



ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS		
COMMITTEE	SUBJECT MATTER	DISCUSSIONS
Disaster Management	Organizational meeting and adoption of the Committee's Rules of Procedure	<p>The Committee, chaired by Rep. Lucy Torres-Gomez (4<sup>th</sup> District, Leyte), held its organizational meeting during which the Committee's Rules of Procedure for the 18<sup>th</sup> Congress was adopted.</p> <p>Under the Rules of the House, the Committee has jurisdiction over "all matters directly and principally relating to disaster and calamities, whether natural or man-made, as well as policies, plans, programs and projects related to disaster risk and vulnerability reduction and management including disaster preparedness and resiliency, relief and rescue, recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction."</p>
Youth and Sports Development	Organizational meeting, adoption of the Committee's Rules of Procedure, and election of subcommittee chairpersons	<p>The Committee, chaired by Rep. Eric Martinez (2<sup>nd</sup> District, Valenzuela City), held its organizational meeting during which the Committee's Rules of Procedure for the 18<sup>th</sup> Congress was adopted.</p> <p>The Committee also elected the chairpersons of the following subcommittees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth – Rep. Jumel Anthony Espino (2<sup>nd</sup> District, Pangasinan);</li> <li>Sports – Rep. Alberto Pacquiao (Party-List, OFW FAMILY);</li> <li>Athletes' Welfare – Rep. Manuel Luis Lopez (1<sup>st</sup> District, Manila); and</li> <li>Oversight – Rep. Jericho Jonas Nograles (Party-List, PBA).</li> </ul> <p>Under the Rules of the House, the Committee has jurisdiction over "all matters directly and principally relating to youth development including the development of their leadership potentials and the promotion of their moral, physical, intellectual and social well-being, and sports development."</p> <p>The Committee likewise approved the criteria in adopting House Resolutions which seek to commend certain individuals or groups under the following categories: sports competitions; other competitions; other achievements; and general categories.</p> <p>Finally, the Committee approved the list of requirements that shall be submitted by the proponents prior to the consideration of local bills which seek to establish local sports training centers or academies, as follows: feasibility study; resolution or ordinance from the concerned local government unit; proposed budgetary allocation; proof of land ownership; and position papers from concerned agencies.</p>

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	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Agriculture and Food	HBs 10, 854, 3192 & 4346	Speaker Cayetano, Reps. Aglipay, Suarez (A.), and Tambunting	Declaring the coconut levy assets as a trust fund, providing for its management and utilization, authorizing the Privatization and Management Office to dispose the coconut levy assets	The Committee, chaired by Rep. Wilfrido Mark Enverga (1 <sup>st</sup> District, Quezon), agreed to create a technical working group (TWG) to study the 16 bills further.

Continuation... Agriculture and Food	HBs 166, 1242, 1417, 2434, 2549, 2552, 2610, 2657, & 3223	Reps. Tan (A.), Torres-Gomez, Enverga, Canama, Deputy Speaker Villafuerte, Reps. Garin, Jalosjos, Dy (I.P.), and Noel	Establishing the Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Trust Fund and providing for its management and utilization	Rep. Sharon Garin (Party-List, AAMBIS-OWA), author of HB 2552, was designated as head of the TWG.
	HB 255	Rep. Cullamat	Creating the Genuine Small Coconut Farmers' Fund	Rep. Enverga, who is also the author of HB 1417, said that Congress approved a bill with similar subject matter during the 17 <sup>th</sup> Congress but it was vetoed by President Rodrigo Duterte. Among the reasons behind this decision of the President were: the lack of vital safeguards in the proposed law that will ensure that small coconut farmers will ultimately benefit from the law and not the wealthy coconut landowners; and the creation of a perpetual trust fund which is violative of the Constitution.
	HBs 2522 & 3299	Rep. Nograles (J.J.) and Deputy Speaker Romero	Creating the Coconut Industry Trust Fund, providing for its management	<p>Rep. Enverga, along with Deputy Speaker Luis Raymund "Lray" Villafuerte Jr. (2<sup>nd</sup> District, Camarines Sur), author of HB 2549, and Rep. Florencio Noel (Party-List, AN WARAY), author of HB 3223, said that their bills have the provisions that will address the concerns of the President.</p> <p>Rep. Eufemia "Ka Femia" Cullamat (Party-List, BAYAN MUNA), author of HB 255, said that her bill seeks to create a "genuine" small coconut farmers' fund that will be utilized for the benefit of small coconut farmers and their families in the form of financial assistance and social benefits such as pension and assistance in medical/hospitalization and education.</p> <p>When asked about the status of the coco levy fund, Bureau of Treasury's (BTr) Asset Management Service Director Eduardo Mariño said that as of July 31, 2019, the cash component of the coco levy fund is P76.36 billion.</p> <p>Presidential Commission on Good Government (PCGG) Commissioner Reynold Munsayac added that on top of the P76 billion, there are some P300 billion worth of properties and cash with government corporations. Munsayac suggested that the President sit as the chair of the proposed Trust Fund Management Committee.</p> <p>Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) Board Member Romulo dela Rosa brought up the joint recommendations of the Department of Agriculture (DA) and PCA which include the following: the beneficiaries of the coco levy fund should be coconut farmers owning five hectares of farmland and below; no portion of the fund should accrue to the general fund because it has already been declared a special fund; the law should have a sunset provision relative to the management and utilization of the Trust Fund; and instead of reconstituting the PCA Board, a trust fund committee shall be created and placed under the direct supervision of the Office of the President (OP).</p>

