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COMMITTEE MEETINGS				
COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Good Government and Public Accountability jt. w/ Health	HRs 444 & 480 and Privilege Speech 125	Reps. Tan (A.), Suansing (E.), and Leachon	Inquiry into the legality of the procurement process and use of public funds relative to the school-based dengue immunization program of the Department of Health (DOH) as well as the efficacy and safety of the vaccine procured	The Joint Committee, co-chaired by Rep. Johnny Ty Pimentel (2nd District, Surigao del Sur) of the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability, and Rep. Angelina "Helen" Tan, M.D. (4th District, Quezon) of the Committee on Health, terminated its inquiry pursuant to the four measures.
	HR 1519	Rep. Atienza	Investigation into the purchase of P3.5 billion worth of Dengvaxia anti-dengue vaccines by the DOH under the former administration which have been found to pose health risks to more than 700,000 schoolchildren inoculated, and to hold accountable those responsible for the said purchase	<p>In today's hearing, former President Benigno Aquino III informed the Committee that during his stint as president, he was made aware of the large increase of dengue morbidity and mortality in the country. He believed there was a need then to urgently address the situation and saw the opportunity to do so upon the development of an anti-dengue vaccine (Dengvaxia) in 2015 by Sanofi Pasteur. The said vaccine, as he was told, had already undergone tests and processes that would ensure its safety and efficacy, and had already been approved by the Philippine Food and Drug Administration (FDA).</p> <p>His statements were echoed by former DOH Secretary Janette Garin. She added that the conflicting statements by various government agencies on the issue have caused hysteria among the public and resulted to some parents and children opting not to receive any form of vaccination. Garin explained that this way of looking at the issue may cause difficulty on the part of the government, particularly the DOH, to implement its mandate to ensure the health and well-being of the public.</p> <p>On the accusations that the Public Attorney's Office (PAO) is politicizing the Dengvaxia issue and that it is not technically competent to handle the cases related to the dengue vaccine, Public Attorney's Office (PAO) Chief Persida Rueda-Acosta pointed out that PAO is merely responding to the order of the Department of Justice (DOJ) and is performing its mandate to provide legal assistance and representation to those who cannot afford to pay for legal counsel. She added that PAO has a forensic expert in the person of Dr. Erwin Erpe as well as other experts who are lending their assistance to PAO.</p>

<p>Continuation... Good Government and Public Accountability jt. w/ Health</p>				<p>Rueda-Acosta reported that PAO has already established a link between Dengvaxia and the death of Anjelica Pestilos, one of the vaccinees. PAO has filed a suit against two former DOH officials and Sanofi Pasteur on behalf of the family of Pestilos.</p> <p>The Committee Members emphasized the need for PAO and other concerned government agencies to work together to assuage the fears of the public and to resolve the issues surrounding the Dengvaxia vaccine. Rueda-Acosta cited lawyer-client privilege as well as possible conflicts of interest as reasons behind PAO's refusal to work with other government agencies regarding the case.</p> <p>Meanwhile, several lawmakers asked why the dengue vaccination program was not included in DOH's 2015 budget despite data showing a significant number of dengue cases.</p> <p>Aquino and former Budget Secretary Florencio Abad recounted that the certificate of product registration for the Dengvaxia vaccine was only issued in 2015, which was long after the 2015 national budget was passed into law. Nevertheless, the fund needed for the purchase of the Dengvaxia vaccines was sourced from the Miscellaneous Personnel Benefits Fund (MPBF). When asked if this was legal, Abad and current Budget Secretary Benjamin Diokno answered in the affirmative. However, Diokno clarified that this is no longer allowed in the present administration.