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COMMITTEE MEETINGS				
COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Government Enterprises and Privatization	HB 1988	Rep. Ting	Creating the Cagayan River Basin Development Authority, prescribing its powers, functions and duties, providing funds therefor	The Committee, chaired by Rep. Jesus Nonato Sacdalan (1st District, North Cotabato), approved HB 1988 subject to style.
	HB 2430	Rep. Villafuerte	Creating the Sustainable Bicol River Development Authority, prescribing its powers, functions and duties, providing funds therefor	The Committee approved HB 2430 subject to style.
	HB 2485	Rep. Amante	Creating the Lake Mainit Development Authority, prescribing its powers, functions and duties, and providing funds therefor	The Committee approved HB 2485 subject to style.
	HB 3231	Rep. Bernos	Creating the Abra River Basin Development Authority, prescribing its powers and functions and appropriating funds therefor	The Committee approved HB 3231 subject to style.
	HBs 2318, 3147, 4329 & 4963	Reps. Papandayan, Alejano, Adiong & Rodriguez (M.)	Creating the Lake Lanao Development Authority, defining its powers, functions and duties and providing funds therefor	The Committee agreed to create a technical working group (TWG) to come up with a substitute bill. The TWG will be chaired by Rep. Mauyag "Jun" Papandayan Jr. (2nd District, Lanao del Sur).
	HB 4359	Rep. Villarín	Creating the Laguna Lake Conservation Authority (LLCA), thereby repealing RA 4850, as amended	The Committee agreed to create a TWG to consolidate HB 4359 with HB 1266 in coordination with the Committee on Public Works and Highways. HB 1266, which has a similar subject matter, is referred jointly with the Committee on Public Works and Highways. The TWG will be chaired by AKBAYAN Party-List Rep. Tom Villarín, author of HB 4359. Rep. Villarín underscored the importance of conserving Laguna Lake which is considered a major lifeline for most of the countryside folks. Rep. Villarín lamented the failure of the LLDA, that was created in 1966 pursuant to RA 4850, to fulfill its mandate of managing and conserving the lake, adding that since 2007 the lake has been "in critical condition."
Government Enterprises and Privatization jt. w/ Public Works and Highways	HB 1266	Rep. Biazon	Strengthening the Laguna Lake Development Authority (LLDA), thereby repealing RA 4850, as amended, otherwise known as the LLDA Act of 1966	The Joint Committee, co-chaired by Rep. Jesus Nonato Sacdalan (1st District, North Cotabato), Chair of the Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization, and Rep. Juliet Marie de Leon Ferrer (4th District, Negros Occidental), Vice Chair of the

Continuation... Government Enterprises and Privatization jt. w/ Public Works and Highways				Committee on Public Works and Highways, deferred its deliberation on HB 1266 due to the absence of a representative from the LLDA.
Higher and Technical Education	HB 4258	Rep. Rodriguez (M.).	Strengthening the Legal Education Board (LEB), thereby amending RA 7662, otherwise known as the Legal Education Reform Act of 1993 and appropriating funds therefor	<p>The Committee, chaired by Rep. Ann Hofer (2nd District, Zamboanga Sibugay), agreed to create a technical working group (TWG) to deliberate further on HB 4258.</p> <p>LEB Chair Emerson Aquende recommended that the concept of "legal education" should include masteral and doctoral studies and other allied courses that would improve competence in the field of law.</p> <p>Aquende added that the Committee should review the qualification requirements for the members of the LEB to avoid undue vacancies in the Board and not being able to constitute a quorum, thus hampering the operations of the LEB.</p> <p>Atty. Maria Milagros Fernan-Cayosa, member of the Judicial and Bar Council, also recommended the lowering of the qualification requirements for board members under Section 4 of the bill in terms of the minimum number of years of experience in the practice of law and in the teaching of law.</p> <p>The LEB was requested to provide the Committee with a report on the state of legal education in the country.</p>
	HB 241	Rep. Almonte	Providing for the establishment of the Misamis Occidental State College (MOSC), integrating therewith the Oroquieta Agro-Industrial School (OAIS) in Barangay Villaflor, Oroquieta City, and appropriating funds therefor	<p>The Committee agreed to create a TWG to deliberate further on HB 241.</p> <p>Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Policy and Planning Division Chief Celestino Millar manifested his concern that the TESDA programs being offered by OAIS might not be offered by the proposed MOSC upon integration.</p> <p>Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Chair Patricia Licuanan suggested that the Committee should first settle the issue raised by TESDA before acting on the bill.</p>
	HB 5315	Rep. Deloso-Montalla	Renaming Ramon Magsaysay Technological University (RMTU) into the President Ramon Magsaysay State University (PRMSU), broadening and strengthening its scope and function as a state university and appropriating funds therefor	<p>The Committee agreed to create a TWG to deliberate further on HB 5315.</p> <p>Rep. Cheryl Deloso-Montalla, (2nd District, Zambales), author of HB 5315, said that a bill with similar subject matter was approved at the Committee level during the 16th Congress.</p> <p>Licuanan requested for ample time to study the bill.</p>
	HB 1281	Rep. Velasco	Converting the Marinduque State College (MSC) in the Municipality of Boac, Province of Marinduque into a state	The Committee agreed to conduct an ocular inspection of the MSC jointly with CHED. It likewise directed CHED to submit a report on its

