mga activity para guided din yung member ng parliament within this week, ito yung ma-accomplish natin. And we need to prioritize yung mga legislation na ipapasa natin given ang dami na hong naka-file sa mga different committees. And if I may propose, Mr. Speaker, dapat po focus muna tayo sa remaining priority codes and then the rest will follow kasi yun yung pinaka-mandate po natin, Mr. Speaker. If we need to extend even up to midnight, I think kung may will, kaya ho natin. Ang napapansin ko lang kasi even in our previous sessions, mukhang hindi ho natin namamaximize yung oras. We said we start at 1 but usually we start at 2. Yung isang oras na wala tayong nagawa, malaki na, marami tayong nasasayang na oras. We need to maximize every second of our time para ho matapos natin itong mga priority codes because we do not want to leave the work, with due respect, kahit may extension or wala, we are mandated to finish all these priority codes. Added value na lang kung ma-extend but we need to complete all these priority legislations before March dahil ito ho ang pinaka-mandate natin Mr. Speaker. Salamat ho.

Speaker Adiong: Anyway, if we are strictly implement the house rules, all the resolution bills that are referred to any committees, a committee will only have 30 days to act on it. And then the committee members have the right to unseat the chairman if the chairman is sleeping on his or her job, if we are strictly to implement the house rules. 30 days lang po ang binigay. So majority leader, I think we should activate all the committees especially those who have pending resolutions and bills under their watch so if we are to implement strictly the rules, members of the committee you have the power to unseat your chairman if you think he or she is not doing her job or his job properly. DS Tan, you're recognized sir.

MP Tan: Salamat po Mr. Speaker. Salamat Majority Leader. I don't really have objections but to qualify the move to approve subject to further enhancement, improvements, amendments. Not now because I would like to await the holding of the strategic planning session. Kung kelan man yun. Alam ko naman na the rules can be amended anytime. It was our agreement even from the very beginning because I plan to add days, number of days to our third and fourth week. At least one day, para hindi tayo na-aano na wala tayong ginagawa.

Speaker Adiong: Thank you DS Tan for that manifestation. MP Musa Diamla, you're recognized sir.

MP Musa Diamla: Salamat po sir, Mr. Speaker. Akin naman po ay magtatanong lang dahil nakikita ko sa ating schedule na there will be resumption of session on July 20 and will end on July 22. On our Islamic calendar, if you look at Islamic calendar, that will fall on Eid al Adha. The three days Eid would be up to that period. So I hope we will have to consider this because we must respect our own.

MP Lanang: Yes, Mr. Speaker. Again as defined in the rules, the days of the session if these will fall on a holiday, for example, Eid al Adha, definitely we don't have session on that particular date. Yun lang po kasi malinaw po sa rules natin na every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday ay magkakaroon tayo ng regular session, talagang magha-holiday tayo. We cannot proceed with the business of the parliament.

Speaker Adiong: Last interpellator, MP Rasol Mitmug, you're recognized.

MP Rasol: Yes, Mr. Speaker. Salamat po. Naiintindihan ko po na meron tayong 60-day session tapos itong calendar natin as part ng rules pwede natin iayos o i-change later on. Ang isa din sa tingin ko po, kailangan natin ng number of days and kailangan natin ma-revise yung ating house rules. Pero Mr. Speaker, before we do that, importante din na its based on a certain plan yun po sana yung inaanatay ko lang. Klaro naman po sa atin na may plano tayo. Kailan po ang planning session kasi hindi po sya kasama sa calendar. Kailan ang planning session natin for this calendar of next year para mas maayos po yung mga schedules po natin?

MP Lanang: As I've said Mr. Speaker, we are planning to have a meeting with the parliament in the first or second week of July after this session month. Talaga pong noon pa po, kahit before Ramadan, talagang ang majority floor leader po natin ay masugid na gustong ma-implement itong planning na ito. But again because of the COVID-19 ay talagang napo-postpone tayo. We negotiate several times in different venues sa Mindanao talagang hindi po tayo binibigyan po tayo ng pagkakataon. As a matter of fact, sa Davao, sinabihan pa na kung ayaw nyo pumunta kayo kay Mayor. Dun kayo makiusap. So sabi na lang namin wag na lang muna, wag natin ipilit kay magkaproblema pa tayo. So yung June naman, bigla nag-issue ang presidente na from June 1 to June 30, nilagay sa GCQ, even Cotabato City, kasi tumataas yung number ng COVID-19 so napostpone din natin yung plano natin sana na sa second week ng June. Ang naging problema naman na-move natin ngayon sa July. Pero gusto ko pong malaman nitong August body na ito na kami po together with the SUBATRA and deputy speaker Omar Sema ay talagang gusto

naming magkaroon tayo ng strategic planning on how we can move forward in the immediate passage of the priority codes. Yun lang po.

MP Rasol: Maraming Salamat po, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Adiong: Thank you, MP Mitmug.

MP Tago: Permission to recognize MP Don Loong.

Speaker Adiong: MP Don Loong, you're recognized.