</p> <p>Reps. Ferjanel Biron, M.D. (4th District, Iloilo) and Jorge "Bolet" Banal (3rd District, Quezon City) said that Dengvaxia distributor Zuellig Pharma Corp. should not have been allowed to participate in government biddings pursuant to RA 7042, or the Foreign Investments Act of 1991, since it is a 100% Dutch-owned company.</p> <p>Zuellig President and Chief Executive Raymund Azurin explained that the company has forged a joint venture agreement with F.A. Zuellig (M) Inc., which according to him, is an entirely different entity. He stressed that Zuellig Pharma Corp. is not doing anything irregular or illegal.</p> <p>Sanofi Pasteur's Asia Pacific Head Thomas Triomphe maintained that Dengvaxia is safe and that there are still no cases of deaths which can be linked to its use. He added that as of the moment, the vaccine is still being used in several other countries.</p> <p>Rep. Aurelio "Dong" Gonzales Jr. (3rd District, Pampanga) suggested that the Dengvaxia vaccinees should be insured by the government or if possible, by a private company, for the duration of the vaccine's</p>
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<p>Continuation... Good Government and Public Accountability jt. w/ Health</p>				<p>efficacy. DOH Secretary Francisco Duque welcomed the suggestion and promised to look into the matter.</p> <p>PAO was asked to provide the Committee with a list of experts who are working with the agency in the Dengvaxia-related cases.</p> <p>Sanofi Pasteur was instructed to submit a copy of documents pertinent to its importation of Dengvaxia into the country.</p>
<p>Local Government jt. w/ Muslim Affairs and Special Committee on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity</p>	<p>Draft Substitute Bill to HBs 92, 6121, 6263 & 6475</p>	<p>Deputy Speaker Sema, Reps. Macapagal-Arroyo & Dimaporo (M.K.), and Speaker Alvarez</p>	<p>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>	<p>The Joint Committee, chaired by Reps. Pedro Acharon Jr. (1st District, South Cotabato and General Santos City), Mauyag "Jun" Papandayan Jr. (2nd District, Lanao del Sur), and Ruby Sahali (Tawi-Tawi), for the Committees on Local Government and on Muslim Affairs, and the Special Committee on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity, respectively, will deliberate further on the draft substitute bill in its next meeting.</p> <p>Former Supreme Court Associate Justice Vicente Mendoza presented his views on the proposed Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL), focusing on provisions which, in his opinion, run counter to the Constitution as well as to the national sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of the Philippines.</p> <p>Mendoza clarified that the term "right to self-determination," which is recognized by the charter of the United Nations (UN), refers to the rights of former colonies which were placed under international trusteeship after the war in order to prepare them for self-government and eventual statehood. This, he said, cannot be applied to an ethnic group like the Bangsamoro, which is not a colony but an integral part of the Philippines.</p> <p>He also mentioned that the phrase "consistent with the principle of autonomy and the asymmetric relation of the national government and the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region (BAR)," which qualifies the power of the President to exercise general supervision over the BAR is not in accordance with the Constitution.</p> <p>He explained that the recognition of BAR's "distinctive historical and cultural heritage, economic and social structures, and other relevant characteristics" do not justify its "asymmetrical political relationship" with the national government.</p> <p>This opinion was concurred with by Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) Director for Peer Assistance Program Emmanuel Buenaventura.</p> <p>Mendoza went on to say that in order to convey BAR's "oneness" to the nation, it is</p>