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	HB 3927	Rep. Bautista-Bandigan	Removing the Digos City campus as part of the Southern Philippines Agri-Business and Marine and Aquatic School of Technology (SPAMAST), appropriating funds therefor	<p>The Committee agreed to consolidate HBs 3927 and 5243.</p> <p>CHED's Office of Institutional Quality Assurance Chief Sylvette Gunigundo manifested her support for HB 5243, subject to compliance with CHED's requirements for the conversion of schools into state colleges. She said that there is no existing public higher education institution in Davao del Sur at the moment.</p> <p>However, Gunigundo expressed her reservation on HB 3927, arguing that there is no clear provision in the bill as to what will happen to the current students, faculty and non-academic staff of the Digos City campus once it is separated from SPAMAST.</p>
	HB 5243	Rep. Cagas	Converting the SPAMAST Davao del Sur campuses into a state college to be known as Davao del Sur State College and appropriating funds therefor	<p>However, Gunigundo expressed her reservation on HB 3927, arguing that there is no clear provision in the bill as to what will happen to the current students, faculty and non-academic staff of the Digos City campus once it is separated from SPAMAST.</p>
	HR 633	Rep. Castelo	Commending and congratulating Atty. Rhio Fuentes-Nuylan for being awarded the top performing student for the Master of Science in Law and Finance during the commencement exercises at the esteemed Queen Mary University of London on December 6, 2016	The Committee adopted the resolution.
	HR 706	Rep. Manalo	Inquiry into the conditions, rights, and privileges of the 11 missing student-cadets undergoing shipboard training who were victims of the maritime accident suffered by M/V Starlite Atlantic	<p>The Committee will deliberate further on the issues raised in HR 706 in its next meeting.</p> <p>Rep. Manalo, author of HR 706, emphasized the need for CHED to come up with a memorandum order that will clearly define the rights and privileges of the student-cadets while undergoing shipboard training.</p>

