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COMMITTEE MEETING		
COMMITTEE	SUBJECT MATTER	DISCUSSIONS
Public Accounts	Discussion on the performance of concerned government agencies and private entities pertaining to water management, particularly in ensuring an uninterrupted and adequate supply and distribution of potable water for domestic purposes, in light of the water crisis	<p>The Committee, chaired by Minority Leader Danilo Suarez (3rd District, Quezon), discussed with concerned government agencies and private entities how they manage the supply and distribution of water in light of the current water crisis in several parts of Metro Manila.</p> <p>The water shortage in the east zone of Metro Manila, which is being serviced by the Manila Water Company, affected more than a million residents.</p> <p>Manila Water President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Ferdinand dela Cruz attributed the water shortage mainly to the increase in demand and lack of new water sources. He also said that Manila Water's alternative water source, the La Mesa Dam, supplies about 150 million liters per day (MLD) of water to augment its 1,600 MLD allocation from Angat Dam. However, the water level at the La Mesa Dam dropped to a critical level of 69 meters due to lack of rains.</p> <p>Dela Cruz further said that even before the water shortage, Manila Water already intended to extract water from aquifers through the construction of deep wells. However, he said, it took a while before the National Water Resources Board (NWRB) approved the request.</p> <p>NWRB Executive Director Seville David Jr. explained that the delay was due to the moratorium on the construction of deep wells, which is believed to have adverse effects on the environment. But because of the current water situation in Metro Manila, the request of Manila Water was finally granted.</p> <p>For other lawmakers, however, the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) was partly to blame because it did not properly exercise its regulatory powers over the two water concessionaires in Metro Manila even when they were violating some of the terms of their Concession Agreements.</p> <p>Responding to the question on how the Manila Water will be held accountable for its failure to meet its obligation to provide uninterrupted water service, MWSS Chief Regulator Partrick Ty said that the water company may be penalized for it which may be in the form of rebates to its customers.</p> <p>Both the MWSS and Manila Water were asked to submit their respective plans on consumer rebate if ever it will be resorted to.</p>

PUBLIC HEARING		
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Subcommittee on Marawi Rehabilitation (Disaster Management)	Briefing on the Master Development Plan and Debris Management Plan for Marawi City by the Task Force Bangon Marawi (TFBM) and the National Housing Authority (NHA)	The Subcommittee on Marawi Rehabilitation, chaired by Rep. Makmod Mending Jr. (Party-List, AMIN), conducted an oversight meeting in Lanao del Sur on March 20 to discuss the status of the TFBM's plans for the demolition and reconstruction of structures in Marawi City particularly in the most affected areas (MAAs).

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PUBLIC HEARINGS				
COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/ DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Good Government and Public Accountability	HR 1385	Rep. Romualdo	Inquiry into the financial condition and viability of the Camiguin Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CAMELCO), the performance of the National Electrification Administration (NEA) of its mandate to supervise electric cooperatives, and the performance of the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) of its duty to protect and promote the interests of consumers	<p>The Committee, chaired by Camiguin Rep. Xavier Jesus Romualdo, held a public hearing in Camiguin Convention Center Mambajao, Camiguin on March 18 to discuss the issues raised in HR 1385.</p> <p>Based on HR 1385, CAMELCO's audited financial statements show that it has incurred significant losses from its operations over the past years contrary to its supposed "AAA" rating from NEA. The total long-term debts of CAMELCO amount to P278 million and loans that it obtained from the Rural Electrification Financing Corporation, National Power Corporation (NPC), and NEA have already matured but remain unpaid. Despite its poor service and already very expensive retail rate imposed on its member-consumers, the CAMELCO has applied with the ERC for an increase in its distribution, supply, and metering charges.</p> <p>The stakeholders present during the hearing raised several concerns on the management and operations of CAMELCO, which is the sole electric distribution utility in the Province of Camiguin.</p> <p>Rep. Romualdo assured them that the issues raised will be brought to the attention of the NEA and ERC for appropriate action.</p> <p>A day after the public hearing, the Committee conducted an ocular inspection of CAMELCO's facilities in Camiguin.</p>
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	The Joint Committee, co-presided by Rep. Henry Oaminal (2 nd District, Misamis Occidental) of the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability, Rep. Lawrence "Law" Fortun (1 st District, Agusan del Norte), Vice Chair of the Committee on Ecology, and Rep. Carlos Isagani Zarate (Party-List, BAYAN MUNA) of the

<p>Continuation... Good Government and Public Accountability jt. w/ Ecology and Local Government</p>	<p>Privilege Speech 422</p>	<p>Rep. Siao</p>	<p>On the shipment of 51 container vans of garbage from South Korea to the Port of Tagoloan, Province of Misamis Oriental</p>	<p>Committee on Local Government, held a public hearing in Cagayan de Oro City on March 15 to discuss the illegal entry and dumping into the country of hazardous plastic garbage from South Korea.</p> <p>The Committee agreed to issue a show cause order to the officials of Verde Soko Philippines Industrial Corporation – the consignee of the questioned shipment – to explain their continued absence in the Committee’s meetings on the matter.</p> <p>Based on HR 2317, 51 container vans full of garbage plastic materials were shipped from South Korea to the Mindanao International Container Terminal (MICT) in the PHIVIDEC International Estate in Tagoloan, Misamis Oriental last July 21, 2018. The Bureau of Customs (BOC) Mindanao held the controversial shipment allegedly due to import law violations as the shipment was misdeclared as “plastic synthetic flakes” instead of the actual contents of all sorts of plastic wastes.</p> <p>The representatives of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) said that Verde Soko was not an authorized importer of recyclable materials and that the shipment contained 31.7 tons of trash classified as “special or hazardous waste.”</p> <p>Part of the illegal shipment was sent back to South Korea in January this year 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.</p> <p>Other House Members present during the public hearing were Reps. Juliette Uy (2nd District, Misamis Oriental), Frederick Siao (Iligan City), Rogelio Neil Pepito Roque (4th District, Bukidnon), Ma. Lourdes Acosta-Alba (1st District, Bukidnon), and Gary Alejano (Party-List, MAGDALO).</p> <p>Representatives from concerned government agencies, local government officials, and other stakeholders were also present during the hearing.</p> <p>A day before the public hearing, the Committee conducted an ocular inspection of the recycling facilities of Verde Soko in Tagoloan, Misamis Oriental.</p>
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