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COMMITTEE MEETING				
COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Metro Manila Development	HR 1563 & Privilege Speech 326	Rep. Teves	Inquiry into the obvious and ostentatious display of illegalities and brazen disregard of traffic laws committed in the major thoroughfares and side streets of Metro Manila	The Committee, chaired by Rep. Winston "Winnie" Castelo (2 <sup>nd</sup> District, Quezon City), approved with amendment the Committee Report on HR 1563 and Privilege Speech 326.
	<i>Motu Proprio</i> Inquiry		<i>Motu Proprio</i> inquiry into the water crisis in Metro Manila	The Committee approved the Committee Report on its findings and recommendations on the water crisis in Metro Manila.
	<i>Motu Proprio</i> Inquiry		<i>Motu Proprio</i> inquiry into the proposed reclamation developments in Manila Bay	The Committee approved, subject to style, the Committee Report on its findings and recommendations on the proposed reclamation developments in Manila Bay.

DISCUSSION WITH AGENCIES/ENTITIES		
COMMITTEE	SUBJECT MATTER	DISCUSSIONS
Metro Manila Development	<p>Discussion with concerned agencies on the following issues and concerns affecting Metro Manila:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Garbage collection, management, and disposal in Metro Manila</li> </ul>	<p>The Committee, chaired by Rep. Winston "Winnie" Castelo (2<sup>nd</sup> District, Quezon City), discussed with concerned government agencies and private entities the issues and concerns affecting Metro Manila.</p> <p>Metro Manila Development Authority's Solid Waste Management Office's (MMDA) Acting Director Reynaldo Estipona reported that in 2018, the agency spent P1.77 billion for the disposal of an estimated 56,052.37 cubic meters of trash that were collected in Metro Manila during the said year.</p> <p>Rep. Castelo lamented that despite MMDA's huge budget for waste disposal, there are still uncollected trash scattered along the streets as well as on the waterways in Metro Manila.</p> <p>Estipona explained that the local government units (LGUs) are tasked with the collection and transportation of solid wastes to the disposal facility, while the MMDA is mandated to designate an area for a sanitary landfill where the LGUs can dump their garbage.</p> <p>Meanwhile, Mother Earth Foundation Chair Sonia Mendoza asserted that the strict implementation of RA 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 would improve garbage collection. (Mother Earth Foundation is a non-government organization which seeks to raise the level of public awareness on environmental issues and mobilize people to act positively on the resolution of these issues.)</p>

<p>Continuation... Metro Manila Development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alleged unlawful entry of garbage from Canada in Manila ports</li> <li>Epifanio delos Santos Avenue (EDSA) and Circumferential Road 5 (C5) reported as deadliest roads in Metro Manila</li> </ul>	<p>Mendoza cited the solid waste management program in San Fernando, Pampanga as an example of the successful implementation of RA 9003. She said that the City of San Fernando has been nearly self-reliant in its waste management through segregating and recycling and was able to divert 70% of its waste away from the dumpsite. The City's budget for waste management also went down considerably, she added.</p> <p>Mendoza suggested that garbage should be collected from a designated area per barangay and not from house to house. Rep. Francisco Datol Jr. (Party-List, Senior Citizen) agreed to her suggestion and added that a solid waste management task force in every <i>barangay</i> in Metro Manila should be created.</p> <p>Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) Assistant Secretary Maria Lumen Isleta requested that the discussion on the administrative, logistical and diplomatic concerns on the alleged unlawful entry of garbage from Canada into Manila ports be deferred so as not to pre-empt the diplomatic actions being undertaken for the shipping back of the trash to Canada. She, however, confirmed that the Canadian government shouldered the P10 million cost of reshipment from Manila to Vancouver.</p> <p>The waste from Canada arrived in batches between 2013 and 2014. The shipment was marked recyclable trash but upon inspection, the Bureau of Customs (BOC) found out that the shipment also contained municipal solid wastes or all types of solid waste generated by household and commercial establishments.</p> <p>BOC Deputy Commissioner of Assessment and Operations Coordinating Group (AOCG) Edward James Dy Buco confirmed that the controversial shipment underwent the BOC's red lane selectivity system which requires the shipment to undergo x-ray inspection.</p> <p>Rep. Arnolfo "Arnie" Teves Jr. (3<sup>rd</sup> District, Negros Oriental) stressed that the BOC institute the "no x-ray, no entry" policy for all types of cargoes to prevent the entry of illegal shipments into the country as well as the misdeclaration, misclassification and undervaluation of cargoes.</p> <p>Likewise, Reps. Teves and Teodoro "Ted" Montoro (Party-List, AASENSO) expressed concern over the possibility that the importation of recyclable materials is being used to conceal the entry of illegal drugs into the country. They urged the BOC to conduct an investigation on the matter, with the assistance of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA).</p> <p>MMDA Planning and Design Division Chief Emilio Llavor said that EDSA and C5 topped the list of Metro Manila's deadliest roads based on the number of road accidents recorded last year. Nevertheless, the MMDA has put in place measures to address the traffic problems and prevent road accidents in EDSA and C5, Llavor added.</p> <p>On ensuring the road worthiness of vehicles, Department of Transportation (DOTr) Consultant Alberto Suansing said that the DOTr authorized the establishment of private motor vehicle inspection system (MVIS) centers to accommodate the increasing number of new vehicles registered with the Land Transportation Office (LTO). The conduct of the MVIS testing is a requirement for renewal of vehicle registration.</p>
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