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COMMITTEE MEETING				
COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Good Government and Public Accountability jt. w/ Ecology and Local Government	HR 2317	Rep. Uy (J.)	Inquiry into the illegal entry and dumping of hazardous plastic garbage from South Korea in the Philippine Veterans Investment Corporation (PHIVIDEC) Industrial Estate in the Municipality of Tagoloan, Province of Misamis Oriental	<p>The joint Committee, co-presided by Rep. Henry Oaminal (2nd District, Misamis Occidental) of the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability, Quirino Rep. Dakila Carlo Cua, Chair of the Committee on Ecology, and Rep. Luis “Jon-Jon” Ferrer IV (6th District, Cavite), Vice Chair of the Committee on Local Government, discussed the illegal entry into the country of hazardous plastic wastes from South Korea.</p> <p>According to Rep. Juliette Uy (2nd District, Misamis Oriental), author of HR 2317, the PHIVIDEC Industrial Authority (PIA) had given the importer of the plastic wastes, Verde Soko Philippines Industrial Corporation, clearance to operate 13 recycling facilities within the PHIVIDEC Industrial Estate complex. However, she said, only one facility was established but was never made operational.</p> <p>Rep. Uy also said that the Environmental Management Bureau of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR-EMB) granted Verde Soko an environmental compliance certificate (ECC) on July 6, 2018 for the establishment of a plastic pellet and plastic briquette processing plant and a 300-kilowatt thermal power supply project.</p> <p>Verde Soko had intended to process the supposed “raw materials” shipped from Pyongteak City, South Korea into pellets and briquettes (a component of plastic furniture) and thereafter ship them back to South Korea and China. However, Bureau of Customs (BOC) Region 10 found out that the shipment was misdeclared as “plastic synthetic flakes” instead of the actual contents of all sorts of plastic wastes.</p> <p>Rep. Uy mentioned that part of the illegal shipment was sent back to South Korea last month through the concerted efforts of the BOC, Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), and the South Korean government, which shouldered the cost of returning the shipment. The remaining 5,177 metric tons of plastic wastes were temporarily transferred to Verde Soko’s plant site and will likewise be eventually sent back to South Korea, Rep. Uy added.</p>
	Privilege Speech 422	Rep. Siao	On the shipment of 51 container vans of garbage from South Korea to the Port of Tagoloan, Province of Misamis Oriental	

Continuation... Good Government and Public Accountability jt. w/ Ecology and Local Government				<p>PIA Chair Jesus Guevarra II informed the Committee that Verde Soko was registered as a locator in the PHIVIDEC Industrial Estate last April 2017. He also said that the importation of raw materials by Verde Soko could be considered illegal and at the same time premature because the company's recycling plant had not been operational and so the declared purpose of the importation could not be valid at the time.</p> <p>Rep. Romeo Acop (2nd District, Antipolo City) asked the Committee to require the presence of Verde Soko President Neil Alburo and Operations Manager Nathaniel Carampatana in its next meeting.</p>
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PUBLIC HEARING				
COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/ DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Housing and Urban Development	HR 2067	Rep. Benitez	<p>Inquiry into the implementation of 1) Proclamation No. 96 series of 2001, declaring Parola Estate under the administration of the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) situated in Tondo, City of Manila, open for disposition to the actual occupants; 2) Proclamation No. 518 series of 1990, excluding from the operation of Proclamation No. 423 dated July 12, 1957, which established the military reservation known as "Fort William Mckinley" (now Fort Andres Bonifacio), Barangays Cembo, South Cembo, West Rembo, East Rembo, Comembo, Pembo and Pitogo, situated in Makati and declaring the same open for disposition; and 3) Proclamation No. 825 series of 1996, amending Proclamation No. 843, series of 1971, known as reserving the Tala Estate for various government uses as well as for housing and urban development to reclassify the use of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) lot at the Tala Estate to include socialized housing</p>	<p>The Committee, chaired by Rep. Alfredo "Albee" Benitez (3rd District, Negros Occidental), held a public hearing in Tondo, Manila on February 26 relative to HR 2067.</p> <p>Today's Committee deliberation focused on the status of implementation of Proclamation No. 96 series of 2001, declaring Parola Estate, under the administration of the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) situated in Tondo, City of Manila, open for disposition to the actual occupants.</p> <p>House Speaker Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo (2nd District, Pampanga), who initiated the conduct of the public hearing, has been pushing for the immediate implementation of Proclamation No. 96 which was issued during her administration, as the country's President.</p> <p>According to Rep. Benitez, the National Housing Authority (NHA) was previously directed to finalize and issue a Project Inter-Agency Committee (PIAC) resolution asking the Philippine National Railways (PNR) Board to waive its claim over the property covered by the Proclamation. The delay in the implementation of the Proclamation is due to the overlapping boundaries of the property owned by the PPA and that of the PNR.</p> <p>PNR General Manager Junn Magno said that the agency is willing to donate 1,064 square meters of its property covered by the Proclamation, subject to the condition that the land intended for PNR's rail freight services will not be affected.</p> <p>The PNR and NHA were directed to draft a formal document adjusting the metes and bounds of the land area covered by the Proclamation in order to avoid the area dedicated for PNR's rail freight services.</p>

Continuation... Housing and Urban Development				<p>Aside from the House Speaker and Rep. Benitez, other House Members who attended the public hearing were Rep. Manuel Luis Lopez (1st District, Manila) and BUHAY Party-List Rep. Jose Atienza Jr.</p> <p>Senator Cynthia Villar and Manila City Mayor Joseph "Erap" Ejercito Estrada were also present in the public hearing and expressed their gratitude and appreciation to the efforts done by the House Speaker to ensure that the parcel of land situated in Barangay 20, District 1, Tondo, Manila will be awarded to qualified beneficiaries.</p>
	<i>Motu Proprio</i> Inquiry		<p>Inquiry into the status of implementation of Executive Order 108, series of 2002 declaring a portion of the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) property located in Parola, Tondo and Binondo in Manila as social housing site and providing for the disposition thereof to qualified occupants and beneficiaries</p>	<p>The Committee continued its discussion on the status of implementation of EO 108, series of 2002.</p> <p>Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Councils-Asset Reform Group Director Jeanette Cruz informed the Committee that the HUDCC already convened the Executive Committee prescribed under Section 2 of EO 108 as agreed upon in the previous Committee meeting. However, the disposition of the subject property cannot be done yet because the GSIS is still in the process of determining the selling price of the property based on the current land valuation.</p> <p>Rep. Benitez said that HUDCC should consider the pricing scheme agreed upon by the Executive Committee and not depend solely on what the GSIS wants.</p> <p>The Committee directed HUDCC to finalize the pricing within the week to facilitate the disposal of the GSIS property to the intended beneficiaries.</p>
	<i>Motu Proprio</i> Inquiry		<p>Inquiry into the impact of the Manila Bay cleanup to the residents of Isla Puting Bato in Tondo</p>	<p>The Committee continued its discussion on the concerns of the residents of Isla Puting Bato who will be affected by the Manila Bay cleanup.</p> <p>In the Committee's previous meeting, the PPA manifested its commitment to allow the government to use its five-hectare property near Isla Puting Bato as relocation area for the affected residents.</p> <p>This commitment was sealed today through the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the PPA, NHA, and the local government of the City of Manila. The MOU will facilitate the relocation of 2,086 informal settler families (ISFs) situated in Isla Puting Bato to the five-hectare property of PPA.</p>