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COMMITTEE MEETING				
COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/DISCUSSION
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Justice	HB 6204	Speaker Alvarez	Instituting the Philippine Code of Crimes to further strengthen the criminal justice system, repealing for the purpose Act 3815, as amended, otherwise known as the Revised Penal Code of the Philippines and other special penal laws	<p>The Committee, chaired by Rep. Reynaldo Umali (2<sup>nd</sup> District, Oriental Mindoro), created 12 technical working groups (TWGs) to discuss and review the proposed Code of Crimes that will be submitted by the University of the Philippines Law Center (UPLC).</p> <p>Aside from the House Members, the TWGs will be composed of representatives from the UPLC, Department of Justice (DOJ), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Supreme Court (SC), Office of the Ombudsman, Public Attorney's Office (PAO), Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP), Bar Association of the Philippines (BAP), and the academe who have the technical expertise on specific provisions that will be handled by each TWG.</p> <p>The UPLC initiated the creation of the Code of Crimes Committee composed of some House Members and legal luminaries to review and draft amendments or revisions to the Revised Penal Code. The output of this group will be submitted to the Committee and to the concerned TWGs.</p>

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Constitutional Amendments	Discussion on the implementation of the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2017-2022 pursuant to Executive Order Nos. 5 and 27 in relation to a possible shift to a federal system of government	<p>The Committee, chaired by Southern Leyte Rep. Roger "Oging" Mercado, discussed with several government agencies the implementation of the PDP 2017-2022 and the impact of the shift to a federal system of government on their plans and programs.</p> <p>Rep. Mercado stated that the current political system is deemed counterproductive as government planning is restricted to a six-year period which leads to the discontinuity of even the good policies and programs of past administrations. He underscored the importance of a long-term planning to ensure continuity and sustainability of development initiatives, citing the current administration's "Ambisyon Natin 2040," a 25-year long-term vision for the Philippines on which the development plans of the country shall be anchored.</p> <p>Department of Agriculture (DA) Undersecretary Bai Ranibai Dilangalen informed the Committee that the PDP 2017-2022 is the first of four installments leading to the attainment of <i>Ambisyon Natin 2040</i>, that aims to lay down the foundation for inclusive growth, a high trust and resilient society, and a globally competitive economy.</p> <p>Dilangalen manifested the DA's complete support to a shift to a federal system of government but said that problems concerning the agriculture need to be addressed: ageing farmers and the declining interest of younger generation in</p>

Continuation... Constitutional Amendments		<p>agriculture; limited access to credit and insurance; low farm mechanization; inadequate post-harvest facilities; and effects of climate change.</p> <p>Department of Health (DOH) Undersecretary Lilibeth David presented the Department's medium and long-term development plans. According to David, the DOH shall lead the country in the development of a productive, resilient, equitable and people-centered health system, and envisions the Filipinos to be among the healthiest people in Southeast Asia by 2022, and in Asia by 2040.</p> <p>Rep. Lianda Bolilia (4<sup>th</sup> District, Batangas) recommended that the administrative structure of DOH hospitals under the federal system be studied further. Reps. Micaela Violago (2<sup>nd</sup> District, Nueva Ecija) and Carlos Isagani Zarate (Party-List, BAYAN MUNA) suggested that the management of government hospitals be removed from the governor and returned to the national or federal government.</p> <p>Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Assistant Secretary Ricojudge Janvier Echiverri stated that the DILG's programs, which are attuned to the principle of decentralization, will most likely not be affected by a shift to a federal form of government. He, nevertheless, proposed that the Philippine National Police (PNP) must remain under the control of the federal government.</p> <p>The agencies were requested to submit within three weeks a list of their mandates which they perceive to remain within the jurisdiction of the central government and those which may be decentralized under a federal system of government.</p>
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TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING				
COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/ DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Health (Technical Working Group)	Substitute Bill to HBs 542, 893 & 1646	Reps. Yap (V.), Tan (A.), and Deputy Speaker Villarica	Strengthening the regulation of health facilities and services in the Philippines, repealing for the purpose RA 4226, otherwise known as the Hospital Licensure Act and appropriating funds therefor	<p>The technical working group (TWG), chaired by Rep. Angelina "Helen" Tan, M.D. (4<sup>th</sup> District, Quezon), terminated its deliberation on the substitute bill. The final version of the bill will be presented to the mother Committee for its consideration and approval.</p> <p>Among the points agreed upon which will be incorporated in the substitute bill are the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health facilities will be defined as "institutions whether stationary or mobile, land based or otherwise, and other health-related establishments which provide diagnostics, therapeutic, rehabilitative, medical radiation facilities, and/or other health care services except hospital pharmacies;"</li> <li>• In the case of change of ownership of a health care facility, its operation may continue while the new owner is securing the required license to operate from the Bureau of Health Facilities and Services (BHFS); and</li> <li>• A provision on appropriations and Congress' exercise of its oversight function shall be included in the bill.</li> </ul> <p>The resource persons were requested to submit additional inputs to be included in the final version of the substitute bill.</p>