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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 (1<sup>st</sup> District, Ilocos Norte) and Senate Majority Leader Juan Miguel “Migz” Zubiri, chairs of the Committee on Rules of both Houses, continued its deliberations on HB 6475 and SB 1717.</p> <p>The Conference Committee ironed out some of the contentious provisions of the proposed Bangsamoro Basic Law, particularly those pertaining to the block grant, tax collection, wealth sharing, and procurement of weapons and military equipment.</p> <p>After thorough discussions, the Conference Committee agreed that the block grant or the proposed annual share for the Bangsamoro region from national revenues be automatically released to the Bangsamoro government with the colatilla that accountability and transparency measures will be enhanced.</p> <p>Aside from the block grant, the Bangsamoro government will be allowed to collect capital gains tax, documentary stamp tax, donor’s tax, and estate tax, which are revenue generating levies that are currently imposed and collected by the National Government.</p> <p>On wealth sharing, the Conference Committee agreed that 75 percent of the government taxes, fees and charges collected in the Bangsamoro shall accrue to the Bangsamoro government, while 25 percent will be remitted to the National Government.</p> <p>The Conference Committee also approved a provision prohibiting the Bangsamoro government from purchasing weapons, military equipment, and armaments.</p> <p>The discussion on the Bangsamoro geographical area and territorial jurisdiction was postponed to the next meeting day, along with other provisions that required more extensive debate and consideration.</p>

**TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING**

COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/ DISCUSSION
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Government Enterprises and Privatization jt. w/ Transportation (Technical Working Group)	HB 6327	Rep. Pimentel	Creating the Philippine Airport Management Authority, defining its powers, functions, and responsibilities, providing funds therefor	<p>The technical working group (TWG), chaired by Rep. Rene Relampagos (1<sup>st</sup> District, Bohol), agreed to draft a substitute bill to the two measures using HB 7306, authored by Speaker Pantaleon "Bebot" Alvarez (1<sup>st</sup> District, Davao del Norte), as the working draft and incorporating therein the pertinent recommendations of the resource persons.</p> <p>HB 7306 aims to create the Philippine Airport Development Corporation (PADC) that will undertake all manner of business and development projects for the establishment of a reliable and more efficient airport industry, especially the construction, maintenance and operation of airports all over the country. Toward this end, the measure proposes to abolish the Manila International Airport Authority (MIAA), Mactan-Cebu International Airport Authority (MCIAA), Clark International Airport Corporation (CIAC), and the Subic Bay International Airport Corporation (SBIAC) to allow the PADC to effectively undertake its mandate.</p> <p>The TWG agreed to recommend the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To specify that PADC's functions and powers will not include the control, supervision, maintenance and operation of air traffic facilities and air navigation engineering;</li> <li>• To adopt Section 6 (Police Authority) and Section 8 (Board of Directors) of HB 6327; and</li> <li>• To add a transitory provision.</li> </ul> <p>Resource persons from government agencies such as the Governance Commission for Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations (GCG), Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB), Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP), Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA), and Export Development Council (EDC), as well as airline companies like the Philippine Airlines (PAL) and Cebu Pacific, expressed support for the proposed law and introduced recommendations to further refine the bill.</p> <p>The substitute bill will be presented to the mother Committee for its consideration and approval.</p>
	HB 7306	Speaker Alvarez	Creating the Philippine Airport Development Corporation and appropriating funds therefor	