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At 10:30 a. m., the Speaker, Hon. Daniel Z. Romualdez, called the House to order.

The SPEAKER. The Secretary will call the roll.

ROLL CALL DISPENSED WITH

Mr. MONTANO. Mr. Speaker, I move that the roll call be dispensed with.

The SPEAKER. Is there any objection? (After a pause.) The Chair does not hear any. The motion is approved. The roll call is dispensed with. There is a quorum.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Mr. MONTANO. Mr. Speaker, I move that the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of the last session be dispensed with and that the Journal be considered as approved.

The SPEAKER. Is there any objection? (After a pause.) The Chair does not hear any. The reading of the Journal of the proceedings of the last session is dispensed with and the Journal stands approved.

The Secretary will read the Order of Business.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

The SECRETARY, reading:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

By Congressmen Zosa and Durano (H. No. 3586), entitled.

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An Act granting the Hijos de F. Escaño a temporary permit to construct, establish, maintain and operate private fixed point-to-point, ship-to-ship, shore-to-ship and ship-to-shore radio stations for the reception and transmission of radio communications within the Philippines.

The SPEAKER. To the Committee on Franchises.

The SECRETARY, reading:

By Congressman Mercado (H. No. 3587), entitled:

An Act declaring as a National Shrine Mt. Lumot in the Municipality of San Ildefonso, Province of Bulacan.

The SPEAKER. To the Committee on Public Works.

The SECRETARY, reading:

By Congressman Sanchez (H. No. 3588), entitled:  
An Act to amend project Number B-02.64 for Butuan City, page 614-A, title B-Highways (Feeder and Secondary Roads), appendix A, Republic Act Numbered Nineteen hundred.

The SPEAKER. To the Committee on Public Works.

The SECRETARY, reading:

By Congressman Sanchez (H. No. 3589), entitled:

An Act authorizing the President of the Philippines to delegate not only to the Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the Under-Secretary of Natural Resources but also to the Director of Lands the power to sign patents or certificates for lands granted under Commonwealth Act Numbered One hundred forty-one, as amended, by further amending section one hundred seven thereof.

The SPEAKER. To the Committee on Public Lands.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippines will play host to the World Tourist Conference next November, President Garcia's invitation to this effect having been unanimously accepted by the International Union of Official Travel Organizations (IUOTO) in its last general assembly in Brussels in November, last year. It is important that we exploit to the maximum this opportunity to show ourselves in the best possible light in the international community, IUOTO, a consultative organ of the United Nations, being composed of 67 countries. Not only will official delegates from these many countries attend but also representatives from international organizations promoting or engaged in international travel trade. In effect, the world spotlight will be on us as never before in our career as an independent nation.

World capitals bidding for international conferences are now generally equipped with the most adequate and up-to-date conference hall installations and devices such as a special public address system with simultaneous multilingual translation circuits. They are normal conference facilities in all large international meetings now. Unfortunately, we do not have it here yet but the coming of the World Tourist Conference to Manila is a good occasion and excuse for acquiring it so that, with one permanently available to us, we may be able to bid for more future international conferences. It can be made and installed here for pesos, not dollars, for not more than ₱25,000 and it will be for lifetime use. There will also be needed other conference installations such as stands, desks, platforms and lighting both inside and outside the hall.

The conference stages at the same time an International Poster Contest while we propose to organize a Pacific Area Art (Painting) Contest to depict the attractions of our region. These will need suitable installations too.

Besides, we are committed to bringing here four technical men from IUOTO headquarters in Geneva to assist in the study and discussion of technical problems and in conference deliberations. We would be glad to be in position to discharge all these obligations and for this reason, the proposed appropriation and the immediate release of the funds proposed to be appropriated are deemed urgent and fully justified.

(Sgd.) RAMON M. DURANO  
Congressman, 1st District  
Cebu

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS FOR THE HOLDING OF THE XIVTH WORLD CONGRESS ON TOURISM IN THE PHILIPPINES IN NOVEMBER, 1959, AND FOR THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF ADEQUATE CONFERENCE EQUIPMENT, SERVICES AND SUPPLIES.**

WHEREAS, President Carlos P. Garcia has invited the International Union of Official Travel Organizations, a United Nations consultative organ, to hold the XIVth World Congress on Tourism in the Philippines in November, 1959 and the Union has unanimously accepted the invitation;

WHEREAS, this Congress, with sixty-seven countries participating as members, besides international organizations actively promoting or engaged in the travel trade, will focus world attention on the unlimited potentials of the tourist

industry which our government aims to exploit fully in the interest of a richer Philippine economy; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and essential that the World Congress on Tourism be afforded every modern convenience and service now normal to present-day international conferences in order to assure satisfaction to the participants and so as to place the Philippines, as host, in the most favorable light possible: *Now, therefore,*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated the sum of fifty thousand pesos, out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to cover expenses required for the holding of the World Congress on Tourism in November, 1959, including the acquisition and installation of modern conference hall equipment and facilities, communication and transportation services and essential conference supplies.

SEC. 2. The fund hereby appropriated shall be made immediately available upon approval of this Act and be at the disposal of the Board of Travel and Tourist Industry, which shall be responsible for its expenditure as well as for the safekeeping and any future use of the conference equipment to be acquired.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

**SUSPENSION OF THE CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 3044**

Mr. MONTANO. Mr. Speaker, I understand that Congressman Durano, the sponsor, just stepped out. So, I move that we suspend the consideration of this bill, House Bill No. 3044, in the meantime.

The SPEAKER. Is there any objection? (*After a pause.*) The Chair does not hear any. The motion is approved.

**THE MEDICAL ACT OF 1959**

Mr. MONTANO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we proceed now to the consideration of the Medical Act, House Bill No. 2882.

The SPEAKER. Is there any objection? (*After a pause.*) The Chair does not hear any. The motion is approved.

The consideration of House Bill No. 2882 is now in order. With the permission of the House, the Secretary will read only the title of the bill, without prejudice to inserting in the Record the whole text thereof.

The SECRETARY, *reading:*

The medical act of 1959.

(*The following is the whole text of the bill.*)

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

During the last session of Congress, the bill entitled "The Medical Act of 1957" was passed, but unfortunately the President of the Philippines vetoed it in view of some objectionable features thereof.

In the preparation of the present bill, necessary changes were made to remove the objectionable features of the previous bill and at the same time improve or remove the obsolete provisions of the old medical law in the Revised Administrative Code.

There is no question that the present proposed Medical Law will ultimately raise the standards of medical education and of the medical profession in the Philippines and give more power to the Board of Medical Examiners to punish not only the unethical medical practitioners but also the illegal practitioners, quacks and charlatans.

