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COMMITTEE MEETING ON HOUSE MEASURES

COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Senior Citizens (Special Committee)	Substitute Bill to HBs 88, 241, 1565, 2480, 2541, 2868, 2873, 3038, 3097, 3229, 3525, 3640, 4057, 4669, 4650, 4948, 5056, 5122, 5173, 5632, 5735, 5926, 6038, 6298, 6431 & 6436	Reps. Garbin, Zarate, Angara, Tan (A.), Daza, Tupas, Fortuno, Suansing (E.), Revilla, Nieto, Ty, Bagatsing, Lacson-Noel, Deputy Speaker Villafuerte, Reps. Dy (F.), Agabas, Aragonos, Olivarez, Deputy Speaker Duterte, Reps. Guico, Lim, Quimbo, Peña, Datol, and Vargas	Honoring and granting additional benefits to Filipino senior citizens, amending for the purpose RA 9994, or the law granting additional benefits and privileges to senior citizens, further amending 7432, as amended	<p>The Committee, chaired by Rep. Francisco Datol (Party-List, Senior Citizens), approved the Substitute Bill to the 26 bills.</p> <p>The proposed law seeks to grant a minimum of P1,000 per month as stipend to senior citizens to augment their daily subsistence and other medical needs.</p>
	Substitute Bill to HBs 378, 390, 907, 1055, 1107, 1391, 1682, 2872, 3098, 3199, 3415, 3526, 4067, 4373, 4895, 4986, 5414, 5135, 5382, 5717 & 6360	Reps. Zamora (M.), Arroyo (M.L.), Lagon, Loyola, Atienza, Go (M.), Deputy Speaker Villafuerte, Reps. Fortuno, Revilla, Marquez, Zamora (R.), Ty, Delos Santos, Baronda, Yap (E.), Agabas, Nieto, Cabochan, Tupas, Datol, and Abunda	Amending RA 10868, or the law honoring and granting additional benefits and privileges to Filipino centenarians	<p>The Committee approved the Substitute bill to the 21 bills. The Secretariat was directed to prepare the corresponding Committee Report.</p> <p>The bill will be forwarded to the Committee on Appropriations for its consideration of the bill's funding provisions.</p>
	HBs 65, 1313, 1504, 1753, 2212, 4406 & 5137	Reps. Yap (V.), Gatchalian, Garbin, Deputy Speaker Villafuerte, Reps. Aragonos, Yap (E.), and Olivarez	Protecting senior citizens from violence, defining elder abuse, and prescribing penalties therefor	<p>The Committee agreed to create a technical working group (TWG) to deliberate further on the bills and to come up with a substitute bill.</p> <p>Rep. Ron Salo (Party-LIST, KABAYAN) was designated as head of the TWG.</p>
	HB 3696	Rep. Castelo	Establishing a senior citizens' grievance desk in every barangay	<p>The bills' authors – Reps. Victor Yap (2nd District, Tarlac), Wes Gatchalian (1st District, Valenzuela City), Alfredo Garbin Jr. (Party-List, AKO BICOL), Sol Aragonos (3rd District, Laguna), Niña Taduran (Party-List, ACT-CIS), Eric Olivarez (1st District, Parañaque City), and Precious Hipolito Castelo (2nd</p>

Continuation... Senior Citizens (Special Committee)				<p>District, Quezon City) – underscored the importance of protecting the elderly from any form of violence, abuse, neglect, and coercion. The bills impose penalties against persons committing such vicious acts and establishes a Senior Citizen Help Desk in every barangay which will provide immediate assistance to elders who are victims of abuse.</p> <p>Government agencies that expressed support for the bills were the following: Office of Senior Citizens Affairs, Department of Social Welfare and Development, Commission on Human Rights, Department of Health, National Anti-Poverty Commission Senior Citizens Council, and the Philippine Statistics Authority.</p> <p>Deputy Speaker Deogracias Victor "DV" Savellano (1st District, Ilocos Sur), along with several Members, raised the importance of establishing "homes for the aged" in cities, municipalities, or provinces to ensure the care and protection of the elderly.</p> <p>According to DSWD Program Management Bureau Director Wilma Naviamos, there are only four homes for the aged being managed by the government nationwide, namely: Home for the Elderly (Golden Acres) in Region IV-A; Home for the Elderly in Region IX; Home for the Aged in Region XI; and Golden Reception Action Center for the Elderly and other Special Concerns (GRACES).</p> <p>Dr. Minerva Vinluan, DOH's National Adolescent Health and Development Program Manager, said that 52 homes for the aged are being operated by non-government organizations (NGOs) nationwide.</p> <p>The resource persons were requested to submit their respective position papers on the bills.</p>
	HBs 1428 & 5943	Reps. Campos and Datol	Providing for eligibility requirements of the head of the Office for Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA), further amending for the purpose Section 6 of RA 7342, otherwise known as the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010	<p>The Committee agreed to create a TWG to deliberate further on the two bills and come up with a substitute bill.</p> <p>Rep. Datol manifested that his explanatory note to HB 5943 be entered into the records as his sponsorship speech. The bill seeks to integrate OSCA offices' functions, plans and programs into the National Commission of Senior Citizens (NCSC).</p> <p>OSCA representatives nationwide expressed support for the bills.</p> <p>The resource persons were requested to submit their respective position papers on the proposed law.</p>

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