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## BICAMERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETING

COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/ DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Bicameral Conference Committee	HB 8869 and SB 1950	Rep. Castelo and Sen. Recto	Reducing electricity rates by allocating a portion of the net national government share from the Malampaya natural gas project for the payment of the stranded contract cost and stranded debts	<p>The Bicameral Conference Committee, presided by Marinduque Rep. Lord Allan Jay Velasco, Chair of the House Committee on Energy and Sen. Sherwin Gatchalian, Chair of the Senate Committee on Energy, approved the reconciled version of HB 8869 and SB 1950.</p> <p>Also present in the bicameral conference committee meeting were the following conferees: On the part of the House, Reps. Carlos Roman Uybarreta (Party-List, 1-CARE), Rep. Mark Aeron Sambar (Party-List, PBA), and Orestes Salon (Party-List, AGRI); on the part of the Senate, Joseph Victor Ejercito.</p>

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Housing and Urban Development	HB 8255	Speaker Macapagal-Arroyo	Allocating 71 hectares of the Manggahan Floodway Socialized Housing Project site in Taytay, Rizal for disposition to qualified beneficiaries	<p>The Committee, chaired by Rep. Alfredo "Albee" Benitez (3<sup>rd</sup> District, Negros Occidental), continued its deliberation on HB 8255.</p> <p>The bill, authored by Speaker Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo (2<sup>nd</sup> District, Pampanga), seeks to allocate 71 hectares of land located at the east and west embankments of the Manggahan Floodway Socialized Project Site in Taytay, Rizal to qualified beneficiaries. The bill aims to pursue the implementation of Proclamation 458 issued way back 1994, declaring certain parcels of land situated along the Manggahan Floodway in the Municipalities of Cainta and Taytay in Rizal, and in the City of Pasig open for disposition to qualified beneficiaries. The Proclamation covers an area of 837,071 square meters in the east embankment and 402,859 square meters in the west embankment.</p> <p>Rep. Benitez inquired on the status of the awarding of land titles to the beneficiaries</p>

Continuation... Housing and Urban Development				<p>actually occupying the 71 hectares of the Manggahan Floodway housing site.</p> <p>National Housing Authority's (NHA) East Sector II Division Manager Ma. Theresa Siat reported that around 800 beneficiary-families out of the 6,000 families residing in portions of the housing site which already have subdivision plans could already be covered under the socialized housing project, adding that 150 certificates of lot allocation and 59 conditional contracts to sell were already distributed to the qualified beneficiaries as of February 2019.</p> <p>Siat also stated that a budget amounting to P38 million was already approved by the NHA Board for the conduct of a survey of the subject property to correct the overlapping land titles and for the reconstitution of titles. The budget, sourced from NHA's corporate receipts, is expected to be released within the week.</p> <p>Taytay Councilor Ceferino Resurreccion cited the importance of a land survey that would pinpoint overlapping boundaries and determine which portions of the housing site are within "danger zones," such as esteros, railroad tracks, riverbanks, waterways, and other similar areas.</p> <p>Rep. Benitez enjoined the NHA, DENR, and other concerned government agencies to immediately conduct the land survey and to expedite the processing and awarding of titles to the qualified beneficiaries, who have waited for 25 years now since the issuance of the Proclamation in 1994.</p>
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<b>DISCUSSIONS WITH AGENCIES/ENTITIES</b>		
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>SUBJECT MATTER</b>	<b>DISCUSSIONS</b>
Housing and Urban Development	On the petition from a group of urban poor in Quezon City for the Committee's intervention in the issuance of a presidential proclamation setting aside a portion of Road Lot 39 in Barangay Valencia as a socialized housing site for disposition to bona fide residents	<p>The Committee, chaired by Rep. Alfredo "Albee" Benitez (3<sup>rd</sup> District, Negros Occidental), discussed with the Quezon City government officials and residents of Barangay Valencia, Quezon City the latter's request that a presidential proclamation be issued declaring a portion of Road Lot 39 as a socialized housing site for disposition to bona fide residents.</p> <p>Barangay Valencia Chairperson Anna Millonado claimed that the lower portion of Road Lot 39 with an area of approximately 2,000 square meters was left out from the Proclamation issued by then President and now House Speaker Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo (2<sup>nd</sup> District, Pampanga) in 2004, declaring the upper portion of the same road lot, also known as the Old Santolan Road, as socialized housing site.</p> <p>However, Barangay Valencia Councilor Eugenio Gabor clarified that the lower portion of Road Lot 39 was part of Proclamation 543 but was not awarded to the beneficiaries due to lack of survey.</p>

<p><i>Continuation...</i> Housing and Urban Development</p>		<p>The Department of Environment and Natural Resources' (DENR) OIC-Chief for Original and Other Survey Section Ma. Anna Manga-Valiente underscored the need to validate whether or not the area has a title in order to determine what mode of disposition should be undertaken. She added that if the property is not titled, a proclamation is required as basis for the issuance of a special patent and for the property's eventual disposition to the actual occupants.</p> <p>On the other hand, Quezon City government's housing and home site regulation officer Valentin Gabor said that the Quezon City government does not object to the awarding of the lower portion of Road Lot 39 as long as the structures in the area would conform to the standards set under the Fire Code and Batas Pambansa 220 (Standards for Low-Cost Housing). He also mentioned that the Quezon City government prefers the construction of medium-rise buildings in the area.</p> <p>The Committee endorsed the request of Barangay Valencia for the survey of the lower portion of the road lot to the NHA Board for its appropriate action.</p>
	<p>On the status of the drafting of the implementing rules and regulations of RA 11201, otherwise known as the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD) Act</p>	<p>The Committee discussed with the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC) the status of the drafting of the implementing rules and regulations (IRR) of RA 11201.</p> <p>HUDCC's Policy Development, Legislation and Special Projects Group Director Angelito Aguila reported that HUDCC has already come up with a working draft of the IRR in consultation with the key shelter agencies. Aguila also said that HUDCC plans to hold consultations with other stakeholders as well as with representatives from the House Committee on Housing and Urban Development and its Senate counterpart to finalize the IRR.</p> <p>The formulation of the IRR would have to be done within 90 days from the date of effectivity of RA 11201. The Law took effect on March 8, 2019, 15 days after its publication on February 21, 2019.</p> <p>The HUDCC and the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB) created a joint transition committee with three sub-committees under it which will be responsible for each of the following tasks: drafting of the IRR; staffing and placement of the existing employees of the HLURB and HUDCC to the new department; and asset management.</p> <p>The newly-created DHSUD, which consolidated the HUDCC and the HLURB, is now the primary national government entity responsible for the management of housing, human settlement, and urban development in the country.</p>