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PUBLIC HEARING				
COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/ DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Natural Resources	HR 1706	Rep. Ty	Inquiry into the reported establishment of structures in forest areas, including shorelines in Boracay	<p>The Committee, chaired by Rep. Arnel Ty (Party-List, LPGMA), held a public hearing in Barangay Manoc-Manoc, Municipality of Malay, Aklan on June 1 in relation to HR 1706.</p> <p>Rep. Ty, author of HR 1706, said that he filed HR 1706 following reports in the media that illegal forest occupants have encroached in the Boracay Island's timberland areas. It was reported, he said, that structures are built on some portions of forestlands that are not covered by court-issued titles, by Special Land Use Permits (SPLUP), or by Forest Land Use Agreement for Tourism (FLAGT).</p> <p>He also mentioned that the relentless destruction of the environment in Boracay, mainly brought about by such illegal structures, prompted President Rodrigo Duterte to announce the closure of the island for a much-needed cleanup from April 26 to October 26 of this year. The President issued Executive Order No. 53, creating the Boracay Inter-Agency Task Force to formulate an action plan towards the sustainable tourism development of Boracay.</p> <p>The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) explained the circumstances behind the closure of business establishments in Boracay and the plans for the rehabilitation of the island. The DENR Secretary heads the said task force.</p> <p>Representatives from the private sector requested the task force to issue a monthly advisory on the developments in the cleanup operations in Boracay.</p> <p>Aside from Rep. Ty, other House Members who attended the public hearing were Rep. Jesus Nonato Sacdalan (1st District, North Cotabato), Kalinga Rep. Allen Jesse Mangaoang, Southern Leyte Rep. Roger "Oging" Mercado, Aklan Rep. Carlito Marquez, and BAYAN MUNA Party-List Rep. Carlos Isagani Zarate.</p> <p>A day before the public hearing, the Committee conducted an ocular inspection of certain areas</p>

Continuation... Natural Resources				in Barangays Manoc-Manoc, Balabad, and Yapak, all in the Municipality of Malay, Aklan. The Committee agreed to set another meeting on June 21 at the House of Representatives to deliberate further on the issues raised in HR 1706.
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TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING				
COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/DISCUSSION
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Transportation (Technical Working Group)	Draft Substitute Bill to HBs 497, 1278 & 7655	Reps. Nogralles (K.A.), Manalo, and Alejano	Providing open pilotage services in the country, creating a Pilotage Board, enhancing the powers of the Philippine Ports Authority and other port bodies in regulating pilotage services and the conduct of harbor pilots	<p>The technical working group (TWG), chaired by Catanduanes Rep. Cesar Sarmiento, terminated its deliberation on the draft substitute bill.</p> <p>After incorporating in the bill the amendments agreed upon, the TWG will submit the same to the mother Committee for the latter's consideration and approval.</p> <p>Rep. Johnny Ty Pimentel (2nd District, Surigao del Sur) presided over the meeting and facilitated the discussion of the amendments to the remaining provisions of the bill when the Committee Chair had to leave for an equally important meeting.</p> <p>The resource persons present in the meeting were from the: Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), Philippine Competition Commission (PCC), Philippine Ports Authority (PPA), United Harbor Pilots' Association of the Philippines (UHPAP), Filipino Shipowners Association (FSA), Association of International Shipping Lines, Inc. (AISL), and the Philippine Inter-Island Shipping Association (PISA).</p>