(Sgd.) MANUEL S. ENVERGA  
Congressman, 1st District  
Quezon Province

(Sgd.) VICENTE F. GUSTILO  
Congressman, 1st District  
Negros Occidental

(Sgd.) RAMON P. MITRA  
Congressman, 2nd District  
Mountain Province

(Sgd.) PEDRO G. TRONO  
Congressman, 1st District  
Iloilo

(Sgd.) JOSE B. LEGASPI  
Congressman for Aklan

(Sgd.) MIGUEL CUENCO  
Congressman, 5th District  
Cebu

(Sgd.) MANUEL AGUDO  
Congressman for Batanes

(Sgd.) FAUSTO DUGENIO  
Congressman for Oriental  
Misamis

(Sgd.) RICARDO YAP LADRIDO  
Congressman, 4th District  
Iloilo

(Sgd.) DOMINADOR M. TAN  
Congressman, 2nd District  
Leyte

(Sgd.) JOSE M. LAUREL, IV  
Congressman, 3rd District  
Batangas

(Sgd.) GODOFREDO S. REYES  
Congressman, 2nd District  
Ilocos Sur

(Sgd.) SALVADOR R. ENCINAS  
Congressman, 1st District  
Sorsogon

(Sgd.) VALERIANO C. YANCHA  
Congressman, 2nd District  
Samar

(Sgd.) TECLA SAN ANDRES  
ZIGA  
Congresswoman, 1st District  
Albay

(Sgd.) ALBERTO Q. UBAY  
Congressman for Zamboanga  
del Norte

#### THE MEDICAL ACT OF 1959

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

#### ARTICLE I

##### OBJECTIVES AND IMPLEMENTATION

SECTION 1. *Objectives.*—This Act provides for and shall govern (a) the standardization and regulation of medical and midwifery education; (b) the examination for registration of physicians and midwives; and (c) the supervision, control and regulation of the practice of medicine and midwifery in the Philippines.

SEC. 2. *Enforcement.*—For the purpose of implementing the provisions of this Act, there are created the following agencies: the Board of Medical Education under the Department of Education, and the Board of Medical Examiners and Inquiry under the Commissioner of Civil Service.

#### ARTICLE II

##### THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EDUCATION—ITS FUNCTIONS

SEC. 3. *Composition of Board of Medical Education.*—The Board of Medical Education shall be composed of the Secretary of Health or his duly authorized representative, as Chairman, and the Secretary of Education or his duly authorized representative, the Director of the Bureau of Private Schools or his duly authorized representative, the Chairman of the Board of Medical Examiners and Inquiry or his duly authorized representative, and a representative from the Philippine Medical Association, as members.

The officials acting as Chairman and members of the Board of Medical Education shall hold office during their incumbency in their respective positions.

SEC. 4. *Compensation and Travelling Expenses.*—The Chairman and members of the Board of Medical Education shall not be entitled to any compensation nor travelling expenses.

For administrative purposes, the Board shall hold office in the office of its Chairman, who may designate a ranking official in the Department of Health to serve as secretary of the Board.

SEC. 5. *Functions.*—The functions of the Board of Medical Education shall be:

(a) To determine and prescribe minimum requirements for admission into a recognized college of medicine and school of midwifery;

(b) To determine and prescribe requirements for minimum physical facilities of colleges of medicine and schools of midwifery, to wit: buildings, including hospitals, equipment and supplies, apparatus, instruments, appliances, laboratories, bed capacity for instruction purposes, operating and delivery rooms, facilities for out-patient services, and others, used for didactic and practical instructions in accordance with modern trends;

(c) To determine and prescribe the minimum number and the minimum qualifications of teaching personnel, including student-teacher ratio and curriculum;

(d) To select, determine and approve hospitals or some departments of the hospitals for training which comply with the minimum specific physical facilities as provided in subparagraph (b) hereof; and

(e) To promulgate and prescribe and enforce necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of the foregoing functions.

SEC. 6. *Minimum Required Courses.*—Students seeking admission to the medical course must have a bachelor of science or bachelor of arts degree or their equivalent and must have taken in four years the following preparatory medical course subjects with their corresponding number of units:

English .....	12	units
Latin .....	3	"
Mathematics, including Accounting and Statistics .....	9	"
Philosophy, including Psychology and Logic .....	12	"
Zoology and Botany .....	15	"
Physics .....	8	"
Chemistry .....	21	"
Library Science .....	1	"

Twelve units of Spanish shall be required pursuant to Republic Act Numbered Seven hundred nine; but commencing with the academic year 1960-61, twenty-four units of Spanish shall be required pursuant to Republic Act Numbered Eighteen hundred and eighty-one as cultural, social and nationalistic studies.

*Provided*, That the following students may be permitted to complete the aforesaid preparatory medical course in shorter periods as follows:

(a) Students whose general average is below eighty-five per cent but without any grade of failure or condition may be allowed to pursue and finish the course in three academic years and the intervening summer sessions; and

(b) Students whose general average is eighty-five per cent or over may be permitted to finish the course in three academic years by allowing them to take each semester the overload permitted to bright students under existing regulations of the Bureau of Private Schools.

*Provided*, That upon failure to maintain the general average of eighty-five per cent, students under (b) shall automatically revert to the category of students under (a) and those under (a) shall automatically revert to the category of students required to pursue the preparatory course in four years mentioned above.

The medical course shall be at least five years, including not less than eleven rotating internship in an approved hospital, and shall consist of the following subjects:

Anatomy  
Physiology  
Biochemistry and Nutrition  
Pharmacology  
Microbiology  
Parasitology  
Medicine and Therapeutics  
Gynecology  
Ophthalmology, Otolaryngology and Rhinology  
Pediatrics  
Obstetrics  
Surgery  
Preventive Medicine and Public Health  
Legal Medicine, including Medical Jurisprudence and Ethics

Students seeking admission to the midwifery course must be high school graduates.

The midwifery course shall be at least two years and shall include, among others, fundamental instructions in the following subjects:

Anatomy  
Physiology  
Microbiology  
Obstetrics  
Ethics and Jurisprudence  
Nutrition  
Domiciliary Midwifery  
Community Hygiene and First Aid  
Obstetrical Nursing

Twelve units of Spanish shall be required pursuant to Republic Act Numbered Nine hundred nine.

**SEC. 7. Admission Requirements.**—The medical college may admit any student to its first year class who has not been convicted by any court of competent jurisdiction of any

offense involving moral turpitude, and who presents (a) a certificate showing completion of a standard high school course, (b) a record showing completion of a standard preparatory medical course as herein provided, (c) a certificate of registration as medical student, and (d) a certificate of good moral character issued by two former professors in the pre-medicine course. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to inhibit any college of medicine from establishing, in addition to the preceding, other entrance requirements that may be deemed admissible.

