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PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM

COMMITTEE	SUBJECT MATTER	DISCUSSIONS
Constitutional Amendments	Public consultation on constitutional reform	<p>The Committee, chaired by Southern Leyte Rep. Roger "Oging" Mercado, held another round of public consultations, this time in Tacloban City on April 4, 2017, for the purpose of determining the sentiments of the public on proposals to amend the Constitution.</p> <p>Discussions revolved around two questions which the Committee asked of the attendees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether or not it is necessary to amend or revise the Constitution; and • What are the specific proposals, if any. <p>Some of the participants proposed to amend only the economic provisions of the Constitution, while others proposed to amend only the structural provisions.</p> <p>Aside from Rep. Mercado, other House Members present in this public consultation were: Reps. Vicente "Ching" Veloso (3rd District, Leyte), Aniceto "John" Bertiz III (Party-List, ACTS-OFW), Lianda Bolilia (4th District, Batangas), and Victoria Isabel Noel (Party-List, AN WARAY).</p> <p>The other attendees included local officials led by Tacloban City Mayor Cristina Gonzales Romualdez, and representatives from government agencies, the private sector and other multi-sectoral groups in the area.</p>

CONSULTATIVE MEETING

COMMITTEE	SUBJECT MATTER	DISCUSSIONS
Veterans Affairs	Discussion on HB 270 (Increasing the monthly pension of senior veterans of World War II, and the Korean and Vietnam wars to P20,000.00, thereby amending RA 6948, as amended)	<p>The Committee, chaired by Rep. Leopoldo Bataoil (2nd District, Pangasinan), held a consultative meeting with veterans and military retirees in Bataan and Tarlac on April 8 to 11, 2017 to hear their views and sentiments on the proposal to increase their monthly pension, as espoused in HB 270.</p> <p>HB 270, authored by Rep. Geraldine Roman (1st District, Bataan), was approved by the Committee on February 7, 2017 and was later transmitted to the Committees on Appropriations and Ways and Means for review of its funding and tax provisions, respectively.</p> <p>Aside from Rep. Bataoil, other House Members present in the said consultative meeting were Reps. Roman, Noel Villanueva (3rd District, Tarlac), and Virgilio Lacson (Party-List, MANILA TEACHERS).</p> <p>The Committee likewise participated in activities commemorating the 75th <i>Araw ng Kagitingan</i> at Mt. Samat National Shrine in Pilar, Bataan on April 9, 2017 and the '<i>Paggunita sa Capas</i>' on April 10, 2017 in Capas, Tarlac during which the Committee Chair was the guest of honor. The Committee also joined the "Capas Freedom March" on April 11, 2017 which started from the Capas Death March Memorial to the Capas National Shrine.</p> <p>An ocular inspection of the Capas National Shrine was also conducted by the Committee on April 10, 2017.</p>