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BICAMERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETING

COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/ DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Bicameral Conference Committee	HB 6475 & SB 1717	Speaker Alvarez and Senator Pimentel	Providing for the Basic Law for the Bangsamoro and abolishing the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM), repealing for the purpose RA 9054, or the law strengthening and expanding the Organic Act for the ARMM, and RA 6734, or the law providing for an Organic Act for the ARMM	<p>The Bicameral Conference Committee, co-chaired by House Majority Leader Rodolfo Fariñas (1st District, Ilocos Norte) and Senate Majority Leader Juan Miguel "Migz" Zubiri, chairs of the Committee on Rules of both Houses, commenced its deliberations on HB 6475 and SB 1717.</p> <p>The House contingent is composed of 18 other members, including Deputy Speaker Bai Sandra Sinsuat Sema (1st District, Maguindanao), Reps. Pedro Acharon Jr. (1st District, South Cotabato and General Santos City), Mauyag "Jun" Papandayan Jr. (2nd District, Lanao del Sur), Ruby Sahali (Tawi-Tawi), Juan Pablo "Rimpy" Bondoc (4th District, Pampanga), Arthur Defensor Jr. (3rd District, Iloilo), Johnny Ty Pimentel (2nd District, Surigao del Sur), Eugene Michael de Vera (Party-List, ABS), Rodolfo Albano III (1st District, Isabela), Amihilda Sangcopan (Party-List, AMIN), Wilter "Sharky" Wee Palma II (1st District, Zamboanga Sibugay), Celso Lobregat (1st District, Zamboanga City), Mohamad Khalid Dimaporo (1st District, Lanao del Norte), Abdullah Dimaporo (2nd District, Lanao del Norte), Romeo Acop (2nd District, Antipolo City), Seth Frederick Jalosjos (1st District, Zamboanga del Norte), Shernee Abubakar Tan (Party-List, KUSUG TAUSUG), and Rodante Marcoleta (Party-List, SAGIP).</p> <p>The Senate panel is composed of Senators Franklin Drilon, Joel Villanueva, Sonny Angara, Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III, Francis "Chiz" Escudero, Risa Hontiveros, Francis "Kiko" Pangilinan, Sherwin Gatchalian, and Loren Legarda.</p> <p>Majority Leader Fariñas proposed to consider the final measure being crafted by the Committee as the organic law of the Bangsamoro in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao. The Senate upheld this recommendation.</p> <p>The Conference Committee approved many provisions during its initial meeting. For certain contentious provisions, the Conference</p>

Continuation... Bicameral Conference Committee				<p>Committee created Subcommittees to hammer out the appropriate phraseologies to be presented to the full Committee. Among others, these included the provisions on Powers of Government, Territorial Jurisdiction, Bangsamoro Justice System, Fiscal Autonomy, particularly those pertaining to the proposed Block Grant, Taxing Powers, and Financial Institutions, and the Bangsamoro Parliament.</p> <p>The Conference Committee intends to finish its work by July 12 so the measure can be ratified by both Houses on July 23, 2018 when the Third Regular Session convenes.</p>
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SUMMIT ON FEDERALISM		
COMMITTEE	SUBJECT MATTER	DISCUSSIONS
Constitutional Amendments	Summit on the impact and significance of federalism on tourism, environment and agriculture	<p>The Committee, chaired by Southern Leyte Rep. Roger "Oging" Mercado, conducted the first of a series of summits aimed at disseminating information regarding the fundamental ideals of federalism and the significance of adopting this new form of government in the Philippines. The event, entitled "Tourism, Environment, and Agriculture Summit: Our Vision for Progress," was held in Maasin City, Southern Leyte on July 3.</p> <p>The summit focused its discussion on various ways to attain economic stability and inclusive growth under a federal form of government. It likewise provided a venue for knowledge sharing on how federal set up can work its way within the government's plans and programs, more particularly on the areas of tourism, environment and agriculture.</p> <p>Aside from Rep. Mercado, other Committee Members present during the summit were Reps. Vicente "Ching" Veloso (3rd District, Leyte), Rodante Marcoleta (Party-List, SAGIP), and Deogracias Victor "DV" Savellano (1st District, Ilocos Sur).</p> <p>Department of Transportation (DOTr) Secretary Arthur Tugade and Assistant Secretaries Marcial Amaro Jr. (Department of Environment and Natural Resources), Lerey Panes (Department of Agriculture) and Ameenah Fajardo (Department of Trade and Industry), were among the participants to the summit.</p>

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