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COMMITTEE MEETING				
COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Housing and Urban Development	HBs 82, 160, 1613, 2783, 3135 & 3936	Reps. Benitez, Belmonte (J.C.), Villarin, Rodriguez (I.), Revilla & Bag-ao	Establishing an On-Site, In-City or Near-City Resettlement Program for informal settler families in accordance with a people's plan and mandating the local government units (LGUs) conducting the relocation to provide other basic services and livelihood components in favor of the recipient LGU, amending for the purpose RA 7279, as amended, otherwise known as the Urban Development and Housing Act of 1992	The Committee, chaired by Rep. Alfredo "Albee" Benitez (3rd District, Negros Occidental), approved with amendment HB 1613 in consolidation with HBs 82, 160, 2783, 3135 and 3936. A bill with similar subject matter was approved on Third Reading during the 16th Congress. Mayor Herbert Bautista shared the success story of Quezon City in addressing the housing needs of informal settler families (ISFs) residing in the city through the city government's socialized housing projects. Representatives from the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC), National Housing Authority (NHA), Social Housing Finance Corporation (SHFC), Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB), Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor (PCUP), Department of Finance (DOF), and Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) manifested their support for the bills.
	HB 159	Rep. Belmonte (J.C.)	Strengthening the right of government to expropriate lands for socialized housing, amending for the purpose Sections 9, 10 and 11 of RA 7279	The Committee approved HB 159. A bill with similar subject matter was approved on Third Reading during the 16th Congress. The bill seeks to introduce the following amendments to RA 7279: • Remove the order of priority by which lands may be acquired for socialized housing and grant the local government unit (LGU) the power to identify lands to be acquired (Section 9 - Acquisition of Land for Socialized Housing); • Delete the provision which states that expropriation shall be resorted to only when other modes of acquisition have been exhausted (Section 10 - Modes of Land Acquisition); and • Lift the exemption of residential lands with pending litigation on their ownership from expropriation of idle lands (Section 11 - Expropriation of Idle Lands).