MP Loong: Just to reinforce the point of my colleagues, all those who spoke before me, this is not to delay the approval of this resolution but more of as a guidance for us as a parliament. In engineering parlance, before we make a schedule, we try to imagine the scope and the size of the work that needs to be done and we adjust based on that. While we appreciate that this is already stated in the rules, that the third and the fourth week of the month is our regular session days. The members of the parliament just want to be informed if this schedule takes into account the political realities that we are facing today. As we know, the president is meeting with the government of the day today and did we already consider that there might be codes that they will require us to pass within the next two to three months? That would require us to have more regular session days? In engineering parlance again, we have a gantt chart where we superimpose the schedule with the things that need to be accomplished. There are periods as what MP Baintan has mentioned. The periods of budget season, for example, when there is a budget season it must be passed maybe there should also be consideration on the schedule as regards to that. Lastly, these 60 session days, does this include in a matter of projection the rest of the codes that we are supposed to deliver and the dozens of bills and resolutions that are already pending?

MP Lanang: Mr. Speaker. Again, this proposed resolution only provide what the rules has stated in the regular session. Talagang 60 days regular session lang tayo unless ma-amend ang ating house rules. In this proposed resolution Mr. Speaker, hindi po included dito yung mga special sessions. Kung magpatawag ang ating chief minister every first or second week of the month ng special session, he may do so upon communicating with the speaker. So wag po natin tignan ito na limitado tayo dito. The parliament can still act on a special session in any first week or second week of the month. The main purpose of the third and fourth week of the month, is to give ample time to the committee hearings, public consultations in the passage of a particular bill kasi yun po ang mas importante. Hindi po magiging batas ang isang bill kung hindi po dadaan sa mga public consultation at committee hearings. Kahit punuin pa natin ang buong month ng regular sessions, kung wala ring committee meetings, public consultations ay wala ring mangyayari dahil hindi aabot sa plenary kung wala tayong committee reports. So yun po yun, we have to balance the committee works, public consultations, and the plenary actions on the particular bill so that ito ay maipasa natin ng naaayos sa batas at naaayon sa Saligang Batas ng Pilipinas. Yun lang po, Mr. Speaker.

MP Loong: Last question Mr. Speaker, again what we just want to emphasize knowing that we are already on the sunset period of our parliament, were running out of time. As we draft this schedule, do we have milestone months already when we believe we can pass the local government code, revenue code, and electoral code, based on this schedule Mr. Speaker. Because we just want to know are we just passing a schedule or are we making a schedule that is based on the workload or the scope of work that we want to accomplish?

MP Tago: Mr. Speaker, with the indulgence of the majority floor leader, he answered the query of my colleague Mr. Speaker. This legislative calendar is only our guide on our sessions. On the matters of legislative agenda, or timetable to pass the bills, I think it should be taken up, with due respect to my colleague, in the committee on rules. We can discuss that in the committee on rules kasi ang committee on rules Mr. Speaker is the mother of all committees so pwede nyang i-push ang ibang committees, with due respect to them, na hindi gumagalaw na gawin ito. So yun lang maisasagot ko dun. With due respect, to abbreviate the discussion on the issue of this resolution on the legislative calendar.

MP Loong: I accept the statement of the majority leader, Mr Speaker. And look forward on the meeting of the committee on rules to discuss the calendar of activities in accordance to the schedule to meet the mandate that has been given to the BTA, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for the time.

MP Tago: Thank you very much. There will be no other interpellator, Mr. Speaker. I move to close the period of interpellation and debate.

Speaker Adiong: Period of interpellation and debate is hereby closed.

MP Tago: I move to open the period of amendments.

Speaker Adiong: Period of amendments is open.

MP Tago: There will be no one to amend, I move to close the period of amendments.

Speaker Adiong: Period of amendments is hereby closed.

MP Tago: Since this is a simple resolution, I move to approve the resolution on calendar of activities, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Adiong: There's a motion to adopt the proposed resolution providing for the calendar of activities for the BTA Parliament for the third regular session. Is there any objection? Hearing none. The motion is adopted and approved.

Majority leader.

MP Tago: I am now giving back the microphone to the real majority floor leader, Mr. Speaker. Thank you very much.

Speaker Adiong: MP Lanang Ali, please resume.

MP Lanang: Yes, Mr. Speaker, we proceed to the next proposed resolution 431, 432, 433, 434, with respect to the resolution related to the Palestinian and Israel conflict. First I move for the consolidation of the four resolution.

Speaker Adiong: We will consolidate all the four resolutions?

MP Lanang: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Adiong: Is there any objection? None. So the four resolutions is hereby consolidated.

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

Speaker Adiong: I am one of the authors of one of the resolutions so I'm giving way to my co-author which I proposed. MP Tago. Please. You can speak for me, MP Tago. You have the floor.

MP Tago: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. There are four resolutions respecting the situation of our brothers Palestinians in the Middle East. Although these resolutions, we can move in view of the development in the Middle East. The problem of the Palestinians still persist. The territory has not been settled, Mr. Speaker. So there is a need to move on on this resolution and approve this. With that respect, I am appealing being one of the author and my other co-authors of this measure. I am appealing to the members of this august body as one muslim uma, for and in behalf of our brothers Palestinians in the Middle East. We should approve this resolution in order for the voice of the Bangsamoro can be heard not only in the Philippines but in the international community, Mr. Speaker. That is my appeal to this august body. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Adiong: I agree. I think it is not moot and academic because what triggered this resolution is a particular incident in Sheik Jarah in East Jerusalem. Although a cease fire was declared by both parties, the illegal occupation of Palestinian lands by the Israeli government is still on going for 73 years. So I think it is very timely. It is not moot and academic, its still timely.
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