<p>Continuation... Local Government jt. w/ Muslim Affairs and Special Committee on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity</p>				<p>important to categorically state in the proposed BBL that the BAR “shall remain an integral and inseparable part of the national territory.”</p> <p>Moreover, Mendoza asserted that the final determination of the size or the delimitation of the BAR cannot be extended for over a long period of years, such as 25 years; and the determination of the political units to be included in the plebiscite must be made by Congress.</p> <p>Mendoza and Buenaventura were also against the provision in the BBL which provides that “the Chief Minister who heads the parliamentary government of the Bangsamoro shall be elected by a majority vote of the Parliament from among its members.” Both explained that the Chief Minister should be elected by the constituent political units pursuant to Section 18, Article X of the 1987 Philippine Constitution.</p> <p>On the proposed annual block grant or the BAR’s share in the national government’s internal revenue, Buenaventura opined that it should be reviewed annually by Congress.</p> <p>The Committee Secretariat was directed to sum up the queries of the Committee Members with regard to the constitutionality of certain provisions in the proposed law and submit it to Justice Mendoza, who promised to “conscientiously review” the same.</p> <p>The Joint Committee will invite the members of the ARMM Regional Legislative Assembly to attend its next meeting.</p>
<p>Poverty Alleviation</p>	<p>Substitute Bill to HBs 4700 & 5588</p>	<p>Reps. Garcia (J.E.) and Zubiri</p>	<p>Establishing a consolidated poverty data collection system, appropriating funds therefor</p>	<p>The Committee, chaired by Rep. Raymond Democrito Mendoza (Party-List, TUCP), approved the Substitute Bill to HBs 4700 and 5588.</p> <p>Among the recommendations made in today’s meeting that will be incorporated in the substitute bill were the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) shall capacitate the local government units (LGUs) in the collection of poverty data at the local level through the Philippine Statistical Research and Training Institute (PSRTI) in collaboration with state universities and colleges (SUCs) (Section 6.a); and • The National Privacy Commission (NPC) will be included among those agencies to be consulted in the promulgation of the implementing rules and regulations (IRR) of the proposed law (Section 11).

Women and Gender Equality	Draft Substitute Bill to HB 6595	Speaker Alvarez	Recognizing the civil partnership of couples, providing for their rights and obligations	<p>The Committee, chaired by Rep. Bernadette Herrera-Dy (Party-List, BAGONG HENERASYON), will deliberate further on the draft substitute bill in its next meeting.</p> <p>Rep. Herrera-Dy presented to the Committee the draft substitute bill that was crafted in consultation with the authors, led by Speaker Pantaleon “Bebot” Alvarez (1st District, Davao del Norte), and with resource persons.</p> <p>In today’s meeting the Committee agreed, among others, on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a pre-requisite for civil partnership, the contracting parties must be free from any existing bond of marriage or civil partnership. • The prohibitions to enter into civil partnership as provided for under Articles 37 and 38 of Executive Order No. 209, as amended, otherwise known as the Family Code of the Philippines, will be enumerated in the bill. • The civil partnership contract shall take place with the personal appearance of the contracting parties before a duly licensed Notary Public and in the presence of not less than two witnesses. • For civil partnerships between Filipino citizens being contracted abroad, the contracting parties must individually request from their place of residence a certificate of no marriage to be submitted before the consular office, subject to verification. • The Notary Public shall register the contract of civil partnership with the local Civil Registry office within 30 days after the ceremony took place.
