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TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING

COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/ DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Government Reorganization jt. w/ Overseas Workers Affairs (Technical Working Group)	Draft Substitute Bill to HBs 192, 227, 288, 543, 822, 1936, 2334, 3255 & 4899	Rep. Bertiz, Deputy Speaker Singson, Reps. Romero, Arenas, Yap (A.), Villar, Cojuangco, Aglipay-Villar, and Castelo	Creating the Department of Migration and Development, defining its powers and functions, appropriating funds therefor	<p>The technical working group (TWG), chaired by Rep. Aniceto "John" Bertiz III (Party-List, ACTS-OFW), will deliberate further on the substitute bill in its next meeting.</p> <p>The Committee Secretariat was tasked to prepare the final draft of the substitute bill, incorporating therein pertinent recommendations of the resource persons.</p> <p>The TWG had an extensive discussion of all the sections of the bill in today's meeting. However, it agreed that Section 19 (Structure and Staffing Pattern) should be discussed further with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) to get the latter's recommendations.</p> <p>Likewise, the TWG will deliberate further on Section 20 (Special Assistance Revolving Fund) to clearly identify the overseas Filipinos who will be covered by this provision.</p> <p>The Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO) and the Movement for Real Reform and Development-Overseas Filipino Workers (MRRD-OFW) expressed their support for the bill.</p> <p>On the other hand, representatives from the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA), Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA), and Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) conveyed their stand against the creation of a new office to handle concerns relating to OFWs.</p>

AGENCY BRIEFING

COMMITTEE	SUBJECT MATTER	DISCUSSIONS
Transportation	Report on the recent Roll-on, Roll-off (RoRo) inspection	The Committee, chaired by Catanduanes Rep. Cesar Sarmiento, reported the outcome of the 11-day Western and Eastern Nautical Highway Expedition of the House contingent held from March 16 to 27, 2017 for the purpose of assessing the adequacy, efficiency and safety of the transportation