For the purposes of this Act, the term "College of Medicine" shall mean to include faculty of medicine, institute of medicine, school of medicine or other similar institution offering a complete medical course leading to the degree of Doctor of Medicine or its equivalent.

Every college of medicine and school of midwifery must keep a complete record of enrollment, grades and turnover, and must publish each year a catalogue giving the following information:

1. Date of publication
2. Calendar for the academic year
3. Faculty roll indicating whether on full time or part time basis
4. Requirements of admission
5. Grading system
6. Requirements for promotion
7. Requirements for graduation
8. Medical hours per academic year by departments
9. Schedule hours per academic year by departments
10. Number of students enrolled in each class.

#### ARTICLE III

##### THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS AND INQUIRY; REGISTRATION OF PHYSICIANS AND MIDWIVES

**SEC. 8. Pre-requisite to the practice of medicine and midwifery.**—No person shall engage in the practice of medicine or midwifery in the Philippines unless he has satisfactorily passed the corresponding Board Examination and is a holder of a valid Certificate of Registration duly issued to him by the Board of Medical Examiners and Inquiry.

**SEC. 9. Candidates for board examinations.**—Candidates for Board examinations shall have the following qualifications:

- (1) He shall be a citizen of the Philippines or a citizen of any foreign country who has submitted competent and conclusive documentary evidence, confirmed by the Department of Foreign Affairs, showing that his country's existing laws permit citizens of the Philippines to practice medicine or midwifery, as the case may be, under the same rules and regulations governing citizens thereof, provided that there is an equal number of Filipino physicians or midwives, as the case may be, in actual practice in that particular country.
- (2) He shall not be less than twenty-one years of age;
- (3) He shall be of good moral character;
- (4) He shall be of sound mind;
- (5) He shall not have been convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction of any offense involving moral turpitude; and
- (6) He shall, in the case of a physician, be a holder of the degree of Doctor of Medicine or its equivalent, conferred by a college of medicine duly recognized by the Department of Education, and in the case of a midwife, a holder of a

certificate of graduation from a recognized school of midwifery.

**SEC. 10. Acts constituting practice of medicine and midwifery.**—A person shall be considered as engaged in the practice of medicine (a) who shall, for compensation, fee, salary or reward in any form, paid to him directly or through another, or even without the same, physically examine any person, and diagnose, treat, operate or prescribe any remedy for any human disease, injury, deformity, physical, mental or physical condition or any ailment, real or imaginary, regardless of the nature of the remedy or treatment administered, prescribed or recommended; or (b) who shall, by means of signs, cards, advertisements, written or printed matter, or through the radio, television or any other means of communication, either offer or undertake by any means or method to diagnose, treat, operate or prescribe any remedy for human disease, injury, deformity, physical, mental or physical condition; or (c) who shall use the title M.D. after his name.

A person shall be considered as engaged in the practice of midwifery who shall for compensation, fee, salary or reward in any form paid to her directly or through another, or even without the same, attend normal deliveries and render prenatal and postnatal care to prospective and actual mothers, including the feeding and care of infants up to six months after delivery.

**SEC. 11. Exemptions.**—The preceding section shall not be construed to affect (a) any medical student duly enrolled in an approved medical college or school under training, serving without any professional fee in any government or private hospital, provided that he renders such service under the direct supervision and control of a registered physician; (b) any legally registered dentist engaged exclusively in the practice of dentistry; (c) any duly registered masseur or physiotherapist, provided that he applies massage or other physical means upon written order or prescription of a duly registered physician, or provided that such application of massage or physical means shall be limited to physical or muscular development; (d) any duly registered optometrist who mechanically fits or sells lenses, artificial eyes, limbs or other similar appliances or who is engaged in the mechanical examination of eyes for the purpose of constructing or adjusting eye glasses, spectacles, and lenses; (e) any person who renders any service gratuitously in cases of emergency, or in places where the services of a duly registered physician, nurse or midwife are not available; (f) any person who administers or recommends any household remedy as per classification of existing Pharmacy Laws; and (g) any psychologist or mental hygienist in the performance of his duties, provided such performance is done in conjunction with a duly registered physician.

**SEC. 12. Limited practice without any certificate of registration.**—Certificates of registration shall not be required of the following persons:

(a) Physicians and surgeons from other countries called in consultation only and exclusively in specific and definite cases, or those attached to international bodies or organizations assigned to perform certain definite work in the Philippines, provided they shall limit their practice to the specific work assigned to them and provided further they shall secure a previous authorization from the Board of Medical Examiners and Inquiry.

(b) Commissioned medical officers of the U. S. Armed Forces stationed in the Philippines while rendering service as such only for the members of the said armed forces and within the limit of their own respective territorial jurisdiction.

(c) Foreign physicians employed as exchange professors in special branches of medicine or surgery whose service may, in the discretion of the Board of Medical Education, be necessary.

(d) Medical students who have completed the first four years of medical course, graduates of medicine and registered nurses who may be given limited and special authorization by the Secretary of Health to render medical services during epidemics or national emergencies whenever the services of duly registered physicians are not available. Such authorization shall automatically cease when the epidemic or national emergency is declared terminated by the Secretary of Health.

**SEC. 13. The Board of Medical Examiners and Inquiry, its Composition and Duties.**—The board of Medical Examiners and Inquiry shall be composed of six members to be appointed by the President of the Philippines from a confidential list of not more than twelve names approved and submitted by the executive council of the Philippine Medical Association during the months of April and October of each year. The Chairman of the Board shall be elected from among themselves by the members at a meeting called for the purpose. The President of the Philippines shall fill any vacancy that may occur during any examination from the list of names submitted by the Philippine Medical Association in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

No examiner shall handle the examinations in more than four subjects or groups of subjects as hereinafter provided. The distribution of subjects to each member shall be agreed upon at a meeting called by the Chairman for the purpose. The examination papers shall be under the custody of the Commissioner of Civil Service or his duly authorized representative, and shall be distributed to each member of the Board who shall correct, grade, and sign, and submit them to the said Commissioner within one hundred twenty days from the date of the termination of the examinations.

In order to pass the examination, a candidate should obtain a general rating of seventy-five per cent, with no rating below fifty per cent in more than one subject.

A final meeting of the Board for the deliberation and approval of the grades shall be called by the Commissioner of Civil Service immediately after receipt of the records from the members of the Board of Medical Examiners and Inquiry. The Secretary of the Board shall submit to the President of the Philippines for approval the names of the successful candidates as having been duly qualified for licensure in alphabetical order, without stating the ratings obtained by each.