Continuation... Higher and Technical Education				<p>Licuanan said that the CHED's technical panel will meet on May 15, 2017 to finalize CHED's Memorandum Order (CMO) that will ensure the protection, rights and privileges of student-cadets.</p> <p>CHED was requested to provide the Committee with a copy of the CMO.</p> <p>Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) Deputy Administrator for Regional Concerns Alfredo Haboc reported that MARINA is currently conducting an investigation of the circumstances related to the sinking of M/V Starlite Atlantic on December 26, 2016.</p> <p>Philippine Transmarine Carriers, Inc. Senior Vice President Ronald Enrile said that student-cadets are not provided insurance coverage. He also mentioned that student-cadets pay at least P30,000 for a two-month shipboard training.</p> <p>Engineer Samuel Lim of the Society of Naval Architects proposed that CHED should come up with a list of vessels that are fit for training student-cadets.</p> <p>Geraldine Saba, mother of one of the missing student-cadets, shared his son's experience while on board M/V Starlite Atlantic. She claimed that his son and the rest of the student-cadets were allowed to operate the vessel themselves, placing the safety of the passengers at risks.</p>
Justice	Substitute Bill to HBs 3767 & 1551	Reps. Gonzaga and Castelo	Granting hazard pay to regional trial court judges and appropriating funds therefor	The Committee, chaired by Rep. Reynaldo Umali (2nd District, Oriental Mindoro), approved with amendment the Substitute Bill to HBs 3767 and 1551, and the corresponding Committee Report.
	Substitute Bill to HBs 5215, 167, 1513 & 2308	Reps. Velasco, Velasco-Catera, and Loyola	Creating the positions for judges-at-large, amending for the purpose Batas Pambansa 129, otherwise known as the Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980, and appropriating funds therefor	The Committee approved the substitute bill to the four measures and the corresponding Committee Report.
	Substitute Bill to HBs 3749 & 3566	Reps. Lobregat and Dalipe	Creating four additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the ninth judicial region to be stationed in Zamboanga City, amending for the purpose Section 14, Paragraph (J) of BP 129	The Committee approved the Substitute Bill to HBs 3749 and 3566, and the corresponding Committee Report.
	HB 2683	Deputy Speaker Abu	Providing support for the surviving spouse and children of slain judges, justices, and other judiciary officials	The Committee approved the Committee Report on HB 2683.
	HBs 286, 652, 2830 & 3492	Reps. Dalog, Oaminal, Deputy Speaker Abu, and Rep. Bondoc	Creating additional branches of Regional Trial Courts in certain parts of the country, amending BP 129, as amended, and appropriating funds therefor	The Committee approved the Committee Reports on the four bills.
	HB 5513	Speaker Alvarez	Adjusting the amounts or the value of property on which a penalty is based, and	The Committee approved HB 5513.

Continuation... Justice			the fines imposed under the Revised Penal Code, amending for the purpose Act 3815, otherwise known as the Revised Penal Code, as amended	
Metro Manila Development	HB 4642	Rep. Castelo	Granting the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) additional powers and functions, amending for the purpose RA 7924	The Committee, chaired by Rep. Winston "Winnie" Castelo (2 nd District, Quezon City), agreed to create a technical working group (TWG) to study the bills further.
	HB 5057	Rep. Fernando	Amending RA 7924, strengthening the MMDA and providing funds therefor	Rep. Bayani Fernando (1 st District, Marikina City), author of HB 5057, said that his bill intends to empower the MMDA, particularly the Metro Manila Council (MMC), to enact ordinances that shall have the full force and effect of law, subject to ratification without amendment by the city or municipal council of each local government unit in Metro Manila. Atty. Rochelle Macapili-Ona, head of the MMDA's Legal and Legislative Affairs Staff, expressed support for the proposed law, saying that it would pave the way for a uniform implementation of policies in Metro Manila. Rep. Edgar Erice (2 nd District, Caloocan City) explained the importance of having a special political subdivision that can effectively govern the affairs of Metro Manila and implement uniform policies to address problems in the metropolis. On the other hand, the city administrators of Pasig, Caloocan, Pasay, and Manila invoked the local autonomy of LGUs to enact ordinances in their respective jurisdictions.
	HBs 3001 & 3097	Rep. Castelo	Authorizing all MMDA and Metro Manila Development Committee operatives to commandeer any or all private vehicles and/or heavy equipment machines for purposes of saving lives during emergency cases, such as the occurrence of natural disasters	The Committee listened to the briefing by the MMDA in relation to measures seeking to determine Metro Manila's preparedness during natural disasters particularly the feared "mega-quake" dubbed as "The Big One." MMDA Flood Control Information Center head Ramon Santiago presented the Metro Manila Earthquake Contingency Plan which is composed of the following:
	HR 451	Rep. Castelo	Urging the MMDA to bare its masterplan to render the metropolis prepared for the imminent mega-quake due to the movement of the West Valley Fault traversing across Metro Manila, as forecasted by the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Oplan Metro Yakal" – a contingency plan in response to the occurrence of a very strong earthquake affecting Metro Manila; and • "Metro Yakal Plus" – defines additional actions at the national level including the mobilization of resources from other regions that will not be extremely affected by the movement of the West Valley Fault.
	HR 788	Rep. Castelo	Urging the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) to conduct an audit of the structural integrity and reliability of buildings in Metro Manila	
	HR 818	Rep. Castelo	Calling for an immediate inter-agency summit for the purpose of rendering Metro Manila prepared for the impending mega-quake engendered by the West Valley Fault movement as forecasted by state seismologists	He warned that in the event that "The Big One" occurs, aside from the huge number of fatalities and injuries, the following effects are expected: an estimated 170,000 residential structures will be affected; electric and communication lines will be interrupted; and waters systems, roads and bridges will be damaged.

