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## CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/ DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Conference Committee	HB 9051 & SB 2063	Rep. Canama and Sen. Zubiri	Reorganizing and strengthening the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA), repealing for the purpose RA 6939, creating the CDA	<p>The Conference Committee, co-chaired by Rep. Rico Geron (Party-List, AGAP), Chair of the House Committee on Cooperatives Development, and Sen. Juan Miguel "Migz" Zubiri, Chair of the Senate Committee on Cooperatives, approved the reconciled version of HB 9051 and SB 2063.</p> <p>Among the key provisions agreed during the meeting were the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The CDA shall have adjudicatory powers to implement a dispute resolution mechanism; to mediate inter-cooperative and intra-cooperative disputes; to issue subpoenas, summons, and cease and desist orders; and to enforce its decisions;</li> <li>• The CDA's organizational structure shall be reorganized and its Board of Administrators be renamed into "Board of Directors;" and</li> <li>• The powers and functions of its officers shall be delineated and their positions rationalized in accordance with existing rules and regulations of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Civil Service Commission (CSC).</li> </ul> <p>Also present during the conference committee meeting were the following: On the part of the House, Reps. Anthony Bravo, Ph.D. (Party-List, COOP NATCCO), Sabiniano Canama (Party-List, COOP NATCCO), Joseph Stephen Paduano (Party-List, ABANG LINGKOD), Wilter "Sharky" Wee Palma II (1<sup>st</sup> District, Zamboanga Sibugay), and Orestes Salon (Party-List, AGRI); on the part of the Senate, Sen. Joel Villanueva.</p>
Conference Committee	HB 6524 & SB 2133	Rep. Garcia (J.E.) and Sen. Gordon	Further strengthening the powers and functions of the Authority of the Freeport Area of Bataan (AFAB), amending for this purpose RA 9728, otherwise known as the Freeport Area of Bataan (FAB) Act of 2009	<p>The Conference Committee, presided over by Rep. Gwendolyn Garcia (3<sup>rd</sup> District, Cebu City), Chair of the House Committee on Economic Affairs, and Sen. Sherwin Gatchalian, Chair of the Senate Committee on Economic Affairs, approved the reconciled version of HB 6524 and SB 2133.</p>

Continuation... Conference Committee				<p>Among the agreements reached during the conference committee meeting were the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The expansion of the Freeport Area of Bataan (FAB) shall be aligned with the comprehensive land use plan of the affected local government units in the Province of Bataan. Provided that the expansion outside the Municipality of Mariveles may be revoked by the President of the Philippines;</li> <li>• Any foreign national who invests an amount of US\$75,000 either in cash and/or equipment, in a registered enterprise shall be entitled to an investor's visa provided that he meets the qualifications set forth under the proposed law; and</li> <li>• The AFAB shall exercise the power of eminent domain over private lands granted in Section 13, paragraph (b) of RA 9728 without prejudice to the execution of agreements with public agencies and subject to compliance with related provisions under RA 10752 or the Right-of-Way Law.</li> </ul> <p>Also present in the conference committee meeting were the following: On the part of the House, Reps. Jose Enrique "Joet" Garcia III (2<sup>nd</sup> District, Bataan), Strike Revilla (2<sup>nd</sup> District, Cavite), Dakila Carlo Cua (Quirino), and Orestes Salon (Party-List, AGRI); on the part of the Senate, Sen. Maria Lourdes Nancy Binay.</p>
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Health	HB 8765	Rep. Tan (A.)	Establishing 100-bed hospital in the Municipality of Tagkawayan, Province of Quezon to be known as the Tagkawayan Public Hospital and appropriating funds therefor	The Committee, presided over by Rep. Ma. Theresa Collantes (3 <sup>rd</sup> District, Batangas), approved HB 8765, subject to compliance with standards of the Department of Health (DOH) in establishing new hospitals.
	HB 9168	Rep. Tan (A.)	Establishing 500-bed capacity regional training and teaching hospital in the City of Lucena, Province of Quezon and appropriating funds therefor	The Committee approved HB 9168, subject to compliance with standards of the Department of Health (DOH) in establishing new hospitals.