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Higher and Technical Education	HB 3740	Rep. Rodriguez	Expanding enterprise-based education and training, and appropriating funds therefor	The Committee, chaired by Baguio City Rep. Mark Go, approved HB 3740 with amendments.
	HB 4263	Rep. Go (M.)	Establishing the Philippine Entrepreneurs Academy, appropriating funds therefor	<p>The Committee approved HB 4263 subject to style and amendment.</p> <p>Committee Vice Chair, Rep. Strike Revilla (2<sup>nd</sup> District, Cavite), sat as the presiding officer during the deliberation on HB 4263 to allow Rep. Go to sponsor his bill.</p>
	HB 1529	Rep. Salceda	Appropriating funds for the establishment of the Bicol University East Campus and construction of the education-school facilities inside the Bicol University Campus, Legazpi City, Province of Albay	<p>The Committee approved HB 1529.</p> <p>Rep. Revilla manifested that the bill may already be approved pursuant to Section 48 of the House Rules which provides that priority bills passed on third reading in the immediately preceding Congress may already be disposed of as matters already reported, upon approval by the Committee.</p>
	HB 2542	Rep. Daza	Mandating the integration of the Balicuatro College of Arts and Trades (BCAT) with the University of Eastern Philippines (UEP) and appropriating funds therefor	<p>The Committee approved HB 2542 with amendments.</p> <p>BCAT is an institution in Northern Samar accredited by the Technical Education and</p>

Continuation... Higher and Technical Education				Skills Development Authority (TESDA) that offers technical and vocational education and training programs (TVET).
	HB 761	Rep. Biazon	Rationalizing agriculture education in the Philippines by establishing a national system of agriculture education institutions, providing for mechanisms of implementation	<p>The Committee agreed to create a technical working group (TWG) to fine-tune the bill and to incorporate therein the suggestions and recommendations of the resource persons.</p> <p>Muntinlupa City Rep. Rozzano Rufino Biazon, author of HB 761, was designated as the TWG Chair.</p>
	HB 4133	Rep. Bravo	Establishing a Dr. Emilio B. Espinosa Sr. - Masbate State University Campus in the Municipality of Claveria, Province of Masbate, to be known as DEBESMSU-Claveria Campus, and appropriating funds therefor	<p>The Committee deferred its deliberation on HB 4133 until all requirements have been complied with by the school for the conversion into a university.</p> <p>During the meeting, it was found out that DEBESMSU has not yet fully acquired a university status which prevents it from legally expanding as proposed in the bill. Hence, the school was requested to comply first with the requirements for converting into a university.</p> <p>DEBESMSU President Dr. Renee Lamela informed the body that CHED is requiring the school's faculty members to be holders of masteral or doctoral degrees in order for the conversion to take place. She said that such requirement will be completed in one to two years.</p>

AGENCY BRIEFINGS		
COMMITTEE	SUBJECT MATTER	DISCUSSIONS
Disaster Management	Briefing by the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) on its policies and plans and programs	<p>The Committee listened to the briefing of NDRRMC Executive Director Ricardo Jalad on the agency's policies, plans, programs, and current initiatives.</p> <p>Jalad reported that the NDRRMC has already published manuals, guidelines, and knowledge products on national disaster response plans for earthquakes and tsunamis, terrorism-related incidents, and hydro-metrological hazards; and guidelines for post-disaster needs analysis including rehabilitation and recovery.</p> <p>Moving forward, the NDRRMC commits to undertake the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provisional activation of the National DRRM Training Institute;</li> <li>• Establishment of alternative government command and control centers;</li> <li>• Issuance of guidelines in the administration of the National DRRM fund;</li> <li>• Development of a national loss and damage registry; and</li> <li>• Institutionalization of Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR) monitoring.</li> </ul> <p>The Sendai Framework is a UN-endorsed 15-year, voluntary, non-binding agreement which recognizes that the State has the primary role to reduce disaster risk but that responsibility should be shared with other stakeholders including local government, the private sector and other stakeholders. (Source: UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction website)</p>

