



**THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA**

**SPEECH OF THE SPEAKER OF  
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA  
AT THE CLOSING PLENARY SESSION  
OF THE IV SITTING PERIOD OF 2020–2021 SITTING YEAR  
FRIDAY, 9 APRIL 2021**

***Assalamu'alaikum Warohmatullahi Wabarokatuh,  
May peace be upon you all,  
Om Swasti Astu,  
Namo Buddhaya,  
Greetings of Virtue,***

- *Excellencies Vice Speakers of the House of Representatives,*
- *Honorable Members of the House of the Representatives,*
- *Distinguished Guests,*
- *Ladies and Gentlemen,*

Praise be to Allah SWT, God the Almighty, for bestowing upon us His grace and blessings to come here today to carry out our constitutional duties at the Closing Plenary Session of the 4<sup>th</sup> Sitting Period of 2020-2021 Sitting Year.

In this short Sitting Period while we are still dealing with the COVID-19 Pandemic, all Members of the House have put their best efforts in performing their constitutional duties to exercise the sovereignty of the people.

**Honorable House,**

On behalf of the Leaders and all Members of the House of Representatives, I would like to express my deepest sympathy and condolences to the victims and families affected by a massive blaze at Pertamina Company's oil refinery in Balongan, Indramayu, West Java, and flash floods and landslides in the provinces of East Nusa Tenggara and West Nusa Tenggara, as well as other disaster-affected areas in Indonesia.

On this occasion, all the Leaders and Members of the House also condemned the perpetrators of the bombing in front of the Makassar Cathedral Church, South Sulawesi, and the terror attack at the Jakarta Police Headquarters. The security forces must immediately investigate and arrest the parties responsible for the incident. All parties must increase vigilance and security, especially in vital objects and public places. Let us be more attentive and stand together to fight such acts of terrorism.

It is our collective duty to remind each other and prevent the spread of ideas that can endanger the life of the nation and state, threaten the existence of Pancasila, the 1945 Constitutions, the Unitary State of the Republic of Indonesia, and life in Unity in Diversity.

**Honorable House,**

In performing our legislative function, in the current sitting period, the House has listed and approved the 2021 Priority National Legislation Program (Prolegnas) and the Prolegnas of 2020-2024 Amendment Bills. Approval of Prolegnas is a form of the House's and the Government's commitment to have a measurable guideline in meeting the needs of national law.

Furthermore, the House together with the Government must immediately complete the bill deliberation which is currently at the first

level of deliberation. The House also needs to immediately determine the House's proposed bills which have already completed the stages of harmonization, integration, and consolidation of the conception.

In all the drafting stages of the bills, the House is committed to prioritizing quality bills that meet the needs of national law and fulfill the social legitimacy aspects. Therefore, the House also opens public participation in every stage of bill drafting.

In the current sitting period, the House received a letter from the President on the appointment of the Government Representatives to deliberate the Bill on the Amendment of Law Number 38 of 2004 on Roads.

In addition, the House also received 2 (two) Presidential letters regarding requests for decisions on the form of legal products to ratify the plan to ratify international trade agreements that have been signed by the Government, namely:

1. Plan to ratify ASEAN Trade in Services Agreement.
2. Plan to ratify Agreement of Voluntary Partnership between the Republic of Indonesia and the United Kingdom on the Enforcement of Law on Forestry, Management, and Trade in Timber Products to the United Kingdom.

The relevant commissions can effectively follow up on the bill and the two Ratification Plans mentioned above.

The House has made a strong commitment to immediately begin debate on the bills that have been prioritized in 2021.

The House welcomes Papuans to engage in the process of amendment to Law Number 21 of 2001 jo. Law Number 35 of 2008 on the Special Autonomy for Papua by providing input and suggestions for strengthening the law's substance. The House hopes that the revision of this law can result in a better formulation for increasing Papuan people's welfare in many aspects in the future, especially in education and social welfare.

**Honorable House,**

The implementation of the State Budget for the 2021 Fiscal Year is currently in its First Quarter of implementation. In the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, the State Budget has played a critical role in expediting national social and economic recovery, both through policies and development programs. Therefore, the House continues to monitor and evaluate the implementation of the State Budget in the first quarter of this year, through its relevant commissions and Complementary Organs to ensure it can be carried out quickly, accurately, and effectively in promoting national social and economic recovery.

The House realizes that the effectiveness of the State Budget implementation will have a significant impact on the momentum of the

2021 economic growth leap and the recovery of people's socioeconomic conditions. In the midst of the need for effective State Budget realization, the Government must continue to focus on the State Revenue potential and keep the State Budget deficit under control in order to maintain fiscal stability.

**Honorable House,**

In carrying out its oversight function, the House, through meetings with its working partners, working committees in the Complementary Organs, monitoring teams, has devoted attention to, carried out evaluations on, and provided recommendations on on a variety of topics in national development and issues of public concern. including:

- a. Suspension of electronic certificates;
- b. Multi-interpretation articles in Electronic Information and Transaction ( ITE) Law;
- c. Food supply (rice);
- d. Availability of vaccinations and control of the spread of COVID-19;
- e. Plan of limited face-to-face learning;
- f. Restrictions on exodus/people travelling to their hometowns to celebrate Idul Fitri (mudik) and the preparation of the 2021 Hajj;
- g. Promotion of Non-Category Honorary Teachers and Education Personnel to be Civil Servant; and

h. Supervision performance of the Financial services Industry.

The House has given 2 (two) candidates for Ambassadors Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of friendly countries to the Republic of Indonesia special consideration. The House has also appointed 1 (one) Public Accountant Office (Kantor Akuntan Publik/KAP) as the examiner of the Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia (BPK RI) Financial Statements.

**Honorable House,**

During this sitting period, the House has also participated in a number of inter-parliamentary working meetings to pursue Indonesia's national interest, namely in:

- a. virtual meeting between the House Speaker with the Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU) President to inform Indonesia's readiness to host the IPU Assembly which is planned to be held in March 2022 and discuss various efforts to increase global cooperation.
- b. bilateral meetings with parliaments and diplomatic officials from several friendly countries, such as Ukraine and Russia.
- c. an online seminar on 16 March 2021, held by IPU in collaboration with UNESCAP and attended by parliaments from 55 countries.

## **Honorable House,**

I and the Leaders of the House, would like to express our appreciation for the hard work of all Members of the House in defending people's sovereignty, ensuring the sustainability of national development and the administration of government for the welfare of the people, the progress of Indonesia, and the establishment of the Indonesian character.

It is now the time for all MPs of the House to meet the people in their respective constituencies during the recess period. Let us greet and listen to the aspirations of the Indonesian people; let us develop strong bond with the people during the month of Ramadan; while we are also strengthening the implementation of the COVID-19 pandemic health protocol with the people.

On behalf of the Leaders of the House, I hereby officially declare to all Indonesians that starting 10 April 2021 to 5 May 2021 the House is entering recess of the 4th Sitting Year of 2020-2021. We would like to wish you all "Good Luck in your work" and have a peaceful and happy Ramadan, may Allah SWT, God the Almighty, always guide us all throughout our journey in life



***Wassalamu'alaikum Warohmatullahi Wabarokatuh.***

**SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA  
Signed  
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