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COMMITTEE MEETING				
COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Transportation	HBs 03, 38, 554, 1315, 1666, 3048, 3162, 3314 & 3442	Majority Leader Fariñas, Rep. Yap (A.), Deputy Speaker Macapagal-Arroyo, Reps. Castelo, Revilla, Deputy Speaker Cayetano, Reps. Tambunting, Primicias-Agabas, and Escudero	Granting the President emergency powers to address the massive traffic congestion in the country	<p>The Committee, chaired by Catanduanes Rep. Cesar Sarmiento, will continue its deliberation on bills granting President Rodrigo Duterte emergency powers to address the massive traffic congestion in the country.</p> <p>In today's meeting, the Committee focused its discussion on the following issues and concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government support that will be extended to transport workers who will be displaced by the implementation of programs and projects to address traffic congestion;</li> <li>• Reliability of driving tests given to applicants of driver's license; and</li> <li>• Road worthiness of vehicles.</li> </ul> <p>The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) apprised the Committee of its various programs that displaced transport workers could avail themselves of, such as the Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) Program, livelihood programs, and educational, financial and medical assistance.</p> <p>Likewise, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Deputy Director General Diosdado Padilla and Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Chief of the Employment Service and Program Monitoring Division Jose Sandoval mentioned their respective programs which could help transport workers who might be affected by the programs to address the traffic crisis.</p> <p>Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) Senior Assistant Vice President Romeo Carandang said the DBP also provides financial assistance to workers who will be displaced.</p> <p>When asked about the timeline of the Department of Transportation (DOTr) for its projects aimed at improving the public transport system, DOTr Undersecretary for Legal and Procurement Raoul Creencia replied that the mass transit projects are expected to be completed by the last quarter of 2019 or first quarter of 2020.</p>
	HR 119	Deputy Speaker Abu	Resolving the serious nationwide traffic problems by urgently granting the power of traffic management and control of national roads in the provinces to the Office of the Provincial Governors	

<p>Continuation... Transportation</p>				<p>Rep. Romeo Acop (2<sup>nd</sup> District, Antipolo City) inquired on the feasibility of asking the private sector to absorb the displaced workers. DOTr Undersecretary for Road Transport and Infrastructure Anneli Lontoc answered that the matter will be discussed with DOLE and TESDA.</p> <p>On the issues concerning the conduct of driving tests, Land Transportation Office (LTO) Assistant Secretary Edgar Galvante said that the LTO is looking at the possibility of conducting computerized examinations for applicants of driver's licenses instead of the existing "paper and pen" system. He added that the LTO is also considering the conduct of random drug testing among drivers.</p> <p>Michael Salalima of the South Luzon Bus Operators Association (SOLUBUA) suggested that drug testing be made mandatory to all drivers. He added that bus companies should automatically fire their drivers who will be found positive of illegal-drug use.</p> <p>With regard to the emission test and vehicle visual inspection being undertaken by LTO prior to the renewal of a car registration, Galvante explained that the LTO could not effectively perform its mandate due to lack of manpower and equipment for testing vehicles' road worthiness. He stressed the LTO's need for additional funds to rehabilitate its vehicle testing equipment.</p> <p>Atty. Rommel Gutierrez, president of the Chamber of Automotive Manufacturers of the Philippines, Inc. (CAMPI), informed the Committee that the members of the Chamber are willing to assist the government in its implementation of vehicle road worthiness programs.</p> <p>Majority of the Committee Members agreed to recommend the amendment of the Local Government Code, particularly on the issuance of licenses and franchises for motorcycles and tricycles.</p> <p>Under the Local Government Code, local government units (LGUs) shall not levy for taxes, fees and charges for the registration of motor vehicles, except for tricycles, and for the issuance of all kinds of licenses or permits for driving.</p> <p>The resource persons present were requested to submit to the Committee their respective position papers on the matter.</p>
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