**SEC. 14. Qualifications of Examiners.**—No person shall be appointed a member of the Board of Medical Examiners and Inquiry unless he (1) is a natural-born citizen of the Philippines, (2) is a duly registered physician in the Philippines, (3) has been in the practice of medicine for at least ten years, (4) is of good moral character and of recognized standing in the medical profession, (5) is not a member of the faculty of any medical school and has no pecuniary interest, directly or indirectly, in any college of medicine and school of midwifery or in any institution where

any branch of medicine or midwifery is taught, at the time of his appointment; *Provided*, That of the six members to be appointed, not more than two shall be graduates of the same institution and not more than three shall be government physicians.

SEC. 15. *Tenure of office and compensation of members.*—The members of the Board of Medical Examiners and Inquiry shall hold office for one year: *Provided*, That any member may be reappointed for not more than one year. Each member shall receive as compensation ten pesos for each candidate examined for registration as physician, and five pesos for each candidate examined in the preliminary or final physician and midwifery examination.

The President of the Philippines, upon the recommendation of the Commissioner of Civil Service, after due investigation, may remove any member of the Board of Medical Examiners and Inquiry for neglect of duty, incompetency, or unprofessional or dishonorable conduct.

SEC. 16. *Executive Officer and Secretary of the Board.*—The Secretary of the Boards of Examiners appointed in accordance with section ten of Act Numbered Four thousand seven, as amended, shall also be the secretary of the Board of Medical Examiners and Inquiry, who shall keep all the records, including examination papers, and the minutes of the deliberations of the Board. He shall also keep a register of all persons to whom certificates of registration has been granted; set forth the name, sex, age, and place of birth of each, place of business, post office address, the name of the medical college or university from which he graduated or in which he had studied, together with time spent in the study of the profession elsewhere, the name of the country where the institution is located which had granted to him the degree or certificate of attendance upon clinic and all lectures in medicine and surgery, and all other degrees granted to him from institutions of learning. He shall keep in up-to-date registration book of all duly registered physicians in the Philippines. He shall furnish copies of all examination questions and ratings in each subject of the respective candidates in the physicians examination, one month after the release of the list of successful examinees, to the deans of the different colleges of medicine exclusively for the information and guidance of the faculties thereof. This report shall be considered as restricted information. Any school which violates this rule shall be deprived of such privilege. The Secretary of the Board shall likewise keep a record of all registered medical students. He shall keep all the records and proceedings, and issue and receive all papers in connection with any and all complaints presented to the Board.

SEC. 17. *Rules and Regulations.*—The Board of Medical Examiners and Inquiry, with the approval of the Commissioner of Civil Service, shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the proper conduct of the examinations, correction of examination papers, and registration of physicians and midwives. The Commissioner shall supervise each Board examination and enforce the said rules and regulations. These rules and regulations shall take effect fifteen days after the date of their publication in the Official Gazette and shall not be changed within sixty days immediately before any examination. Such rules and regulations shall be printed and distributed for the information and guidance of all concerned.

SEC. 18. *Dates of Examinations.*—The Board of Medical Examiners and Inquiry shall give examinations for the

registration of physicians and examinations for the registration of midwives, one in May and one in November every year, in the City of Manila or any of its suburbs after giving not less than ten days' notice to each candidate who had filed his name and address with the Secretary of the Board.

SEC. 19. *Fees.*—The Secretary of the Board, under the supervision of the Commissioner of Civil Service, shall collect from each candidate the following fees:

For registration as medical student .....	P5.00
For complete physician examination .....	75.00
For preliminary or final examination .....	40.00
For midwife examination .....	40.00
For registration as physician .....	20.00
For registration as midwife .....	10.00

All fees paid as provided herein shall accrue to the funds of the Board of Medical Examiners and Inquiry and be expended for the payment of the compensation of the members thereof. No fees other than those provided herein shall be paid to the Board.

SEC. 20. *Issuance of Certificate of Registration, Grounds for Refusal of Same.*—The Commissioner of Civil Service and the Secretary of the Board of Examiners and Inquiry shall sign jointly and issue certificates of registration to those who have satisfactorily complied with the requirements of the Board. They shall not issue a certificate of registration to any candidate who has been convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction of any criminal offense involving moral turpitude, or has been found guilty of immoral or dishonorable conduct after due investigation by the Board of Medical Examiners and Inquiry, or has been declared to be of unsound mind.

SEC. 21. *Scope of Examination.*—The Board examinations for the registration of physicians shall comprise the following subjects or groups of subjects:

- (1) Anatomy
- (2) Physiology
- (3) Psychiatry and Neurology, including Neuro-Anatomy
- (4) Pediatrics
- (5) Surgery, including Anaesthesiology
- (6) Obstetrics
- (7) Preventive Medicine and Public Health
- (8) Ophthalmology, Otolaryngology and Rhinology
- (9) Pharmacology
- (10) Pathology
- (11) Legal Medicine, including Medical Jurisprudence and Ethics
- (12) Microbiology
- (13) Histology
- (14) Biochemistry
- (15) Gynecology
- (16) Parasitology

The preliminary examinations shall comprise the following subjects:

- (1) Gross Anatomy
- (2) Histology
- (3) Physiology
- (4) Biochemistry
- (5) Pharmacology
- (6) Microbiology

*Provided*, That those who successfully passed the preliminary examinations given by the Board of Medical Exam-

iners prior to the effectivity of this Act shall be exempted from taking examination in Pharmacology.

The Board examination for the registration of midwives shall comprise the following subjects:

- (1) Principles of Anatomy and Embryology
- (2) Elements of Microbiology, Hygiene and Sanitation
- (3) Obstetrics
- (4) Maternal and Child Health
- (5) Infant Care and Feeding
- (6) Jurisprudence and Ethics

SEC. 22. *Administrative Investigations.*—In addition to the functions provided for in the preceding sections, the Board of Medical Examiners and Inquiry shall perform the following duties: (1) to administer oath to physicians who qualified in the examination; (2) to study the conditions affecting the practice of medicine in all parts of the Philippines; (3) to exercise the powers conferred upon it by this article with the view of maintaining the ethical and professional standards of the medical profession and the profession of midwives; (4) to *subpoena* or *subpoena duces tecum* witnesses for all purposes required in the discharge of its duties; and (5) to promulgate, with the approval of the Commissioner of Civil Service, such rules and regulations as it may deem necessary for the performance of its duties in harmony with the provisions of this Act and necessary for the proper practice of medicine and midwifery in the Philippines.

Administrative investigations may be conducted by not less than four members of the Board of Medical Examiners and Inquiry; otherwise the proceedings shall be considered void. The existing rules of evidence shall be observed during all administrative investigations. The Board may disapprove applications for examination or registration, reprimand erring physicians or midwives, or suspend or revoke registration certificates, if the respondents are found guilty after due investigations.

SEC. 23. *Procedure and Rules.*—Within five days after the filing of written charges under oath, the respondent physician or midwife shall be furnished a copy thereof, without requiring him or her to answer the same, and the Board shall conduct the investigation within five days after the receipt of such copy by the respondent. The investigation shall be completed as soon as practicable.