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COMMITTEE MEETING		
COMMITTEE	SUBJECT MATTER	DISCUSSIONS
Metro Manila Development	Discussion on the policies being observed in apprehending erring drivers of public utility vehicles (PUVs) in Metro Manila	<p>The Committee, chaired by Rep. Winston “Winnie” Castelo (2nd District, Quezon City), discussed with concerned government agencies the policies they are observing in apprehending PUV drivers in view of numerous complaints of abuses allegedly committed by traffic enforcers.</p> <p>Navotas Rep. Federico “Ricky” Sandoval II mentioned that complaints raised by different transport groups include the following: confiscation of driver’s licenses by Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) and traffic enforcers of local government units (LGUs); discrepancy in the rates and penalties under the ticketing system; and different traffic ordinances being implemented per city within Metro Manila. Rep. Sandoval said that there should be a uniform traffic apprehension policy in Metro Manila.</p>

<p>Continuation... Metro Manila Development</p>		<p>Director Neomie Recio of the MMDA Traffic Discipline Office clarified that MMDA personnel are not authorized to confiscate driver's licenses except under the following circumstances: when the driver is already on his/her third violation; when the driver is involved in a traffic accident; and when the driver is driving a <i>colorum</i> vehicle. Recio added that it is the LGU traffic enforcers who confiscate driver's licenses.</p> <p>On issues regarding the ticketing system, Department of Transportation (DOTr) Undersecretary Thomas Orbos apprised the Committee that a unified ticketing system is already being developed by the Inter-agency Council on Traffic (i-ACT) and the local chief executives of Metro Manila. They are just awaiting the completion of the inter-agency connectivity component of the program for the system to be fully implemented.</p> <p>Meanwhile, National President George San Mateo of the Pinagkaisang Samahan ng mga Tsuper at Operator Nationwide (PISTON) averred that what should be addressed is the pervading corruption among traffic enforcers which is a more significant measure to curb traffic violations, as compared to just merely increasing the rates of fines and penalties against traffic violators.</p> <p>Rep. Bayani Fernando (1st District, Marikina City), a former MMDA Chair, challenged San Mateo to produce statistics showing that raising traffic fines has no effect on instilling discipline in drivers. To further prove his point, Rep. Fernando cited the remarkable traffic discipline among motorists in the United States primarily due to its high rates for traffic fines and penalties.</p> <p>The Committee requested the DOTr to come up with a manual on traffic apprehension policies in coordination with the MMDA, LGUs, and Land Transportation Office (LTO).</p>
	<p>Update on the planned modernization of public utility jeepneys (PUJs) in Metro Manila</p>	<p>The Committee will continue its discussion with stakeholders on the planned modernization of PUJs in Metro Manila.</p> <p>Rep. Sandoval and Rep. Rosenda Ann Ocampo (6th District, Manila) inquired about the financial viability of the PUJ modernization program.</p> <p>Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) Chairman Martin Delgra III cited the success of the pilot project in Tacloban City showing that PUJ modernization program is feasible. He also said that the modernization program is a component of the route rationalization program which aims to enhance road network efficiency, improve service quality, and ultimately decongest urban cities like Metro Manila.</p> <p>DOTr Assistant Secretary Mark de Leon added that the PUJ modernization urges the formation of cooperatives among drivers and operators for an orderly dispatching and franchising system, that will benefit jeepney drivers/operators and the riding public.</p> <p>Replying to the query of Rep. Rodel Batocabe (Party-List, AKO BICOL) on the amount of subsidy that the government is willing to grant under the program, De Leon disclosed that the government is willing to shell out P80,000 per unit.</p> <p>Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) President Cecilia Borrromeo said that the government subsidy will cover the 5% loan equity under the bank's financing scheme for the program.</p> <p>Meanwhile, Zenaida Maranan, president of the Federation of Jeepney Operators and Drivers Association of the Philippines (FEJODAP),</p>

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TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETINGS				
COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/ DISCUSSION