Continuation... Metro Manila Development				<p>As part of its disaster preparedness activities, the MMDA has conducted disaster response trainings, organized K-9 units, and purchased equipment for disaster response. He, however, disclosed that not all barangays are fully prepared for the eventual powerful earthquake that may hit Metro Manila. He also mentioned that most residential owners whose houses are not structurally sound have not undertaken necessary corrective measures.</p> <p>Deputy Administrator Kristoffer James Purisima of the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) admitted that there is still a need to fine-tune the contingency plans of the regional offices of concerned national government agencies. But, he assured the Committee that the OCD is already attending to the matter.</p> <p>Rep. Cristal Bagatsing (5th District, Manila) inquired about the availability of air rescue should roads be severely damaged and become impassable due to a strong earthquake that might hit Metro Manila.</p> <p>Purisima replied that the government has the helicopters of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) at its disposal.</p> <p>Undersecretary Renato Solidum Jr., head of the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS), said that the agency is looking at two earthquake scenarios in Metro Manila: the movement of the West Valley Fault which may cause a maximum of 7.2 magnitude earthquake; and the movement of the Manila Trench that can generate a magnitude 8 earthquake and may trigger tsunamis as high as five meters.</p> <p>Solidum suggested that in order to avoid any economic breakdown or business shutdown in the event of a powerful earthquake that might paralyze Metro Manila, the business community should mirror their business operations in other areas in the country. He also stressed the need to have alternative road links should the main road networks are disrupted or damaged because of the earthquake.</p> <p>The Committee Members urged the concerned government agencies to improve their information dissemination activities to guide and encourage people to prepare themselves for such eventualities.</p>
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TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETINGS				
COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/ DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Games and Amusements (Technical Working Group)	HB 4843	Rep. Batocabe	Strengthening the Games and Amusements Board	The technical working group (TWG), chaired by PBA Party-List Rep. Mark Aeron Sambar, will deliberate further on HB 4843 in its next meeting.

Continuation... Games and Amusements (Technical Working Group)				<p>AKO BICOL Party-List Rep. Rodel Batocabe, principal author of HB 4843, said that his bill aims to update the antiquated law that created the Games and Amusements Board (GAB) in 1948, by properly defining and expanding GAB's regulatory powers and supervisory functions over professional sports, other allied activities, and other forms of amusement.</p> <p>Rep. Batocabe added that the GAB should have the authority to issue licenses to professional sports and other forms of amusements such as beauty pageants and concerts.</p> <p>However, Rep. Juliet Marie Ferrer (4th District, Negros Occidental) said that beauty pageants should not fall under the category of "amusement," stressing that women should not be viewed as an object of entertainment.</p> <p>When asked by 1-PACMAN Party-List Rep. Enrico Pineda on how the GAB addresses alleged game-fixing in certain sports, GAB Chair Abraham Kahlil Mitra said that GAB has not received any formal complaint on game-fixing. Nevertheless, he assured the TWG that GAB is mindful of such a possibility and is ready to conduct an investigation upon receipt of a formal complaint.</p> <p>Rep. Batocabe suggested the following amendments to improve his bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise the definition of the term "professional athlete" to specify that the player should be at least 18 years of age; and • Enumerate the qualifications of GAB's Chair and Commissioners in Section 4 (Composition) of the bill.
Information and Communications Technology (Technical Working Group)	Substitute Bill to HBs 1946, 2871, 3052 & 3876	Reps. Santos-Recto, Yap (V.), and Zarate	Promoting open access in data transmission, providing additional powers to the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC)	<p>The technical working group (TWG), presided by Committee Secretary Ranier Alvarado, will deliberate further on the draft Substitute Bill to HBs 1946, 2871, 3052 and 3876 in its next meeting.</p> <p>The draft bill incorporates some of the recommendations submitted by the NTC and the Philippine Competition Commission (PCC).</p> <p>The TWG focused its discussion on Sections 1 to 3 of Chapter I of the bill, dealing with the short title, declaration of policy, and definition of terms.</p>

