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COMMITTEE MEETING				
COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Higher and Technical Education	HR 1422	Rep. Castelo	Commending and congratulating the University of the Philippines (UP) Diliman College of Law for winning the 2017 National Moot Court Competition on International Humanitarian Law (IHL) held at the UP Bonifacio Global City campus from October 2 to 6, 2017	The Committee, chaired by Rep. Ann Hofer (2nd District, Zamboanga Sibugay), adopted HR 1422 and approved the corresponding Committee Report subject to style and amendment.
	HR 1514	Rep. Olivarez	Expressing warmest felicitations and congratulations to the Miriam College students for winning 90 medals and three trophies in the prestigious World Scholar's Cup at Yale University	The Committee adopted HR 1514 and approved the corresponding Committee Report subject to style and amendment.
	HB 5910	Rep. Bernos	Converting the Abra State Institute of Sciences and Technology (ASIST) in the Municipalities of Lagangilang and Bangued, Province of Abra into a state university to be known as the University of Abra and appropriating funds therefor	The Committee agreed to conduct an ocular inspection of the ASIST jointly with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).  The CHED will evaluate the compliance of ASIST with the requirements for the conversion of schools into a state university.
	HBs 242, 4362 & 6970	Reps. Angara-Castillo, Vargas, and Hofer	Providing incentives for new graduates of colleges, universities and accredited institutions offering technical-vocational courses, otherwise known as the Bill of Rights for New Graduates	The Committee agreed to create a technical working group (TWG) to consolidate the bills.  Rep. Evelina Escudero (1 <sup>st</sup> District, Sorsogon), co-author of HB 6970, said that the bill aims to provide incentives to new graduates, encourage students to finish their courses, whether it be a technical-vocational course or a bachelor's degree, and create a productive and meaningful life for students after school.  Among the recommendations of the resource persons were: to indicate the age of beneficiaries covered under the proposed law (15 to 30 years of age); expand the coverage of the proposed law to senior high school graduates; and include a provision on the definition of terms.  Expressing support for the proposed law were government agencies, such as the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP),

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	HBs 658 & 3104	Reps. Elago and Aglipay-Villar	Establishing a Magna Carta of Students	The Committee agreed to create a TWG to consolidate the bills.
	HBs 2103 & 4509	Reps. Villarín and Vargas	Providing a national framework for students' rights and welfare	<p>Rep. Sarah Jane Elago (Party-List, KABATAAN), author of HB 658, said that her bill aims to harness the youth's collective strength and recognize the fundamental right of the youth to accessible and quality education at all levels.</p> <p>Rep. Tomasito Villarín (Party-List, AKBAYAN), author of HB 2103, said that students' rights and welfare are human rights, and thus must be uniformly recognized, protected and promoted.</p> <p>The NYC, TESDA, STRAW Coalition, NUSP, and CEGP, expressed support to the bill. On the other hand, COCOPEA's legal counsel Joseph Noel Estrada expressed reservation on the bill.</p> <p>The resource persons were requested to submit their respective position papers on the proposed law.</p>

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING				
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Joint Subcommittee of the Committee on	HBs 92, 6121, 6263 & 6475	Deputy Speaker Sema, Reps. Macapagal-Arroyo and	Providing for the Basic Law for the Bangsamoro and abolishing the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM), repealing for the purpose RA	The Joint Subcommittee, chaired by Rep. Wilter "Sharky" Wee Palma II (1st District, Zamboanga Sibugay), terminated its deliberation on the four bills.

Local Government, Committee on Muslim Affairs, and Special Committee on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity		Dimaporo (M.K.), and Speaker Alvarez	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 Secretariat was directed to draft a substitute bill which will be submitted to the joint Mother Committee for consideration and approval.</p> <p>The Joint Subcommittee agreed to discuss contentious issues at the Mother Committee level.</p> <p>It also reiterated its request to the concerned government agencies to submit their respective position papers.</p>
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TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETINGS				
COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/ DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Government Reorganization jt. w/ Public Works and Highways (Technical Working Group)	HB 2394	Rep. Zarate	Abolishing the Motor Vehicle User's Charge (MVUC), repealing for the purpose RA 8794, otherwise known as the MVUC Act, and rechanneling the same for the establishment of a mass transport system support fund	The joint technical working group (TWG), co-chaired by Rep. Ron Salo (Party-List, KABAYAN) and Rep. Wilter "Sharky" Wee Palma II (1st District, Zamboanga Sibugay), will continue its deliberation on the six bills in its next meeting.
	HBs 3278, 3855, 4466, 5683 & 6236	Reps. Ocampo, Bravo (A.), Go (A.C.), Tan (A.), and Majority Leader Fariñas	Abolishing the Road Board created by virtue of RA 8794 and transferring its powers and functions to the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and the Department of Transportation (DOTr), amending for the purpose RA 8794	<p>The TWG agreed to adopt HB 6236, principally authored by Majority Leader Rodolfo Fariñas (1st District, Ilocos Norte), as the reference bill.</p> <p>Rep. Antonio Bravo, Ph.D. (Party-List, COOP-NATCCO), author of HB 3855, manifested that the explanatory note attached to his bill be included in the record as his sponsorship speech.</p> <p>The bills seek to abolish the Road Board and transfer the MVUC Fund to the appropriate government agencies to continue the implementation of road safety and mass transport projects.</p> <p>The MVUC Fund is a special fund collected from and paid by vehicle owners as road user's tax which is earmarked exclusively to fund projects involving road maintenance and improvement of road drainage; installation of adequate and efficient traffic lights and road safety devices; and air pollution control.</p> <p>Asked to comment on the bills, Road Board legal consultant Atty. Marilyn Barua-Yap expressed her objection to the proposed law, as she explained how the MVUC Fund is being utilized. She said that the agency had already submitted its position paper on the matter.</p> <p>Representatives from the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) expressed no objection to the bill.</p> <p>On the employees of the Road Board who will be affected by the proposed abolition,</p>

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Public Order and Safety (Technical Working Group)	HB 6208	Majority Leader Fariñas	Establishing the Philippine Legislative Police (PLP) and appropriating funds therefor	<p>The technical working group (TWG), chaired by Rep. Leopoldo Bataoil (2nd District, Pangasinan), will deliberate further on the bill in its next meeting.</p> <p>Among the amendments to the bill agreed upon in today's meeting are the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To change the nomenclature of the proposed organization from PLP to Philippine Legislative Special Security Force (PLSSF), to adhere to the "one police force" provision of the 1987 Philippine Constitution (Article XVI, Sec. 6);</li> <li>• To create an office to be known as the Process Service under the PLSSF Operations Bureau, with the duty of serving warrants, subpoenas and orders issued by the House of Representatives (HRep) (Sec. 6. A of the bill);</li> <li>• To rename the Financial Management Service under the PLSSF Administrative Bureau to Logistics Service, (Sec. 6. B);</li> <li>• To raise the rank requirement of the PLSSF Board Chair from retired general to retired brigadier general, if from the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), and chief superintendent, if from the Philippine National Police (PNP) (Sec. 5);</li> <li>• For the PLSSF Board Chair to have the same salary grade (SG) as the Chief PNP which is now at SG 30; and</li> <li>• To raise the compulsory retirement age from 56 to 60 years (Sec. 12).</li> </ul> <p>Rep. Bataoil reminded the body that the above stated agreements are still subject to the approval of the Mother Committee.</p>