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## COMMITTEE MEETING ON HOUSE MEASURES

COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Basic Education and Culture	Substitute Bill to HBs 222, 871, 1285, 1627, 2041, 3449, 4494, 5157, 5168 & 5392	Reps. Castro, Umali (M.V.), Deputy Speaker Villafuerte, Reps. Sy-Alvarado, Vargas, Deputy Speakers Santos-Recto and Arenas, Reps. Cabochan, Bagatsing, and Noel	Institutionalizing the grant of a teaching supplies allowance for public school teachers and appropriating funds therefor	The Committee, chaired by Pasig City Rep. Roman Romulo, approved the substitute bill and the corresponding Committee Report.
	HBs 714, 3832, 3833, 4836, 5324, 5326, 5327, 5328, 5363, 5364, 5365, 5366 & 5367	Reps. Belmonte, Go (M.), and Bautista-Bandigan	Establishing/converting/separating various schools in certain parts of the country	The Committee approved the 13 bills.
	HB 6125	Rep. Romulo	Suspending the implementation of the use of mother tongue as the medium of instructions for Kindergarten to Grade 3	<p>The Committee will deliberate further on HB 6125 in its next meeting.</p> <p>Rep. Romulo, author of HB 6125, said that the proposed suspension of the Mother Tongue-Based Multilingual Education (MTB-MLE) program is just temporary to give ample time for the Department of Education (DepEd) to review the effectiveness of this program..</p> <p>Deputy Speaker Rodante Marcoleta (Party-List, SAGIP) inquired about the languages or dialects used in the MTB-MLE.</p> <p>DepEd Secretary Leonor Briones said that the MTB-MLE, which is implemented as a learning or subject area and as a medium of instruction, uses 19 languages, namely: Tagalog, Kapampangan, Pangasinan, Iloko, Bikol, Ybanag, Sinugbuanong Binisaya, Hiligaynon, Waray, Bahasa Sug, Maguindanaoan, Maranao, Chavacano, Ivatan, Sambal, Akianon, Kinaray-a, Yakan, and Sinurigaanon.</p> <p>MTB-MLE is a feature of the Enhanced Basic Education Program or the K to 12 program which requires the use of the mother tongue (or first language), that students are most familiar with or understand best, as medium of instruction to allow them to grasp basic concepts easily. As a subject, MTB-MLE focuses on the development of speaking, reading and writing from Grades 1 to 3 in the mother tongue. (Source: DepEd website)</p>

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	HRs 20, 335 & 473	Reps. Castro, Romulo, and Deputy Speaker Escudero	Inquiry into the status of implementation of RA 10533, otherwise known as the Enhanced Basic Education Act	<p>The Committee will deliberate further on the issues raised in the seven resolutions.</p> <p>Education Secretary Briones said that DepEd is currently reviewing the K to 12 curriculum and assessing the areas for improvement. It is also gathering data on the first batch of senior high school graduates to evaluate the effectiveness of the Program. The result of DepEd's evaluation will be submitted to the Committee once it is finalized.</p> <p>Rep. France Castro (Party-List, ACT-TEACHERS) asked Briones if the K to 12 Program is beneficial or not. Briones replied that the program has multiple challenges but it does not mean that it should be stopped.</p> <p>Representatives from the University of Santo Tomas, National Union of Students of the Philippines (NUSP), League of Filipino Students (LFS), and Rise for Education Alliance proposed to stop the implementation of the K to 12 Program.</p>
	HR 106	Rep. Elago	Calling for the immediate review and removal of the K to 12 Program	
	HR 575	Rep. Castelo	Instituting measures and policies in order to address the waning quality of education in the country as reported in the 2018 Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA)	
	HR 586	Rep. Biazon	Inquiry into the alleged poor performance of 15-year-old Filipino students in the PISA examinations administered by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in the year 2018	
	HR 626	Rep. Barzaga	Investigation into the educational performance of the Philippines	
	HR 5	Deputy Speaker Marcoleta	Inquiry into the virtual ban of private publishers in the procurement of supplementary reading, reference, and other instructional materials for public schools, in violation of existing laws and regulations	
	HRs 219, 234, 241 & 257	Rep. Castelo, Minority Leader Abante, and Rep. Fortun	Investigation into the production of error-filled learning materials and non-distribution of procured instructional materials by the DepEd based on the 2018 Commission on Audit (COA) report	
	HR 277	Deputy Speaker Escudero	Inquiry into the implementation of RA 8047 and other related laws especially on the production, publication and distribution of books and textbooks with the end	

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TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING ON HOUSE MEASURES				
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Government Enterprises and Privatization (Technical Working Group)	HBs 82, 228, 1033, 1651, 2787, 2914, 4537, 4780, 4832, 5540, 5587, 5714, 5833, 5962 & 6034	Reps. Garbin, Castro (F.L.), Salceda, Cabochan, Rodriguez, Castelo, Deputy Speaker Santos-Recto, Reps. Guico, Nograles (J.J.), Momo, Noel, Datol, and Deputy Speaker Pimentel	Amending RA 8291 or the Government Service Insurance Act of 1997 (by strengthening the Government Service Insurance System or GSIS, increasing the membership of the Board of Trustees of GSIS, increasing the age of legal dependents of members, and updating the provisions on benefits covering basic monthly pension, retirement, permanent disability, and funeral, among others)	<p>The technical working group (TWG), chaired by Rep. France Castro (Party-List, ACT-TEACHERS), will deliberate further on the 15 bills in its next meeting.</p> <p>Rep. Jericho Jonas Nograles (Party-List, PBA), author of HB 4832, said that his bill proposes the automatic increase of pension benefits of retired members of the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) corresponding to the increase in the salary of the same position from which the members retired. According to Rep. Nograles, the Judiciary and the National Prosecution Service adopt this indexation scheme.</p> <p>In response to the proposal of Rep. Nograles, GSIS Acting Chief Legal Counsel Lucio Yu Jr. explained to the body that the automatic increase in pension benefits based on inflation would decrease the GSIS fund life by four years from 2041 to 2037. To sustain the fund life, he proposed to increase the members' monthly contribution from 21% to 24.68%. If the amount of the pension will be indexed to the prevailing salaries of the positions from which the members retired, the fund life will decrease by seven years or from 2041 to 2034. In this case, the premium contribution of the members should be increased from 21% to 29.5%. Yu stressed that indexation is not good for the pension system.</p> <p>Rep. Ferdinand Gaite (Party-List, BAYAN MUNA) asserted that the GSIS should not always think of increasing the contributions of members every time an added benefit is being thought of for the government workers, but should instead come up with other alternatives.</p> <p>Other issues that were discussed during the meeting include the following: increasing the members' premium contribution from 21% to 23%; charging employers an interest of not less than 2% per month as penalty for delayed remittances; and yearly adjustment of survivorship pension due to inflation.</p> <p>The GSIS was requested to submit its position paper for the TWG's reference in its deliberations of the bills.</p>