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PRE-PLenary CONFERENCE ON THE FY 2017 BUDGET

COMMITTEE	SUBJECT MATTER	DISCUSSIONS
Appropriations	Pre-plenary conference on the proposed FY 2017 budget, plans and programs, and major accomplishments of the Department of Education (DepEd)	<p>The Committee, chaired by Rep. Karlo Alexei Nograles (1st District, Davao City), held a pre-plenary conference with the Department of Education (DepEd) to thresh out issues and concerns raised by House Members prior to the deliberation of its proposed budget in the plenary.</p> <p>Committee Vice Chair Rep. Maria Carmen Zamora (1st District, Compostela Valley) presided over the pre-plenary conference on the proposed budget of the DepEd.</p> <p>Rep. Zamora requested the Members of the Committee who may have specific concerns and issues relative to the 2017 budget and programs of the DepEd to consult directly with the officials of the agency to quickly resolve these issues.</p> <p>With this advice, the meeting was adjourned to allow the Members to hold separate consultations with the concerned DepEd officials.</p>

COMMITTEE MEETING

COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Dangerous Drugs	HBs 9, 118, 132, 265, 345, 948, 1298, 1398, 1642, 1779, 1782, 2100, 2113, 2160, 2289, 2690, 2736, 2985, 3044, 3108, 3232, & 3248 and HR 271	Majority Leader Fariñas, Reps. Tan (A.), Batocabe, Villafuerte, Romualdez, Ocampo, Robes, Amante, Villarica, Catamco, Calixto-Rubiano, Paduano, Pineda, Eusebio, Tan (S.), Billiones, Antonio (M.), Malapitan, Aglipay-Villar, Marquez, Primicias-Agabas & Castelo	Establishing drug rehabilitation centers across the country, and appropriating funds therefor	<p>The Committee, chaired by Rep. Robert "Ace" Barbers (2nd District, Surigao del Norte), will deliberate further on the 23 measures in its next meeting.</p> <p>Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB) Secretary Benjamin Reyes said the country needs more outpatient drug treatment and rehabilitation facilities than inpatient facilities explaining that only around 1% of the more than 700,000 persons involved in drugs who surrendered will require inpatient care.</p> <p>Reyes also mentioned that Section 75 of the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act (RA 9165) already provides for the establishment of one drug treatment and rehabilitation center in each province.</p> <p>Department of Health (DOH) Assistant Secretary Elmer Punzalan informed the Committee that the DOH is still in the process of complying with Sec. 75 of RA 9165. Punzalan also talked about the treatment and rehabilitation centers that will be constructed using the P2.6 billion budget allocated to the DOH.</p>

<p>Continuation... Dangerous Drugs</p>				<p>PhilHealth Vice President Francisco Soria manifested the corporation's support for the present administration's war against illegal drugs.</p> <p>Dr. Alfonso Villaroman, Chief Executive Program Officer of the DOH Treatment and Rehabilitation Center (TRC) in Bicutan, discussed the land ownership problem of the Center. He said that although the ownership of the compound has already been transferred from the Philippine National Police (PNP) to the DOH, the ownership of the lot has yet to be awarded. Because of this, he said, the facility is unable to undertake new developments or construct new buildings in the compound.</p> <p>On the query raised by Rep. Rodel Batocabe (Party-List, AKO BICOL) relative to the status of implementation of community-based programs intended to assist drug surrenderees, Reyes said the programs have been developed but have not been fully implemented due to lack of funding.</p> <p>Rep. Manuel "Chiquiting" Sagabbaria (2nd District, Negros Occidental) suggested that the funding intended to implement the community-based programs be sourced from local government units' (LGUs) budget.</p> <p>Rep. Barbers cited Section 51 of RA 9165 which mandates LGUs to allocate a portion of their budgets for the rehabilitation of drug dependents.</p> <p>Reyes added that LGUs must activate their anti-drug abuse councils to help implement the government's anti-illegal drug programs.</p> <p>Reps. Romeo Acop (2nd District, Antipolo City) and Arnolfo Teves Jr. (3rd District, Negros Oriental) asked the DOH to channel a larger portion of its FY 2017 budget to its maintenance and other operating expenses (MOOE) and personnel services (PS) instead of capital outlay (CO) considering the Department's claim that it has enough inpatient drug treatment and rehabilitation centers but lacks funds for outpatient care and community-based programs for drug dependents.</p>
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