PUBLIC HEARING				
COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/ DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Science and Technology	HB 1205	Rep. Yu	Upgrading the position of the provincial science and technology officer into the	The Committee, chaired by Rep. Erico Aristotle Aumentado (2 nd District, Bohol), held a public

Continuation... Science and Technology			provincial science and technology director in the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and thereby amending RA 6959, appropriating funds therefor	hearing in Dausi, Bohol on May 04, 2017 in relation to HB 1205 (which amends RA 6959) and HBs 3578, 3717, 4059, 4320 and 4368 (amending RA 9236).
	HBs 3578, 3717, 4059, 4320 & 4368	Reps. Jalosjos, Yu, Aumentado, Nieto, and Salceda	Strengthening the National Measurement Infrastructure System (NMIS), amending RA 9236 otherwise known as the National Metrology Act of 2003	<p>Aside from Rep. Aumentado, other House Members who attended the public hearing were Reps. Allen Jesse Mangaoang (Kalinga), Francis Gerald Abaya (1st District, Cavite), and Mark Aeron Sambar (Party List, PBA).</p> <p>The DOST, headed by Secretary Fortunato de la Peña, and representatives from the different local government units in the 2nd District of Bohol, also attended the hearing.</p> <p>On the following day, May 5, the Committee and DOST officials conducted the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ocular inspection of DOST projects in Ubay, Bohol; • Turnover ceremony of STARBOOKS to the Ubay National High School. STARBOOKS, or Science and Technology Academic and Research-Based Openly Operated Kiosk Station, is a “library-in-a-box” that provides reliable and free science and technology information; • Deployment and demonstration of Rx-Boxes in the Municipal Hall of Ubay to allow residents in remote areas to connect with medical experts in urban areas; and • Discussion on DOST’s Small Enterprise Technology Upgrading Program (SETUP) to assist small medium enterprises (SME’s) in the area.

AGENCY BRIEFINGS		
COMMITTEE	SUBJECT MATTER	DISCUSSIONS
National Defense and Security	<p>Briefing by the following government agencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of National Defense (DND) 	<p>The Committee, chaired by Rep. Amado Espino Jr. (5th District, Pangasinan), listened to the briefing by the Department of National Defense (DND) on its legislative priorities and by the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) on the security situation in the country and the status of the revised AFP Modernization Program.</p> <p>DND Internal Audit Service Chief Ronald Patrick Rubin enumerated the DND’s legislative agenda for the 17th Congress, which are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revival of the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC); • Crafting of a new National Defense Act and a Defense Procurement Law; • Introduction of reforms in the pension system for DND uniformed personnel; • Creation of a Special Defense Economic Zone in Camp General Antonio Luna in Limay, Bataan; and • Amendment of the AFP Modernization Law. <p>Rubin also stated that Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana has already approved the creation of a technical working group (TWG) to</p>

