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COMMITTEE MEETING				
COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Appropriations	Substitute Bill to HBs 1617 and 8128	Reps. Zarate and Lagman	Defining the rights and fundamental freedoms of human rights defenders, declaring state responsibilities and instituting effective mechanisms for the protection and promotion of these rights and freedoms	<p>The Committee meeting, presided over by its Vice Chair, Rep. Maria Carmen Zamora (1st District, Compostela Valley), approved the appropriations provision of the substitute bill, as amended.</p> <p>The Committee adopted the suggestion of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) that the amount necessary for the implementation of the proposed law shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.</p>
	Substitute Bill to HB 8615	Rep. Tan (A.)	Strengthening the fight to end Tuberculosis (TB), amending for the purpose RA 10767 or the "Comprehensive Tuberculosis Elimination Plan Act"	<p>The Committee approved Substitute Bill to HB 8615 with amendments.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that the administrative expenses to implement the law as provided for under Section 33 of RA 10767 should be reduced from 10% to 1%. The body also agreed that the DOH shall submit to the DBM the organizational and staffing modification necessary to implement the intensified TB elimination program.</p>

DISCUSSION WITH AGENCIES/ENTITIES		
COMMITTEE	SUBJECT MATTER	DISCUSSIONS
Public Works and Highways	Review of the status of the Marikina Flood Control System implemented by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) in collaboration with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)	<p>The Committee, chaired by Rep. Bayani Fernando (1st District, Marikina City), will continue its review of the status of the Marikina Flood Control System in its next meeting.</p> <p>Rep. Fernando informed the Committee that the Marikina Flood Control System was initiated by the American Government 80 years ago. But because the same was not implemented, the government pursued its construction financed by a loan from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). He said that the purpose of the Committee's review is to come up with legislation that will effectively address the continuing flood problem in Marikina.</p> <p>DPWH Consultant Kazuto Suzuki briefed the Committee about the Pasig-Marikina River Channel Improvement Project (PMRCIP), a DPWH project in collaboration with JICA that aims to mitigate flood damage in Metro Manila caused by the channel overflow of the Pasig-Marikina River. The PMRCIP includes flood control projects in Marikina. DPWH Flood Control Management Cluster Project Director Patrick Gatan said that in order to complete all the flood control system under the PMRCIP, the construction of the Marikina dam should be undertaken first. However, the proposed Marikina dam is still in its design stage.</p> <p>Rep. Fernando underscored the need to immediately complete the flood control projects in Marikina. He also recommended that the Manalo Bridge connecting Pasig City and Quezon City be demolished and replaced, and the Marikina river to be widened to prevent flooding in Marikina and nearby cities.</p>