SEC. 24. *Grounds for reprimand, suspension or revocation of registration certificate.*—Any of the following shall be sufficient ground for reprimanding a physician or midwife, or for suspending or revoking a certificate of registration as physician or midwife:

- (1) Conviction by a court of competent jurisdiction of any criminal offense involving moral turpitude;
- (2) Immoral or dishonorable conduct;
- (3) Insanity;
- (4) Fraud in the acquisition of the certificate of registration;
- (5) Gross negligence, ignorance or incompetence in the practice of his or her profession resulting in an injury to or death of the patient;
- (6) Addiction to alcoholic beverages or to any habit-forming drug rendering him or her incompetent to practice his or her profession;
- (7) False or extravagant or unethical advertisements wherein other things than his name, profession, limitation of practice, clinic hours, office and home address, are men-

tioned. Advertising by the respondent for the purpose of enhancing his prestige and increasing his clientele, of postgraduate studies or the possession of special certificates or degrees from colleges or clinics where postgraduate work was pursued, or of previous service or experience in any institution, governmental or otherwise; mention of allegedly unusual or special technique in treatment; publication of duly identified photographs showing the respondent in action; and the enumeration of different diseases or modes of treatment thereof or guaranteeing or warranting operations or cure of my disease, shall be considered as unethical advertisements.

- (8) Performance of or aiding in any criminal abortion;
- (9) Knowingly issuing any false medical certificate;
- (10) Issuing any statement or spreading any news or rumor which is derogatory to the character and reputation of another physician or midwife without justifiable motive;
- (11) Aiding or acting as a dummy of an unqualified or unregistered persons to practice medicine or midwifery;
- (12) Violation of any provision of the Code of Ethics as approved by the Philippine Medical Association.

Refusal of a physician to attend a patient in danger of death is not a sufficient ground for revocation or suspension of his registration certificate if there is a risk to the physician's life.

SEC. 25. *Rights of respondents.*—The respondent physician or midwife shall be entitled to be represented by counsel or be heard by himself or herself to have a speedy and public hearing, to confront and to cross-examine witnesses against him or her, and to all other rights guaranteed by the Constitution and provided for in the Rules of Court.

SEC. 26. *Appeal from judgment.*—The decision of the Board of Medical Examiners and Inquiry shall automatically become final thirty days after the date of its promulgation unless the respondent, during the same period, has appealed to the Commissioner of Civil Service and later to the Office of the President of the Philippines. If the final decision is not satisfactory, the respondent may ask for a review of the case, or may file in court a petition for certiorari.

SEC. 27. *Reinstatement.*—After five years, the Board may order the reinstatement of any physician or midwife whose certification of registration has been revoked, if the respondent has acted in an exemplary manner in the community wherein he resides and has not committed any illegal, immoral or dishonorable act.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### PENAL AND OTHER PROVISIONS

SEC. 28. *Penalties.*—Any person found guilty of "illegal practice of medicine" shall be punished by a fine of not less than one thousand pesos nor more than ten thousand pesos with subsidiary imprisonment in case of insolvency, or by imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than five years, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 29. *Injunctions.*—The Board of Medical Examiners and Inquiry may file an action to enjoin any person illegally practicing medicine from the performance of any act constituting practice of medicine if the case warrants until the necessary certificate therefor is secured. Any such person who, after having been so enjoined, continues in the illegal practice of medicine shall be punished for

contempt of court. The said injunction shall not relieve the person practicing medicine without certificate of registration from criminal prosecution and punishment as provided in the preceding section.

SEC. 30. *Appropriation.*—To carry out the provisions of this act, there is hereby appropriated, out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of twenty thousand pesos.

SEC. 31. *Repealing clause.*—All Acts, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 32. *Effectivity.*—This Act shall take effect upon its approval: *Provided*, That if it is approved during the time when examinations for physicians and midwives are held, it shall take effect immediately after the said examinations: *Provided, further*, That section six of this Act shall take effect at the beginning of the academic year 1960-1961, and the first paragraph of section seven shall take effect four years thereafter.

The SPEAKER. The sponsor of the measure has the floor.

#### REMARKS OF THE SPONSOR, MR. GUSTILO

Mr. GUSTILO. Mr. Speaker, during the last session of Congress, the bill entitled the "Medical Act of 1957" was passed. But, unfortunately, the President of the Philippines vetoed it in view of some objectionable features thereof. Mr. Speaker, in the preparation of this bill, necessary changes were made to remove the objectionable features of the previous bill and, at the same time, improve or remove the obsolete provisions of the old medical law in the Revised Administrative Code. There is no question, Mr. Speaker, that the present measure will ultimately raise the standard of medical education in the Philippines and give more power to the Board of Medical Examiners to punish not only the unethical methods of certain practitioners, but also all the illegal practitioners—quacks and charlatans. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the approval of this bill.

Mr. MORENO. Mr. Speaker, may I know if this bill was referred to the Committee on Health, inasmuch as the previous bill approved by this Congress had been referred to the Committee on Health?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Negros Occidental may answer.

Mr. GUSTILO. Mr. Speaker, as far as I know, the first bill was approved by the Committee on Health in the year 1957, passed by both Houses of Congress in the same year and submitted to the President for his signature. Unfortunately, as I said, it was vetoed because of some objectionable features. Mr. Speaker, the present bill was not submitted to the Committee on Education because, as the authors

reasoned out, this bill is the same as the first, only without the objectionable features.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The SPEAKER. With the permission of the gentlemen, the session is suspended.

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The SPEAKER. The session is resumed.

Mr. GUSTILO. Mr. Speaker, the Committee has some amendments to present.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman may present the Committee amendments.

#### COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Mr. GUSTILO. On page 3, Section 6, lines 21 and 22, between "Chemistry-21 units" and "Library Science-1 unit," insert HUMANITIES AND PUBLIC RELATIONS-2 UNITS.

The SPEAKER. Is there any objection? (*After a pause.*) The Chair does not hear any. The amendment is approved.

Mr. GUSTILO. On the same page 3, Section 6, lines 11 and 12, between the words "following" and "subjects," delete the phrase "preparatory medical course."

The SPEAKER. Is there any objection? (*After a pause.*) The Chair does not hear any. The amendment is approved.

Mr. GUSTILO. On page 10, line 14, place a comma (,) after the word "Association" and insert the phrase AFTER DUE CONSULTATION WITH OTHER MEDICAL ASSOCIATIONS, before the word "during."

The SPEAKER. Is there any objection? (*After a pause.*) The Chair does not hear any. The amendment is approved.

Mr. GUSTILO. On page 15, lines 12 and 13, after "(16) Parasitology," insert (17) GENERAL MEDICINE, INCLUDING PHYSIOLOGY.