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	Briefing by the Task Force Bangon Marawi (TFBM) on the status of the government's rehabilitation efforts in Marawi City	<p>The Committee listened to the briefing of TFBM Chair Eduardo del Rosario on the government's rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts in Marawi City in the aftermath of the battle between the ISIS-backed local terrorist groups and government forces which left the city in ruins.</p> <p>The TFBM is an inter-agency taskforce organized to facilitate the rehabilitation, recovery and reconstruction efforts in Marawi. It was created by virtue of Administrative Order (AO) No. 3 issued on June 28, 2017 by President Rodrigo Duterte.</p> <p>Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Assistant Secretary Felix Castro reported that the key functions of the TFBM are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To provide the immediate needs of the displaced and/ or adversely affected families;</li> <li>• To develop the Bangon Marawi Comprehensive Rehabilitation and Recovery Program (BMCRRP) for the City of Marawi and other affected localities; and</li> <li>• To facilitate and oversee the implementation of the programs, projects and activities under the BMCRRP.</li> </ul> <p>The TFBM is headed by the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC) which is now under the Department of Human Settlement and Urban Development (DHSUD). The DILG is among the member-agencies that comprise the TFBM.</p> <p>Castro said there are 769 programs, projects and activities (PPAs) for Marawi which include road reconstruction, housing provisions, and livelihood programs, among others. These PPAs have a funding requirement of P60.50 billion. The amount of P10 billion will come from the NDRRM Fund, while the rest will be sourced from the budget of national government agencies involved in the rehabilitation of Marawi, internal revenue allotment shares of Marawi City and the Province of Lanao del Sur, as well as from private and foreign donations.</p> <p>Due to the many issues raised regarding the utilization of TFBM funds and the implementation of the various PPAs by concerned government agencies, the Committee created a Subcommittee for TFBM to discuss thoroughly the issues raised and identify possible legislative measures that will address the same.</p>
Youth and Sports Development	Briefing by the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) on the preparations for the 30 <sup>th</sup> Southeast Asian (SEA) Games	<p>The Committee listened to the briefing on the status of the preparations for the 30<sup>th</sup> SEA Games which will be held in the country from November 30 to December 11 this year.</p> <p>PSC Chair William "Butch" Ramirez said that the total budget for hosting this event is P6 billion. He stated that the PSC ensures the proper use of the funds allotted for the country's hosting of the SEA Games, a biennial multi-sport event involving participants from the 11 countries in the Southeast Asian region, including the Philippines. He added that the designated venues for the 2019 SEA Games will be in Manila, Clark, and Subic, as well as in other areas in Southern Luzon. (Ramirez is also the Chef de Mission of Team Philippines' participation in the 2019 SEA Games.)</p>

<p>Continuation... Youth and Sports Development</p>		<p>The OIC, Chief Operations Officer of the Philippine SEA Games Organizing Committee (PHISGOC), Joseph Alcazar, presented the PHISGOC's plans for the SEA Games, giving assurance that it will deliver a world-class hosting of the event.</p> <p>PHISGOC, a non-stock, non-profit organization, is primarily tasked to oversee the preparations and execution of the Philippines' hosting of the 30<sup>th</sup> SEA Games. House Speaker Alan Peter "Compañero" Cayetano (1<sup>st</sup> District, Taguig City-Pateros) is the Presiding Chairperson of the Executive Board of PHISGOC.</p> <p>Under Memorandum Circular 56 issued by the Office of the President in January 2019, the PSC, Philippine Olympic Committee (POC), and all concerned national sports associations are directed to coordinate and support each other for the effective preparation and successful participation of the Philippine delegates in the 2019 SEA Games and in all preparatory and relevant competitions.</p> <p>PBA Party-List Rep. Jericho Jonas Nograles asked about the status of the construction of facilities that will house the athletes and the security plan for the SEA Games. PHISGOC Deputy Director General Arrey Perez said that the athletes' dormitory in Capas, Tarlac is already 98% complete. With regard to the security plan for the event, Perez said that the National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) and other PNP regional offices are taking care of this.</p> <p>Replying to the query of Rep. Manuel Luis Lopez (1<sup>st</sup> District, Manila), Perez said that after the SEA Games, the athletes' dormitory in Clark will be used by local athletes who will be undergoing training in the area and part of it will be leased to government agencies in Clark for their employees' lodging.</p> <p>The PSC was requested to submit a report on the state of sports in the Philippines as well as proposals on how Congress can help the country attain a decent standing in international sports competitions.</p> <p>Rep. Martinez said that the Committee will conduct an ocular inspection of the venues for the SEA Games, including the athletes' village inside the New Clark City Sports Complex in Capas, Tarlac.</p>
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