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Basic Education and Culture jt. w/ Higher and Technical Education (Technical Working Group)	HB 4044	Rep. Belaro	Establishing a standard academic calendar for all levels in all schools in the country and appropriating funds thereof	<p>The joint technical working group (TWG), co-chaired by Rep. Evelina Escudero (1st District, Sorsogon) of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and Bacolod City Rep. Greg Gasataya of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education, will deliberate further on the four bills in its next meeting.</p> <p>The joint TWG agreed that HB 5802, authored by Rep. Michael John "Jack" Duavit (1st District, Rizal), will be the lead bill during its deliberations.</p> <p>The Department of Education (DepEd) stated that it is still studying the bills, but also informed the body that it still supports the existing law which allows variations in the academic calendar among schools.</p> <p>Similarly, Commission on Higher Education's (CHED) Chief Education Program Specialist Nena Asingjo said that the Commission subscribes to the existing law and objects to the proposed mandatory change in the academic calendar.</p> <p>However, Asingjo informed the TWG that 127 private schools and 67 state universities and colleges (SUCs) in the country have already adjusted the start of their school calendar from June to August.</p> <p>Rep. Gasataya mentioned some of the schools which have shifted their school calendar in line with the ASEAN economic integration: University of the Philippines (UP), University of Santo Tomas (UST), De La Salle University (DLSU), and Ateneo de Manila University (ADMU).</p> <p>Dr. Antoinette Montealegre, officer-in-charge (OIC) of the Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges (PASUC), said that PASUC is also in the process of harmonizing its programs with the ASEAN, American and European education standards.</p> <p>The Association of Local Colleges and</p>
	HB 4909	Rep. Garin (O.)	Establishing the month of August as the start of the academic year in all public schools in the Philippines	
	HBs 5731 & 5802	Reps. Vargas and Duavit	Synchronizing the opening of all classes in all schools in the Philippines	

<p><i>Continuation...</i> Basic Education and Culture jt. w/ Higher and Technical Education (Technical Working Group)</p>				<p>Universities (ALCU) conveyed that colleges and universities under a semestral calendar will be mostly affected by the shift to August-May academic calendar.</p> <p>Similarly, Atty. Joseph Noel Estrada, legal counsel of the Coordinating Council for Private Educational Associations (COCOPEA), said the calendar shift may disrupt the implementation of the K to 12 Program.</p> <p>On the other hand, Assistant Weather Services Chief Rosalina de Guzman of the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) stated that the weather should not be the primary consideration in the synchronization of the opening of classes as climate disturbances brought about by tropical cyclones and the rainy season can happen anytime of the year.</p> <p>The resource persons were requested to submit their respective position papers on the bill for consideration by the TWG.</p> <p>Meanwhile, Rep. Julieta Cortuna (Party-List, A TEACHER) raised the issue on the non-acceptance of kindergarten graduates to grade one level if the child is not yet six years old by October of the coming school year, as prescribed under Department Order 16 s. 2015 issued by the Department of Education (DepEd). She manifested that she will file a resolution that will direct DepEd to address this problem.</p> <p>Estrada concurred with the statement of Rep. Cortuna, adding that it is also the concern of private schools which up to now has not been addressed by the DepEd.</p> <p>DepEd Senior Education Program Specialist Salvacion Olinares assured the TWG that the matter will be referred to the concerned office of the DepEd for appropriate action.</p>
<p>Government Enterprises and Privatization (Technical Working Group)</p>	<p>Substitute Bill to HBs 1989 & 4732</p>	<p>Reps. Ting and Salceda</p>	<p>Mandating the insurance of all government properties and interest with the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) and providing penalties for violation thereof, repealing for the purpose RA 656, entitled, "Property Insurance Law," and Chapter 16, Property Insurance Law, under Title V, Book I of the Administrative Code, as amended</p>	<p>The technical working group (TWG), chaired by Baguio City Rep. Mark Go, will deliberate further on the measures in its next meeting.</p> <p>On granting the GSIS the authority to engage in the reinsurance business, as proposed under Section 3 of the Substitute Bill, the Insurance Commission (IC) maintained that such authority should be limited to the reinsurance of government properties and interest.</p> <p>The GSIS concurred with the position of the IC, adding that it is prohibited from participating as reinsurer of private corporations.</p> <p>Deputy General Manager Rogelio Concepcion</p>
	<p>HB 6760</p>	<p>Speaker Alvarez</p>	<p>Further amending Section 27 of PD 1146, exempting the reinsurance policies of the GSIS from the provisions of RA 9184, also known as the Government Procurement Reform Act</p>	