The SPEAKER. Is there any objection? (*After a pause.*) The Chair does not hear any. The amendment is approved.

Mr. GUSTILO. The Committee has no more amendments, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Individual amendments are now in order.

#### MORENO AMENDMENT

Mr. MORENO. Mr. Speaker, on page 1, line 5, delete the words "and midwifery," and on line 6, delete the words "and midwives" and everything referring to midwifery and midwives wherever found in the bill.



The SPEAKER. What does the Committee say?

Mr. GUSTILO. The Committee accepts the amendment, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Is there any objection to the amendment? *(After a pause.)* The Chair does not hear any. The amendment is approved.

Mr. MORENO. Mr. Speaker, I move for the suspension of the session for one minute.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The SPEAKER. The session is suspended for one minute.

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The SPEAKER. The session is resumed.

Mr. MORENO. On page 14, Mr. Speaker. . .

Mr. REYES. Anterior amendment, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Gentleman from Ilocos Sur.

#### REYES AMENDMENT

Mr. REYES. On page 1, lines 12 and 13, after "medical examiners," delete "and Inquiry," and the same phrase wherever else it is found in the bill.

The SPEAKER. What does the Committee say?

Mr. GUSTILO. The Committee accepts the amendment, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Is there any objection to the amendment presented by the gentleman from Ilocos Sur? *(After a pause.)* The Chair does not hear any. The amendment is approved.

#### MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I move for the reconsideration of the amendment of the Committee on page 3, Section 6, between lines 21 and 22.

The SPEAKER. Is there any objection? *(After a pause.)* The Chair does not hear any. The motion is approved.

#### REYES AMENDMENT TO THE COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I offer the following amendment to the amendment of the Committee:

On page 3, between lines 21 and 22, "Humanities and Public Relations-2 Units" should read: HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE-12 UNITS.

The SPEAKER. What does the Committee say?

Mr. GUSTILO. The Committee accepts the amendment, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Is there any objection? *(After a pause.)* The Chair does not hear any. The amendment of the Committee, as amended, is approved.

#### MORENO AMENDMENT

Mr. MORENO. Mr. Speaker, on page 14, delete the whole Section 21 entitled "Scope of Examination" and in lieu thereof insert the following provisions: "The examination for the registration of physicians shall consist of the following subjects: (1) Anatomy and Histology, (2) Physiology, (3) Biochemistry, (4) Microbiology and Parasitology, (5) Pharmacology and Therapeutics, (6) Pathology, (7) Medicine, (8) Obstetrics and Gynecology, (9) Pediatrics and Nutrition, (10) Surgery and Ophthalmology, Otolaryngology and Rhinology, (11) Preventive Medicine and Public Health, and (12) Legal Medicine, Ethics and Medical Jurisprudence: *Provided, however,* That the examination questions in each subject or group of subjects shall at least be ten in number: *Provided, further,* That the examination questions in Medicine shall include at least three from the following branches: Infectious Diseases, Neurology, Dermatology, Allergy, Endocrinology and cardiovascular diseases: *Provided, Finally,* That the examination questions in Surgery shall include at least four questions from the following: Ophthalmology, Otology Rhinology, Laryngology, Orthopedic Survey and Anesthesiology. The questions shall be the same for all applicants. All answers must be written either in English or Spanish. No name of the examinee shall appear in the examination paper but the examiners shall devise a system whereby each applicant can be identified by number only.

"In order that a candidate may be deemed to have passed his examination successfully he must have obtained a general average of seventy-five per cent in all subjects, without a grade lower than sixty-five per cent in Medicine, Pediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Preventive Medicine and Public Health, and no grade lower than fifty per cent in the rest of the subjects."

Mr. ZOSA. Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Gentleman from Cebu.

Mr. ZOSA. Mr. Speaker, for a point of order, before we are through with the period of amendments. It seems that this bill has for its purpose the amendment of the Medical Law, the law on medical examination. Mr. Speaker, I do not want the Members of the Committee on Revision of Laws to blame their Chairman for not claiming jurisdiction on this bill. I would not blame the Chairman of the Committee on Education for having acted on this bill, but I blame those who make the assignment of bills to different Committees, because I have noticed that we have been

referring many a bill to the wrong committee, often resulting in embarrassment for the committee to which it really belongs and for the Committee to which it has been referred. Let us, for once, Mr. Speaker, correct this anomaly or there will be confusion. Mr. Speaker, my point of order, therefore, is that this bill is not ready for consideration because it was not acted upon and reported out by the proper Committee.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The SPEAKER. Just a moment please. With the consent of the gentlemen on the floor, the session is suspended for two minutes.

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The SPEAKER. The session is resumed.

Mr. ZOSA. Mr. Speaker, I believe that I am right but, taking into account the importance of the bill and also the capability, preparation and patriotism of the Chairman of the Committee on Education, I do not want to be an obstacle to the speedy consideration of the bill before the House. I withdraw my objection, but this should serve as a warning to the proper division of the House, that from now on it should be more careful in the study of bills for reference and that this should not be taken as a precedent. This should be the last exception.

Mr. MORENO. Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Gentleman from Romblon, order, please. The gentlemen will please take their respective seats.

Mr. MORENO. (*Continuing.*) "Physiology, five per cent; Biochemistry, five per cent; Pharmacology, and Therapeutics, five per cent; Microbiology and Parasitology, five per cent; and Legal Medicine, Ethics and Medical Jurisprudence, five per cent."

Mr. ENVERGA. Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Just a moment, please. Gentleman from Quezon.

Mr. ENVERGA. I should like to register my opposition to the amendment that is being presented right now because, if we evaluate the point and legislate . . .

The SPEAKER. Just a moment. The gentleman may speak against the amendment after it has been presented.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Mr. ENVERGA. May I ask for the suspension of the session for two minutes?

The SPEAKER. The session is suspended for two minutes.

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#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The SPEAKER. The session is resumed.

Mr. MORENO. Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. Gentleman from Romblon.

Mr. MORENO. I will restate my amendment.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will please restate his amendment.

