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TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETINGS

COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/ DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Agrarian Reform (Technical Working Group)	Draft Substitute Bill to HBs 229 & 2177	Deputy Speaker Singson and Rep. Santos-Recto	Authorizing the grant of a full crop insurance coverage to qualified beneficiaries of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP), amending for the purpose Section 14 of RA 9700, otherwise known as the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program Extension with Reforms (CARPER)	The technical working group (TWG), chaired by Rep. Arnolfo "Arnie" Teves Jr. (3 rd District, Negros Oriental), terminated its discussion on the draft Substitute Bill to HBs 229 and 2177, incorporating therein the pertinent recommendations of the resource persons. The substitute bill will be presented to the mother Committee for consideration and approval.
Natural Resources (Technical Working Group)	HBs 54, 113, 1665, 2633 & 2715	Reps. Bag-ao, Baguilat, Cosalan, Villarin, and Zarate	Re-orienting the Philippine mining industry towards national industrialization and ensuring the highest industry development standards	<p>The technical working group (TWG), presided by BAYAN MUNA Party-List Rep. Carlos Isagani Zarate, will deliberate further on the five bills in its next meeting.</p> <p>Among the points raised during the meeting in relation to national industrialization were the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is recognized that national industrialization will make the country self-reliant, provide employment opportunities, and help reduce poverty. • The mining industry, despite its minimal contribution to the country's gross domestic product (GDP), is one of the major elements towards national industrialization. • National industrialization must not solely be profit-driven, but must take into account its impact on the environment and the welfare and rights of the indigenous peoples. <p>The National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) and the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) were requested to present their policy framework and roadmap towards national industrialization in the next TWG meeting.</p> <p>The Philippine Mining Development Corporation (PMDC) will be invited in the next meeting of the TWG to present its comments and recommendations on the proposed measures.</p> <p>The PMDC is a government-owned and controlled corporation (GOCC) designated as the implementing arm of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) in undertaking mining and mineral processing operations.</p>