Health jt. w/ Appropriations	HB 9194 in consolidation with HBs 1672, 2187 & 4621	Speaker Macapagal-Arroyo, Reps. Revilla, Robes, and Rodriguez (M.)	Establishing the overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) hospital and appropriating funds therefor	The Joint Committee, co-presided over by Rep. Ma. Theresa Collantes (3 <sup>rd</sup> District, Batangas), member of the Committee on Health, and Rep. Maria Carmen Zamora (1 <sup>st</sup> District, Compostela Valley), Vice Chair of the Committee on Appropriations, approved HB 9194 in consolidation with HBs 1672, 2187 and 4621.

Continuation... Health jt. w/ Appropriations				<p>Former President and now House Speaker Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo (2<sup>nd</sup> District, Pampanga), author of HB 9194, underscored the need to establish a national hospital facility with departmentalized clinical services and select specialty care for OFWs and their families. This is in response to the increasing list of physical and mental health problems suffered by OFWs due to risks associated with the nature of their work. The establishment of a national hospital would provide OFWs better access to high quality healthcare for OFWs.</p> <p>She also mentioned the ongoing construction of an OFW hospital in Pampanga where the land was donated by the provincial government and some of its hospital equipment will be donated by the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR). However, the hospital still needs funding to make it operational after its completion, the Speaker said.</p> <p>In line with this, Speaker Macapagal-Arroyo recommended that the national hospital for OFWs be placed under the full administrative and technical supervision of the DOH and be allotted funds annually for its operating expenses as proposed in HB 9194.</p> <p>Representatives from DOH, Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth), and Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) expressed their support for the bill.</p>
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SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING		
COMMITTEE	SUBJECT MATTER	DISCUSSIONS
Subcommittee on Marawi Rehabilitation (Disaster Management)	<p>Briefing on the status of the government's rehabilitation efforts in war-torn Marawi City by the following government offices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Office of the President (OP)</li> <li>• Office of Civil Defense (OCD) and Department of Budget and Management (DBM)</li> </ul>	<p>The Subcommittee, chaired by Rep. Makmod Mending Jr. (Party-List, AMIN), received a briefing from concerned government agencies on the government's rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts in Marawi City in the aftermath of the battle between the ISIS-backed local terrorist groups and government forces which left the city in ruins.</p> <p>Cabinet Secretary Karlo Nograles said that the Office of the President is the approving authority for the projects recommended by the National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (NDRRMC) for the rehabilitation of Marawi.</p> <p>OCD Undersecretary Ricardo Jalad reported that out of the P10 billion Marawi Recovery, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Program (MRRP) Fund for 2018, the OCD has processed a total amount of P5.62 billion, P5.16 billion of which was issued a Special Allotment Release Order (SARO). At the time of the briefing, funds for expenditures amounting to P244.85 million had yet to be released, while the requests for allotment of a total of P214.85 million are still pending approval of the OP.</p>

<p>Continuation... Subcommittee on Marawi Rehabilitation (Disaster Management)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Task Force Bangon Marawi (TFBM)</li>   <li>• Department of National Defense (DND) and Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP)</li>   <li>• National Housing Authority (NHA)</li>   <li>• Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA)</li>   <li>• Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)</li>   <li>• Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)</li> </ul>	<p>DBM Budget Specialist Jimmy Benavente disclosed that for 2019, the National Disaster Risk Reduction Management (NDRRM) Fund received an amount of P20 billion, P3.5 billion of which will be allocated to the Marawi rehabilitation program.</p> <p>TFBM Chair Eduardo del Rosario reported to the Committee the challenges being encountered by the Task Force in implementing its mandate. Among those that he mentioned were the clearing of unexploded explosives and ordinances (UXOs), as well as issues on land ownership, obtaining consent to demolish houses/buildings, and the profiling of residents. He, however, promised that by August 30 all identified bombs in the area will be recovered and detonated.