Mr. MORENO. On page 14, I move to delete Section 21 and in lieu thereof, insert the following:

SEC. 21. SCOPE OF EXAMINATION.—THE EXAMINATION FOR THE REGISTRATION OF PHYSICIANS SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS: (1) ANATOMY AND HISTOLOGY, (2) PHYSIOLOGY, (3) BIOCHEMISTRY, (4) MICROBIOLOGY AND PARASITOLOGY, (5) PHARMACOLOGY AND THERAPEUTICS, (6) PATHOLOGY, (7) MEDICINE, (8) OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY, (9) PEDIATRICS AND NUTRITION, (10) SURGERY AND OPHTHALMOLOGY, OTOLARYNGOLOGY AND RHINOLOGY, (11) PREVENTIVE MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH, AND (12) LEGAL MEDICINE, ETHICS AND MEDICAL JURISPRUDENCE: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE EXAMINATION QUESTIONS IN EACH SUBJECT OR GROUP OF SUBJECTS SHALL AT LEAST BE TEN IN NUMBER: PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT THE EXAMINATION QUESTIONS IN MEDICINE SHALL INCLUDE AT LEAST THREE FROM THE FOLLOWING BRANCHES: INFECTIOUS DISEASES, NEUROLOGY, DERMATOLOGY, ALLERGY, ENDOCRINOLOGY AND CARDIO-VASCULAR DISEASES: PROVIDED, FINALLY, THAT THE EXAMINATION QUESTIONS IN SURGERY SHALL INCLUDE AT LEAST FOUR QUESTIONS FROM THE FOLLOWING: OPHTHALMOLOGY, OTOTOLOGY, RHINOLOGY, LARYNGOLOGY, ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY AND ANESTHESIOLOGY.

THE QUESTIONS SHALL BE THE SAME FOR ALL APPLICANTS. ALL ANSWERS MUST BE WRITTEN EITHER IN ENGLISH OR SPANISH. NO NAME OF THE EXAMINEE SHALL APPEAR IN THE EXAMINATION PAPER BUT THE EXAMINERS SHALL DEVISE A SYSTEM WHEREBY EACH APPLICANT CAN BE IDENTIFIED BY NUMBER ONLY.

IN ORDER THAT A CANDIDATE MAY BE DEEMED TO HAVE PASSED HIS EXAMINATION SUCCESSFULLY HE MUST HAVE OBTAINED A GENERAL AVERAGE OF SEVENTY-FIVE PER CENT IN MEDICINE, PEDIATRICS AND NUTRITION, OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY, AND PREVENTIVE MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH, AND NO GRADE LOWER THAN FIFTY PER CENT IN THE REST OF THE SUBJECTS.

THE PRELIMINARY EXAMINATIONS SHALL COMPREHEND THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

- (1) GROSS ANATOMY AND HISTOLOGY.
- (2) PHYSIOLOGY.
- (3) BIOCHEMISTRY.
- (4) MICROBIOLOGY AND PARASITOLOGY.

The SPEAKER. What does the Committee say?

Mr. GUSTILO. Mr. Speaker, I yield the floor to my colleague, Congressman Reyes.

Mr. REYES. We accept the amendment.

The SPEAKER. Is there any objection? (*After a pause.*) The Chair does not hear any. The amendment is approved.

Are there any further amendments?

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, the Committee has some more amendments.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman may present them.

#### FURTHER COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Mr. REYES. On page 5, line 28, change the period (.) to a comma (,) and add the following: BIRTH CERTIFICATE AND MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE, IF ANY.

The SPEAKER. Is there any objection? (*After a pause.*) The Chair does not hear any. The amendment is approved.

Mr. REYES. On page 7, line 15, at the end of the line, add the following: SHOWING FOR THIS PURPOSE CERTIFICATE OF CIVIL STATUS.

Mr. REYES. On page 11, delete lines 1 to 3.

The SPEAKER. Is there any objection? (*After a pause.*) The Chair does not hear any. The amendment is approved.

Mr. REYES. On page 17, line 20, at the end of the line, add: OR TO ANY FORM OF GAMBLING.

The SPEAKER. Is there any objection? (*After a pause.*) The Chair does not hear any. The amendment is approved.

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, if there are no further amendments, I move that the bill, as amended, be approved on second reading.

Mr. TRONO. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker. Is this the same bill, of which I was one of the co-authors—the Medical Act of 1957—and which was passed by the Third Congress but vetoed by the President?

Mr. REYES. Yes, with improvements.

Mr. TRONO. I want to state here for purposes of the record that I am in favor of this bill because I was one of its co-authors in 1957. It was passed by the Third Congress and vetoed by the President because of some objectionable features like taking away the power of the President to appoint the members of the Board of Medical Examiners. Now, Mr. Speaker, this measure has the nature of a Medical Act. When it was re-introduced in this fourth session of Congress, it was never referred to the Committee on Health. I want to make it of record that the new members of the Committee on Health, who are doctors, did not have a chance to scrutinize this bill; it was just referred to the Committee on Education and it was reported out by said Committee. We took pains to study this

bill during the Third Congress, and we held public hearings.

Mr. UBAY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

The SPEAKER. The gentleman may yield if he pleases.

Mr. TRONO. With pleasure.

Mr. UBAY. Does the gentleman mean to say that this bill is being railroaded?

Mr. TRONO. No, I do not mean that, but I wish to make it of record that the proper procedure must be observed in the deliberations on bills in this Congress.

Mr. UBAY. But I have just heard that this bill passed the Committee on Revision of Laws, and now the gentleman is claiming that his Committee was not given a chance to pass on this bill.

Mr. TRONO. I do not mean to obstruct the passage of this bill, but I want to make it of record that bills of this nature must be referred to the Committee on Health because this is a Medical Act and it affects the health of the people.

Mr. UBAY. I am with the gentleman one hundred per cent. Thank you.

#### APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 2882

The SPEAKER. The House will now vote on the bill, as amended. As many as are in favor, please say *Aye*. (*Several Representatives: Aye.* As many as are against, please say *No*. (*Silence.*) House Bill No. 2882, as amended is approved on second reading.

#### REQUIREMENT FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mr. MONTANO. Mr. Speaker, I move that we consider now House Bill No. 1561.

The SPEAKER. Is there any objection? (*After a pause.*) The Chair does not hear any. The amendment is approved.

The consideration of House Bill No. 1561 is now in order. With the permission of the House, the Secretary will read only the title of the bill, without prejudice to inserting in the Record the whole text thereof.

The SECRETARY, reading:

An Act to amend Section four of Republic Act Numbered One hundred fifty-seven by including graduates of criminology schools or colleges as eligible for appointment in the National Bureau of Investigation.

(*The following is the whole text of the bill.*)



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At 10:50 a.m., the Speaker, Hon. Daniel Z. Romualdez, called the House to order.

ROLL CALL

The SPEAKER. The Secretary will call the roll.

The SECRETARY, reading:

Table listing names and attendance status (Present/Absent) for the first set of representatives.

Table listing names and attendance status (Present/Absent) for the second set of representatives.

Mr. Suntay	Yea
" Tan	Absent
" Teves	Yea
" Tobia	Absent
" Trono	(Presiding)
" Ubay	Yea
" Ursua	Absent
" Veloso	Yea
" Venida	Absent
" Villareal	Yea
" Yancha	Yea
" Yñiguez	Yea
Mrs. Ziga	Yea
Mr. Zosa	Yea

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Trono). With 77 affirmative votes and no negative vote, House Bill No. 2629 is approved on third reading.