<p>Continuation... National Defense and Security</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) 	<p>study the proposal of providing a fixed term for the AFP chief of staff and the major service commanders.</p> <p>AFP Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence Filemon Santos Jr. apprised the Committee about the internal and external security challenges that the country is facing.</p> <p>Santos said that the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) continues to commit atrocities in the provinces of Basilan, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi, with kidnap for ransom as its most prevalent act of aggression and primary source of funds.</p> <p>Other terrorist groups threatening the internal security of the country are the Maute Group, Maguid Group, and foreign terrorists who manage to slip into the country.</p> <p>According to Santos, the main external security threat to the Philippines at present is its territorial dispute with China. He reported that China continues to intensify its activities in the contested areas in the West Philippine Sea, adding that there are reports about China's construction of floating nuclear power plants in the contested areas which are in their final assembly stage.</p> <p>MAGDALO Party-List Rep. Gary Alejano emphasized that the government should clarify its relationship with China, explaining that while the Philippines keeps an open mind with regard to a possible joint utilization of resources in the West Philippine Sea, China keeps on harassing Filipino fishermen who venture into the contested area to fish.</p> <p>Meanwhile, AFP Deputy Chief of Staff Guillermo Molina Jr. discussed the issues and concerns affecting the implementation of the AFP Modernization Program, among which are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The funding and utilization of the AFP Modernization Act Trust Fund have not been implemented based on the provisions of RA 7898 or the AFP Modernization Act, as amended by RA 10349; The acquisition of major weapons systems and defense equipment is significantly hampered by the provisions of RA 9184 or the Government Procurement Reform Act; and There is a need to develop a Philippine defense industry that will support and sustain the AFP capabilities. <p>To effectively implement the AFP Modernization Program, Molina recommended the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The DND/AFP should work closely with Congress for the approval of a P1.8 trillion budget for the 10-year implementation of the Program; The DBM should fully implement the provisions of the AFP Modernization Trust Fund pursuant to RAs 7898 and 10349; Congress should pass a separate Defense Procurement Law to cover the acquisition of highly complex defense equipment and major weapons systems; and The AFP's Self-Reliant Defense Posture Program should be revitalized.
<p>Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (Special Committee)</p>	<p>Briefing by a representative from the Royal Norwegian Government (RNG) on the current state of the peace negotiations between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GRP) and the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP)</p>	<p>The Committee, chaired by Tawi-Tawi Rep. Ruby Sahali, listened to the briefing conducted by RNG special envoy Elisabeth Slattum on the current state of the GRP-NDFP peace negotiations.</p> <p>Joining Slattum were Norwegian Ambassador to the Philippines Erik Forner, Deputy Head of Mission Kristian Netland, and facilitator William Hovland.</p> <p>Slattum explained the role of the Norwegian government as facilitator</p>

<p>Continuation... Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (Special Committee)</p>		<p>of the on-going peace talks between the GRP and the NDFP since 2001 and the long process of peace negotiations before reaching any mutual agreement. She cited the Colombian peace talks that lasted for 50 years, adding that she could understand the frustrations of the people on the ground.</p> <p>Slattum said that the GRP-NDFP peace talks already reached the 5th negotiation round. She is hopeful that a mutual agreement may soon be achieved because she has the impression that the NDFP has trust in President Rodrigo Duterte's sincerity in attaining a long lasting peace not only in Mindanao but for the entire country.</p> <p>Slattum informed the Members of the Committee that the United Nations (UN) is planning to conduct a workshop for the GRP and the NDFP panels to discuss a possible bilateral ceasefire agreement.</p> <p>Reps. Jesus Nonato Sacdalan (1st District, North Cotabato), Nancy Catamco (2nd District, North Cotabato), Mauyag "Jun" Papandayan Jr. (2nd District, Lanao del Sur), Carlos Isagani Zarate (Party-List BAYAN MUNA), and Leopoldo Bataoil (2nd District, Pangasinan) all pointed out the importance of pursuing the peace talks between the GRP and the NDFP. They noted that the peace negotiations have significantly moved forward, lauding the efforts of the RNG in facilitating the process.</p>
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OTHER MATTERS		
COMMITTEE	SUBJECT MATTER	DISCUSSIONS
Justice	Committee Resolution commending the members of the Philippine National Police (PNP) for the successful arrest of Ronnie Dayan in relation to the investigation conducted by the Committee on Justice on the proliferation of illegal drug syndicates in the New Bilibid Prison (NBP)	The Committee adopted the resolution and agreed to transmit the same to the office of PNP Chief Ronald dela Rosa.
	<i>Motu proprio</i> investigation on the alleged "secret jail" at Police Station 1 in Tondo, Manila	The Committee agreed to conduct an investigation on the alleged secret detention facility discovered by the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) at Police Station 1, Tondo, Manila last April 27.