



**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 OPENING PLENARY SESSION OF THE 3rd
SITTING PERIOD OF 2020-2021 SITTING YEAR
MONDAY JANUARY 11TH 2021**

***Assalamu'alaikum Warohmatullahi Wabarokatuh,
May Peace Be Upon Us All,
Om Swastiastu,
Namo Buddhaya,
Greetings of Virtue.***

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

Praise be to Allah, God the Almighty, for bestowing upon us His grace and blessings to come here today to carry out our constitutional duties at the Opening Plenary Session of the 3rd Sitting Period of the 2020-2021 Sitting Year.

On this occasion, the Leaders of the House wish all of us a Happy New Year 2021. May the new year be a year where the House can better carry out its constitutional duties in realizing the mandate of the people of Indonesia.

Before delivering the introductory remarks, on behalf of the Leaders and all Members of the House, I would like to express my deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathy on the demise of 2 (two) of our colleagues namely Hon. Dr. M. Ali Taher, SH, M. Hum., Member of the House representing Banten constituency from National Mandate Party (PAN) who passed away on Sunday, 3 January 2021, and Hon. Mr. Bambang Suryadi, SH, MH, Member of the House representing Lampung constituency from the

Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle (PDI-P), who passed away on Monday, 4 January 2021. May God grant the departed souls the best place by His side.

Leaders and all the House Members also express deep condolences for the tragedy of the Sriwijaya Air crash in the Java Sea of Thousand Islands regency, which occurred on Saturday, 9 January 2021. Let us send our prayers to all the victims, and may the bereaved families be comforted during this difficult time.

Honorable House,

Entering its 10th month since its first case was announced on 2 March 2020, people across Indonesia has felt the adverse impact of COVID-19 pandemic. It also has had a negative impact on people's activities and had serious consequences in the health, social, economic, and cultural sectors, thus worsening their well- being.

In the midst of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the government should make every effort to protect all Indonesian people and the land they have fought for, improve public welfare, educate the lives of the people, and participate toward the establishment of world order.

The House is highly committed to putting in a great deal of efforts in carrying out its legislation, budgeting, and oversight functions to overcome the Covid-19 Pandemic and its adverse impact. With a 25% physical attendance in the workplace, the House also ensures that it will carry out its constitutional duties properly while still also adhering to health protocols.

Therefore, in the current sitting period, the House will optimize the implementation of its constitutional duties. In exercising legislative function, The House will be selective in drafting bills deemed essential under the COVID-19 Pandemic situation. in exercising its budgeting function, the House will optimize the state budget in order to deal with Covid-19, national economic recovery, and the national development sustainability. In exercising the oversight function, the House will focus on the implementation of public services in a pandemic crisis.

Honorable House,

During the current sitting period, the House will decide on the 2021 Priority National Legislation Program (Prolegnas). The determination is an essential part of establishing a measurable point of reference to draft bills at the first level of deliberation. The selection of the priority bills is part of the fulfillment of national legal demands in order to expedite the achievements of the state's goals.

In addition to determining the 2021 Priority Prolegnas, the House will meet with the Government to debate a number of bills, including:

1. Bill on Amendment to Law Number 5 of 2014 concerning State Civil Apparatus.
2. Bill on Amendment to Law Number 1 of 1973 concerning the Indonesian Continental Shelf.
3. Bill on Amendment to Law Number 21 of 2001 concerning Special Autonomy for the Papua Province.
4. Bill on Ratification of the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement between the Republic of Indonesia and the EFTA States.

The Indonesian people have always been concerned about the House's tasks, while also evaluating its performance. Therefore, it will take a strong commitment from all of us to prepare and identify the priority bills for 2021 and finalize several bills currently being deliberated at the first level of deliberation.

Honorable House

Although the direction of the global and domestic economy is projected to improve, the danger of uncertainty remains significant. Therefore, in exercising the budgeting function, the House, through its Complementary Organs will continue to strengthen the implementation of the 2021 State Budget as a stimulus for national economic recovery, restoration of people's welfare, and the implementation of national development priorities, including supporting the Government's best efforts in providing Covid-19 vaccine.

In 2021, the Government and the House have set a target of 5 percent for Indonesia's economic growth. The target achievement will be largely determined by the availability and effectiveness of vaccinations, the consistency of various pandemic control efforts, the speed and effectiveness of economic recovery policies, and several reform agendas.

The House realizes that extra efforts are needed from the Government to achieve the target, considering that the dynamics of the pandemic in Indonesia and other countries will have a significant impact. To resume economic activity more extensively and safely, public health and pandemic control must remain a primary concern. In the national economy, safety and public health must play a critical role.

The House will continue to oversee the management of state finances in 2021 to ensure that the principles of good governance, transparency, accountability, effectiveness, and efficiency are upheld.

Honorable House

The oversight function of the House will be directed to oversee the government's administration in a number of areas, all of which must follow the law's mandate.

The House highly appreciates the Government for its fast response in providing reliable Covid-19 vaccines to the public. The government is devoting its efforts to fulfill its constitutional duty to safeguard the people by procuring vaccines.

The House will continue to oversee the preparation and procurement of safe and reliable vaccines with a permit from the Food and Drug Monitoring Agency (BPOM) and halal certification from the Indonesian Ulema Council (MUI). Vaccination must be effective, comprehensive, and accessible to people of all ages and backgrounds.

In the current sitting period, the House will conduct a fit and proper test of:

- Seven (7) candidates of Supreme Court Justices proposed by the Judicial Commission, namely one (1) candidate for Supreme Court Justice and six (6) candidates for ad hoc judges;
- Eighteen (18) candidates of Ombudsman for the 2021-2026 term of office proposed by the President of the Indonesian.

The House will also give its consideration to Candidates of Ambassadors of Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Friendly Countries.

In the framework of carrying out its oversight function optimally, the House will continue the works of the Monitoring Teams and the Working Committees formed through the House Complementary Organs.

In this sitting period, the House has also scheduled a series of parliamentary diplomacy activities in the context of bilateral, regional, and international cooperation. The Indonesian House delegation is planned to attend a virtual meeting of the OECD Global Parliamentary Network which will be held on 9-10 February 2021 in Paris. The House will also continue to promote international cooperation and maintain Indonesia's vigilance and readiness in responding to the dynamics of global politics and security.

Honorable House

After ten months of pandemic which shows no sign of easing in the days to come, it is time for us to heighten our awareness that the on-going restricted public activities will have adverse impact on the people's welfare. The people will severely suffer. Therefore, we need to work together to combat the Covid-19 Pandemic by

implementing strict health protocols to restore the people's activities in all sectors gradually.

In this sitting period, the House, in carrying out its constitutional mandate, will continue to intensify its efforts to control the pandemic, restore people's activities, and recover the national economy.

By reciting *bismillahirrahmanirrahim*, on behalf of the Leaders of the House, I hereby officially declare to all the people of Indonesia that the 3rd Sitting Period of the House of the 2020-2021 Sitting Year begins today, Monday 11 January 2021, until the end of the sitting period. To all the Honorable Members of the House of Representatives, I would like to wish you all "GOOD LUCK FOR OUR WORK IN REALIZING STATE'S GOALS AND DEVELOPING INDONESIA." "LONG LIVE INDONESIA!!"

Thank you.

*Wassalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh,
Om shanti shanti om*

**SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA
Signed
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