	<p>HR 1502</p>	<p>Speaker Alvarez</p>	<p>Inquiry into the reinsurance contracts awarded to domestic insurance companies by the GSIS</p>	

<p>Continuation... Government Enterprises and Privatization (Technical Working Group)</p>				<p>of the Philippine Insurers and Reinsurers Association (PIRA) Inc. cited the disadvantage of government competing with the private sector in the reinsurance business.</p> <p>Rep. Randolph Ting (3rd District, Cagayan), author of HB 1989, countered that allowing the participation of the GSIS in the reinsurance business, with both government and private sector, could prevent connivance or collusion among private reinsurance companies.</p> <p>With regard to the definition of "insurable interest" in the Substitute Bill, the Office of the Government Corporate Counsel (OGCC) will submit its suggested definition by next week.</p> <p>The resource persons were requested to submit their respective position papers on the proposed law for consideration by the TWG.</p> <p>In addition, the GSIS was requested to submit its list of insurance programs open for both the government and the private sector, while the IC was asked to submit the names of the 67 active reinsurance companies in the country and other related data.</p>
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PUBLIC HEARING				
COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/ DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
<p>Local Government jt. w/ Muslim Affairs and Special Committee on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity</p>	<p>Draft Substitute Bill to HBs 92, 6121, 6263 & 6475</p>	<p>Deputy Speaker Sema, Reprs. Macapagal-Arroyo & Dimaporo (M.K.), and Speaker Alvarez</p>	<p>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>	<p>The Joint Committee, co-chaired by Reprs. Pedro Acharon Jr. (1st District, South Cotabato and General Santos City), Maanyag "Jun" Papandayan Jr. (2nd District, Lanao del Sur), and Ruby Sahali (Tawi-Tawi), for the Committees on Local Government and on Muslim Affairs, and for the Special Committee on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity, respectively, again held a series of public hearings in Mindanao to hear the sentiments of the people on the ground regarding the proposed Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL).</p> <p>The second leg of the public hearings was held on February 22 and 23 in Tandu-Bato, Luuk, Sulu and at the Basilan State University (BSU), Isabela City, Basilan, respectively.</p> <p>Aside from the Chairpersons of the three Committees, the following House Members attended the public hearings (either in one or in both hearings): Reprs. Munir Arbison (2nd District, Sulu), Amihilda Sangcopan (Party-List, AMIN), Zajid Mangudadatu (2nd District, Maguindanao), Tom Villarin (Party-List, AKBAYAN), and Leopoldo Bataoil (2nd District, Pangasinan).</p> <p>Officials of the Bangsamoro Transition Commission (BTC), namely, Chairman Ghazali</p>

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FIELD INSPECTION TRIP		
COMMITTEE	SUBJECT MATTER	DISCUSSIONS
Transportation	Planning for the North and Central Luzon Field Inspection Trip	<p>The Committee, chaired by Catanduanes Rep. Cesar Sarmiento, discussed the itinerary of the House of Representatives' North and Central Luzon field inspection trip scheduled on the third week of March of this year.</p> <p>This field inspection trip will allow House Members to see for themselves the true state of roads and highways and other vital infrastructures of the government in the Provinces of Aurora, Quirino, and Pampanga, which are the areas to be visited. Afterwards, House Members will be able to determine which projects, particularly tourism infrastructure and transport system projects, shall be given priority in the allocation of the national budget.</p> <p>It will be the third time that the House will hold such an activity. The first trip, called the "Western and Eastern Nautical Highway Expedition," was held in March 2017, during which House Members led by Speaker Pantaleon "Bebot" Alvarez (1st District, Davao del Norte) and Majority Leader Rodolfo Fariñas (1st District, Ilocos Norte) inspected the roll-on, roll-off (RoRo) ports and facilities, roads and highways, and other infrastructures.</p> <p>The second trip was held in June 2017 involving the inspection of roads, highways and other infrastructure facilities in North Luzon.</p> <p>Various agencies will be invited to join the field inspection trip this March, such as the Departments of Transportation (DOTr), Tourism (DOT), Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Interior and Local Government (DILG), and Finance (DOF), as well as the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR).</p> <p>The Committee agreed to hold another meeting on March 5 and 14 to finalize the details of the trip.</p>