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE  
BILL NO. 2882

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Trono). Voting on third reading on House Bill No. 2882 is now in order. The Secretary will read the title of the bill.

The SECRETARY, reading:

The Medical Act of 1959.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Trono). The House will now proceed to vote on the bill. The Secretary will call the roll.

The SECRETARY, reading:

Mr. Abeleda	Absent
" Abordo (D.)	Yea
" Abordo (G.)	Yea
" Abrigo	Yea
" Agbayani	Yea
" Agudo	Yea
" Aguja	Yea
" Albano	Yea
" Alberto	Yea
" Aldeguer	Yea
" Amilbangsa	Yea
" Apacible	Absent
" Babao	Yea
" Badelles	Yea
" Bagatsing	Yea
" Balite	Yea
" Baltao	Yea
" Cabangbang	Yea
" Cases	Absent
" Castañeda	Yea
" Castillo	Yea
" Chiongbian	Yea
" Cortez	Yea
" Cuenco	Absent
" Dugenio	Yea
" Duran	Absent
" Durano	Yea
" Duyan	Absent
" Encinas	Yea

Mr. Enerio	Yea
" Enverga	Yea
" Espinosa (E.)	Yea
" Espinosa (P.)	Yea
" Fernandez	Absent
" Ferrer	Yea
" Fournier	Yea
" Fortich	Yea
" Francisco	Yea
" Fuentebella	Yea
" Garcia	Absent
" Garduque	Yea
" Gatuslao	Yea
" Gonzales	Yea
" Guinto	Yea
" Gustilo	Yea
" Honrado	Yea
" Hora	Yea
" Kintanar	Yea
" Ladrido	Absent
" Lagumbay	Yea
" Laurel, IV	Yea
" Lecaroz	Absent
" Legaspi	Absent
" Leido	Yea
" Ligot	Yea
" Macias	Yea
" Magsaysay	Absent
" Marcos	Yea
" Mariño	Yea
" Mercado	Yea
" Millan	Yea
" Mitra	Yea
" Montano	Yea
" Moreno	Absent
" Nepomuceno	Absent
" Noel	Yea
" Nuguid	Yea
" Nuyda	Yea
" Ocampo	Yea
" Ortega	Yea
" Osmeña	Yea
" Padilla	Yea
" Paredes	Yea
" Pendatun	Yea
" Peralta	Yea
" Perez (A.)	Absent
" Perez (L.)	Yea
" Pio	Yea
" Primicias	Absent
" Raquiza	Yea
" Reyes	Absent
" Rocas	Yea
" Roxas	Absent
" Roy	Yea
" Sanchez	Absent
" Sepulveda	Yea
" Sumulong	Yea
" Suntay	Yea
" Tan	Absent
" Teves	Yea
" Tobia	Absent
" Trono	(Presiding)
" Ubay	Yea

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Mr. Ursua .....	Absent
" Veloso .....	Yea
" Venida .....	Absent
" Villareal .....	Yea
" Yancha .....	Yea
" Yñiguez .....	Yea
Mrs. Ziga .....	Yea
Mr. Zosa .....	Yea

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Trono). With 77 affirmative votes and no negative vote, House Bill No. 2882 is approved on third reading.

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE  
BILL NO. 3385

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Trono). Voting on third reading on House Bill No. 3385 is now in order. The Secretary will read the title of the bill.

The SECRETARY, reading:

An Act increasing the number and salaries of agents in the National Bureau of Investigation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Trono). The House will now proceed to vote on the bill. The Secretary will call the roll.

The SECRETARY, reading:

Mr. Abeleda .....	Absent
" Abordo (D.) .....	Yea
" Abordo (G.) .....	Yea
" Abrigo .....	Yea
" Agbayani .....	Yea
" Agudo .....	Yea
" Aguja .....	Yea
" Albano .....	Yea
" Alberto .....	Yea
" Aldeguer .....	Yea
" Amilbangsa .....	Yea
" Apacible .....	Absent
" Babao .....	Yea
" Badelles .....	Yea
" Bagatsing .....	Yea
" Balite .....	Yea
" Baltao .....	Yea
" Cabangbang .....	Yea
" Cases .....	Absent
" Castañeda .....	Yea
" Castillo .....	Yea
" Chiongbian .....	Yea
" Cortez .....	Yea
" Cuenco .....	Absent
" Dugenio .....	Yea
" Duran .....	Absent
" Durano .....	Yea
" Duyan .....	Absent
" Encinas .....	Yea
" Enerio .....	Yea
" Enverga .....	Yea
" Espinosa (E.) .....	Yea
" Espinosa (P.) .....	Yea
" Fernandez .....	Absent

Mr. Ferrer .....	Yea
" Fornier .....	Yea
" Fortich .....	Yea
" Francisco .....	Yea
" Fuentesbella .....	Absent
" Garcia .....	Yea
" Garduque .....	Yea
" Gatuslao .....	Yea
" Gonzales .....	Yea
" Guinto .....	Yea
" Gustilo .....	Yea
" Honrado .....	Yea
" Hora .....	Yea
" Kintanar .....	Absent
" Ladrido .....	Yea
" Lagumbay .....	Yea
" Laurel, IV .....	Absent
" Lecaroz .....	Absent
" Legaspi .....	Yea
" Leido .....	Yea
" Ligot .....	Yea
" Macias .....	Absent
" Magsaysay .....	Yea
" Marcos .....	Yea
" Mariño .....	Yea
" Mercado .....	Yea
" Millan .....	Yea
" Mitra .....	Yea
" Montano .....	Absent
" Moreno .....	Absent
" Nepomuceno .....	Yea
" Noel .....	Yea
" Nuguid .....	Yea
" Nuyda .....	Yea
" Ocampo .....	Yea
" Ortega .....	Yea
" Osmeña .....	Yea
" Padilla .....	Yea
" Paredes .....	Yea
" Pendatun .....	Yea
" Peralta .....	Yea
" Perez (A.) .....	Absent
" Perez (L.) .....	Yea
" Pio .....	Yea
" Primicias .....	Absent
" Raquiza .....	Yea
" Reyes .....	Absent
" Rocas .....	Yea
" Roxas .....	Absent
" Roy .....	Yea
" Sanchez .....	Absent
" Sepulveda .....	Yea
" Sumulong .....	Yea
" Suntay .....	Yea
" Tan .....	Absent
" Teves .....	Yea
" Tobia .....	Absent
" Trono .....	(Presiding)
" Ubay .....	Yea
" Ursua .....	Absent
" Veloso .....	Yea
" Venida .....	Absent
" Villareal .....	Yea
" Yancha .....	Yea