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TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING

COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/ DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Transportation (Technical Working Group)	Draft Substitute Bill to HBs 106, 296, 758 & 4433	Reps. Tan (A.), Suansing (H.), Aglipay-Villar, and Abayon	Establishing the taxi passengers' rights	<p>The technical working group (TWG), chaired by Rep. Estrellita Suansing (1st District, Nueva Ecija), approved the draft substitute bill to the four measures, subject to style and amendment. The bill will be presented to the mother Committee for its consideration and approval.</p> <p>The Philippine National Taxi Operators Association (PNTOA) and the transport network vehicle services (TNVS), which comprise the likes of Uber and Grab, were requested to submit their respective position papers, which will be considered in the final draft of the bill.</p> <p>Rep. Gavini "Apol" Pancho (2nd District, Bulacan) opined that TNVS must also comply with the existing "no tint" policy governing public utility vehicles (PUVs), given that they are also considered as a form of public transport.</p> <p>Rep. Suansing also urged the LTFRB to mandatorily issue a yellow plate to TNVS vehicles to easily identify them as PUVs.</p>

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Legislative Franchises (Technical Working Group)	Review of the Committee's internal rules and the guidelines for the grant, extension, amendment, or revocation of a legislative franchise	<p>The technical working group (TWG), chaired by AKO BICOL Party-List Rep. Rodel Batocabe, will deliberate further on the Committee's internal rules and the guidelines for the grant, extension, amendment, or revocation of a legislative franchise in its next meeting.</p> <p>Rep. Batocabe said the review and revision of these internal rules and guidelines is aimed at strengthening the powers of the Committee pertinent to the grant of legislative franchises and the review of the power to grant franchise delegated to certain government agencies.</p> <p>The National Electrification Administration (NEA) and Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) were requested to submit to the TWG their recommendations on the grant of franchise to power distribution utilities.</p> <p>Likewise, Rep. Batocabe instructed the Secretariat to request other government agencies to submit to the TWG their recommendations on the franchise requirement for certain business activities such as water distribution, transportation, gaming, mining, and timber concession.</p>