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COMMITTEE MEETING ON HOUSE MEASURES				
COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Agriculture and Food	HB 6149	Rep. Teves (J.)	Declaring the Province of Catanduanes as the Abaca Capital of the Philippines	<p>The Committee, presided by its Vice Chair, Rep. Francisco "Kiko" Benitez (3<sup>rd</sup> District, Negros Occidental), approved HB 6149.</p> <p>Department of Agriculture (DA) Undersecretary Evelyn Laviña expressed support for the proposed law saying that the DA recognizes the huge contribution of Catanduanes to the total abaca production in the country.</p> <p>Also expressing support for the bill were DA-Philippine Council for Agriculture and Fisheries (PCAF) Executive Director Liza Battad and DA-Philippine Fiber Industry Development Authority Executive Director Kennedy Costales.</p>
	HB 7460	Deputy Speaker Estrella	Declaring the City of Davao as the Chocolate and Cacao Production Capital of the Philippines	<p>The Committee approved HB 7460.</p> <p>Expressing support for HB 7460 were the DA, PCAF, and Cacao Industry Development Association of Mindanao Inc. (CIDAMI).</p> <p>Laviña said that Davao City has been consistently producing the highest volume of cacao in the entire country. She added that in recognition of the contribution of the City to the total production of cacao, DA Secretary William Dar named Davao City as the cacao capital of the Philippines in September of this year.</p> <p>CIDAMI President Valente Turtur pointed out that 34% of the country's cacao production comes from Davao. The City has the biggest cacao plantation area and has the biggest number of chocolate processors nationwide. He added that many of the experts in the cacao industry are based in Davao. Hence, declaring the City of Davao as the Chocolate and Cacao Production Capital of the Philippines is warranted.</p>
	HB 7660	Rep. Bolilia	Declaring the Municipality of San Jose in the Province of Batangas as the Egg Basket of the Philippines	<p>The Committee approved HB 7660.</p> <p>Rep. Lianda Bolilia (4<sup>th</sup> District, Batangas), author of HB 7660, cited the industriousness of the people of the Municipality of San Jose that made the egg production industry in the area a booming sector. Rep. Bolilia said that the Municipality deserves to be declared as an Egg Basket of the Philippines as it generates seven million eggs per day, making it the leading egg producing area in the country. She added that in August 2020, Secretary Dar declared San Jose as the Egg Processing Capital of the Philippines.</p> <p>Expressing support for the bill were DA CALABARZON Regional Director Arnel de Mesa and San Jose Municipal Agriculturist Sherwin Mercado.</p>

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