

# Committee Daily Bulletin



17<sup>th</sup> Congress  
Second Regular Session

A publication of the Committee Affairs Department

Vol. II No. 43  
October 17, 2017

TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING				
COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/ DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Natural Resources (Technical Working Group)	HBs 54, 113, 2633 & 2715	Reps. Bag-a-o, Baguilat, Villarin, and Zarate	Regulating the rational exploration, development and utilization of mineral resources, and ensuring the equitable sharing of benefits for the State, indigenous peoples, and local communities	<p>The technical working group (TWG), chaired by Rep. Carlos Isagani Zarate (Party-List, BAYAN MUNA) agreed to prepare a substitute bill to the four measures, using HB 2715 as the reference bill.</p> <p>The substitute bill, which will be drafted by the Secretariat, will be presented to the Mother Committee for its consideration and approval.</p> <p>Resource persons from the Philippine Business for Environmental Stewardship (PBEST), Kalikasan People's Network for the Environment (Kalikasan PNE), and Advocates for Science and Technology for the People (AGHAM) were requested to submit their respective position papers on the bills.</p>

PUBLIC HEARING		
COMMITTEE	SUBJECT MATTER	DISCUSSIONS
People's Participation	Dialogue with people in the regions regarding HB 1166 (in consolidation with HB 1615), which institutionalizes industry cluster-based programs and projects through inter-local cooperation and people's participation	<p>The Committee held a public policy dialogue in relation to HB 1166 (in consolidation with HB 1615) on October 12, 2017 in Legazpi City, Albay.</p> <p>Rep. Orestes Salon (Party-List, AGRI), one of the authors of HB 1166, discussed the merits of the proposed law, which was approved by the House of Representatives on third reading in February this year. He said that the bill aims to build and strengthen partnership among concerned agencies, local government units (LGUs), and civil society organizations (CSOs) toward the development of competitive local products and services.</p> <p>RJ Barrete of the International Center for Innovation, Transformation and Excellence in Governance (INCITEGov) pointed out that the livelihood component of the bill can be categorized among the social protection programs of the government.</p> <p>Some representatives of the local government units (LGUs) present during the dialogue supported the intent of the bill given the opportunities for growth it presents to the provinces.</p> <p>Aside from Rep. Salon, the House Members present in the meeting were Reps. Ma. Lourdes Acosta-Alba (1st District, Bukidnon), principal author of HB 1166, Teodoro Montoro (Party-List, AASENSO), and Juliette Uy (2nd District, Misamis Oriental).</p> <p>Legazpi City Mayor Noel Rosal and representatives from various CSOs also attended the meeting.</p>