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**JOINT EXPLANATION OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
 ON THE DISAGREEING PROVISIONS OF  
 SENATE BILL NO. 2699 AND HOUSE BILL NO 3216.**

The Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 2699 and House Bill No. 3216, after having met and fully discussed the subject matter in a conference, hereby report to their respective Houses the following, that:

1. The conferees agreed to use the Senate version as the working draft;
2. SECTION 1 under SECTION 1 of the Senate version was adopted and amended to read, as follows:

**"SECTION 1. xxx**

**SECTION 1. The baselines of the Philippine archipelago are hereby defined and described specifically, as follows:"**

On the technical description under SECTION 1 of the Senate version, the following were amended to read, as follows:

Basepoint Number	Station Name	Location	World Geodetic System of 1984 (WGS 84) Coordinates		Distance to next basepoint (M)
			Latitude (N)	Longitude (E)	
21	PAB-16A	E Sora Cay	12° 21' 41.64"	125° 23' 7.41"	5.88
26	PAB-18A	SE Tubabao Is.	12° 6' 7.00"	125° 34' 11.94"	83.84
30	PAB-21B	Sanco Pt.	8° 13' 11.53"	126° 28' 53.25"	30.80
31	PAB-22	Bagoso Is.	7° 42' 45.02"	126° 34' 29.03"	12.95
40	PAB-26	SE Sarangani Is.	5° 23' 34.20"	125° 28' 42.11"	0.43
98	PAB-82	Itbayat Is.	20° 43' 15.74"	121° 46' 57.80"	25.63

3. SEC. 2 of the Senate version was adopted with amendments to read, as follows:

"SEC. 2. The baselines in the following areas over which the Philippines likewise exercises sovereignty and jurisdiction shall be determined as "Regime of Islands" under the Republic of the Philippines consistent with Article 121 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS):

- a. The Kalayaan Island Group as constituted under Presidential Decree No. 1596; and
- b. Bajo de Masinloc, also known as Scarborough Shoal."

4. SEC. 3 of the Senate version was adopted with amendments to read, as follows:

"SEC. 3. This Act affirms that the Republic of the Philippines has dominion, sovereignty and jurisdiction over all portions of the national territory as defined in the Constitution and by provisions of applicable laws including, without limitation, Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended."

5. SEC. 6 of the House version was adopted as the new SEC. 4. The subtitle, "*Registration with the United Nations*", was deleted.

6. SEC. 7 of the House version was adopted as the new SEC. 5. The subtitle, "*Issuance of Appropriate Charts and Maps*", was deleted.

7. SEC. 8 of the House version was adopted as the new SEC. 6. The subtitle, "*Appropriations*", was deleted.

8. SEC. 4 of the Senate version was adopted as the new SEC. 7.

9. SEC. 9 of the House version was adopted as the new SEC. 8. The section was amended to read, as follows:



"SEC. 8. The provisions of Republic Act No. 3046, as amended by Republic Act No. 5446, and all other laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and issuances inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended or modified accordingly."

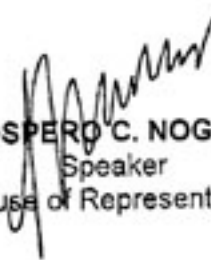
10. SEC. 5 of the Senate version was adopted as the new SEC. 9 and amended to read, as follows:

"SEC. 9. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any two (2) newspapers of general circulation."


11. The title of the Senate version was adopted and amended to read, as follows:

**"AN ACT  
TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3046,  
AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5446, TO DEFINE THE  
ARCHIPELAGIC BASELINES OF THE PHILIPPINES,  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**



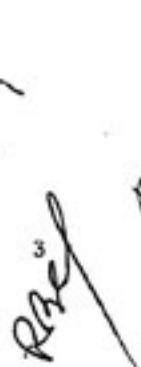
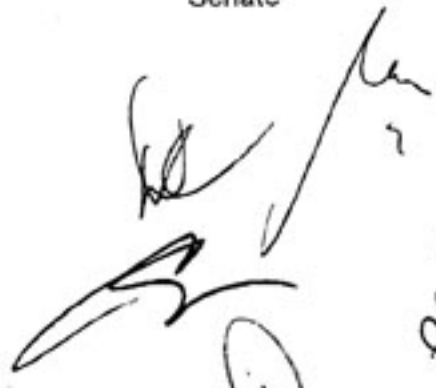

In case of conflict between the provisions/amendments stated in this Joint Explanation and that of the consolidated bill in the accompanying Conference Committee Report, the provisions of the latter shall prevail.



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House of Representatives




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**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 2699, entitled:

**"AN ACT  
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NO. 5446, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

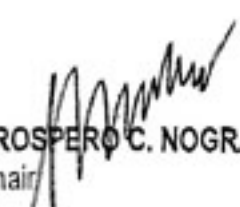
and House Bill No. 3216, entitled:

**"AN ACT  
DEFINING THE ARCHIPELAGIC BASELINES OF THE PHILIPPINE ARCHIPELAGO, AMENDING  
FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3046,  
AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5446"**

after having met and discussed the subject matter in full and free conference, has agreed and does hereby recommend to their respective Houses that Senate Bill No. 2699, in consolidation with House Bill No. 3216, be approved in accordance with the attached copy of the bill as reconciled and approved by the conferees.

Approved,


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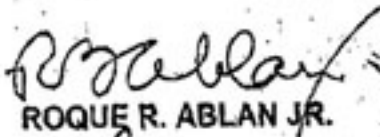
  
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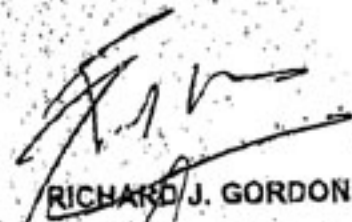
  
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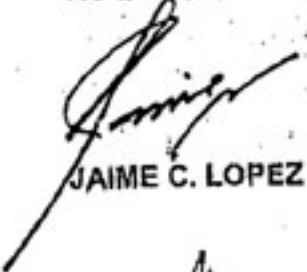
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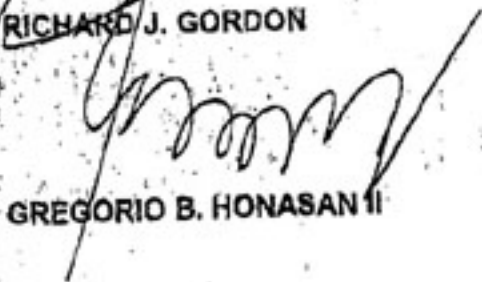
  
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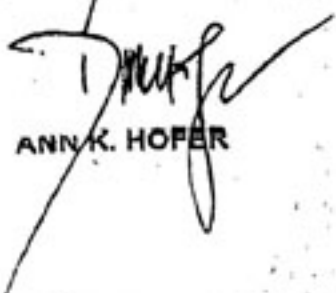
  
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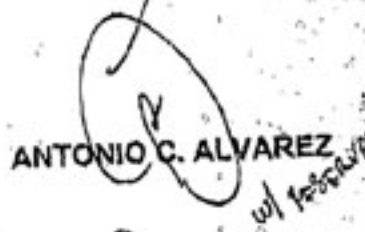
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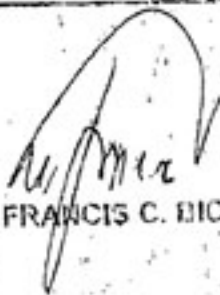
  
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