</p> <p>Rep. Mending asked if the AFP and the DND are not alarmed that only 21 out of the 70 UXOs, particularly general purpose bombs, that were planted by the government during the war have been recovered and disposed of.</p> <p>AFP Planning, Policies and Program Development (PPPD) Chief Efren Morados explained that the said UXOs could have been expired already considering that these are old stock. Nevertheless, he agreed to Rep. Mending's suggestion to look into the matter.</p> <p>NHA Marawi Project Management Office (MPMO) Head Roderick Ibañez reported on the status of various transitory and permanent shelter projects under the MPMO. These housing projects will cover 96.7 hectares for the construction of 6,932 houses amounting to P2.07 billion. Mr. Ibañez admitted that the NHA has indeed encountered issues concerning land ownership but assured the Subcommittee that the agency will be able to deliver the much-needed housing units as scheduled.</p> <p>LWUA Operations-Mindanao Division Manager Rodney Peralta and DILG Executive Assistant Relly Leysa presented the various projects that their respective offices are undertaking to provide the residents of Marawi with adequate water source, including the construction of deep wells and water treatment facilities.</p> <p>DENR Assistant Secretary Jim Sampulina reported that the volume of solid waste and debris continues to pile up and is currently at a very alarming magnitude. This, according to Sampulina, can be attributed to DENR's lack of manpower and the inadequacy in tools and equipment, as well as the absence of a functional solid waste management system. He informed the Subcommittee that the DENR is now in the process of procuring dump trucks and other vehicles which will be used in clearing up the debris. The Department also proposed the construction of a 317,727.8 sq.m sanitary landfill in Brgy. Malimono, Marawi City.</p> <p>DSWD's Disaster Response Management Bureau Director Rodolfo Encabo reported that as of May 22, 2019, a total of 14,839 internally displaced persons (IDPs) benefitted from the DSWD's Livelihood Settlement Grants receiving P10,000-P20,000 each. Likewise, Mr. Encabo said that part of the funds that the agency received for the rehabilitation of Marawi was used for distribution of Pabaon Packs (food packs) to identified IDPs.</p> <p>The Subcommittee Members requested the DSWD to provide the legal basis for re-aligning the funds to cover the distribution of Pabaon Packs as this was not provided for in the SARO issued to DSWD for Marawi rehabilitation.</p>
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<p><i>Continuation...</i> Subcommittee on Marawi Rehabilitation (Disaster Management)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department of Health (DOH)</li>   <li>• Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)</li>   <li>• Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)</li> </ul>	<p>DOH Assistant Secretary Abdullah Dumama Jr. said that the DOH has spent a total of P321.54 million from May 2017 to April 2019 for the delivery of health services to the residents of Marawi. He called on the DBM to approve DOH's request to release the funding for the repair of government hospitals such as the Amai Pakpak Medical Center (APMC) in Marawi which was badly damaged during the Marawi crisis.</p> <p>DTI Assistant Secretary Ameenah Fajardo presented the various livelihood programs of DTI for the IDPs of Marawi. She informed the Committee that the procurement process is often a source of delay in the implementation of DTI's projects. The Subcommittee Members suggested that the DTI look into alternative modes of procurement to expedite the full delivery of livelihood kits to the IDPs. The DTI was also asked to submit its accomplishment report and a list of the Marawi beneficiaries of their livelihood kits.</p> <p>DPWH engineer Mikunug Macabantog apprised the Subcommittee of the various infrastructure projects identified under the Comprehensive Rehabilitation and Recovery Plan (CRRP) which will support the speedy recovery of the people affected by the Marawi crisis. This includes the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the Marawi Trancentral Road. Macabantog reported that the project encountered a setback after a failed bidding in December 2018. The Department is now awaiting the re-issuance of the project's SARO by the DBM.</p> <p>The Committee Members expressed disappointment over the delay in the implementation of projects in Marawi. They urged the concerned agencies to double their efforts and expedite the delivery of the much-needed services to Marawi residents considering that it has been almost two years since the war ended in October 2017.</p>
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