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COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Banks and Financial Intermediaries	HB 183	Deputy Speaker Romero	Mandating the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) to allocate 60% of its total loan portfolio for its financing services to farmers and fisherfolk all over the country, to promote inclusive growth, and to improve the quality of life especially in the countryside through the delivery of innovative schemes	The Committee, chaired by Quirino Rep. Junie Cua, will continue its deliberation on the 10 measures in its next meeting.
	HB 973	Deputy Speaker Romero	Mandating the LBP to provide additional fund allotment for the full implementation of RA 3844, otherwise known as the Agricultural Land Reform Code	Rep. Cua called on LBP to come up with a viable plan that will increase the access of farmers and fisherfolk to credit assistance programs as emphasized by President Rodrigo Duterte in his State of the Nation Address (SONA) last July.
	HB 974	Deputy Speaker Romero	Mandating the LBP to provide additional funding for the Agro-industry Modernization Credit and Financing Program (AMCFP) to implement credit assistance programs, defining its powers and functions	Rep. Cua said that HRs 55 and 294 call for an investigation into whether the LBP and the DBP are complying with their mandate to provide credit services to qualified beneficiaries in the agriculture and fisheries sector. He noted that the imposition of strict requirements by the two banks are hindering farmers from borrowing to improve their productivity, thus affecting the overall development of this sector.
	HB 1000	Deputy Speaker Romero	Increasing the allotment of the regular loan portfolio of the LBP for financing agricultural projects pursuant to the provisions of RA 10000, otherwise known as the Agri-Agra Reform Credit Act of 2009	Deputy Speaker Michael Romero, Ph.D. (Party-List, 1-PACMAN), author of several measures in the agenda, urged the LBP to provide an effective financial scheme for the whole agricultural sector.
	HB 1011	Deputy Speaker Romero	Mandating the LBP to provide additional funding for the Agricultural Credit Policy Council (ACPC) to assist the Department of Agriculture (DA) in synchronizing all credit policies and programs, defining its powers and functions	Committee Secretary Richard Leo Baldueza briefly enumerated the mandate of the LBP and the DBP which the two banks later confirmed.
	HBs 3437 & 4172	Deputy Speaker Santos-Recto and Rep. Haresco	Prioritizing the agricultural sector in the grant of loans by the LBP, amending for the purpose RA 3844, as amended	Meanwhile, LBP First Vice President and Strategic Planning Group head Elcid Pangilinan discussed LBP's priority action plans for agriculture for FY 2020-2022, which include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Triple the total funds for agriculture financing from P10 billion to P30 billion; • Increase the number of farmer-beneficiaries to two million and assist the Department of Agriculture (DA) in updating the list of farmers in the country; • Strengthen its capacity building services for farmers' organizations and cooperatives from P30 billion to P100 billion; and • Intensify LBP's information dissemination relative to its financial services.
	HB 5681	Rep. Cua	Mandating banking institutions to strengthen the financing system for agricultural, fisheries and rural development in the Philippines	
	HR 55	Deputy Speaker Romero	Investigation into the operations of the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) and the LBP to determine whether they are faithfully pursuing their original mandate of promoting countryside development	Pangilinan also informed the body that 28% of the LBP's loan portfolio is dedicated to agriculture.

Several Members agreed that the LBP's portfolio for agriculture should be raised to 60% given its social mandate to promote countryside

Continuation... Banks and Financial Intermediaries	HR 294	Rep. Geron	Investigation to revisit the mandate of the LBP with respect to the needs of the agricultural sector	development as opposed to being a universal banking institution. The LBP was requested to submit the documents requested by the Members.
Basic Education and Culture jt. w/ Youth and Sports Development	HBs 4084, 4248, 5455 & 5462	Reps. Torres- Gomez, Garcia (J.E.), Kho (W.), and Cari	Creating a national academy of sports/high school for sports in certain parts of the country and appropriating funds therefor	The Joint Committee, co-chaired by Pasig City Rep. Roman Romulo, Chair of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture, and Rep. Eric Martinez (2 nd District, Valenzuela City), Chair of the Committee on Youth and Sports Development, approved the four bills subject to style and amendment. Expressing support for the bills, Department of Education (DepEd) Undersecretary Tonisito Umali said that there should be an institution dedicated solely on providing both academic education and sports development training to talented athletes to allow them to develop self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence in their chosen sport.
Cooperatives Development	Substitute Bill to HBs 287, 619, 1058, 2436, 2851 & 3024	Reps. Suansing (E.), Marquez, Loyola, Canama, Villaraza- Suarez, and Palma	Making the position of a cooperatives officer mandatory on every municipality, city, and province	The Committee, chaired by Rep. Sabiniano Canama (Party-List, COOP-NATCCO), approved the Committee Report on the substitute bill. The proposed law provides the mandatory appointment of a cooperatives officer in every local government unit as it underscores the significant role of cooperatives in the country's local economic development.
Health	Substitute Bill to HBs 61, 171, 665, & 4899	Reps. Yap (V.), Tan (A.), Salo, and Nieto	Establishing the Philippine eHealth system and services in support of universal health care, and appropriating funds therefor	The Committee, chaired by Rep. Angelina "Helen" Tan, M.D. (4 th District, Quezon), approved the Substitute Bill to the four bills.
	Substitute Bill to HBs 170, 296, 4011, 4264 & 5021	Reps. Tan (A.), Yap (V.), Villarica, Roman, and Deputy Speaker Romero	Modernizing the regulation of health facilities and services, and appropriating funds therefor, repealing for the purpose RA 4226, otherwise known as the Hospital Licensure Act	The Committee approved the Substitute Bill to the five bills.
	HB 2605	Rep. Unabia	Converting the Medina Hospital in the Municipality of Medina, Province of Misamis Oriental to an extension hospital of the Northern Mindanao Medical Center, Cagayan de Oro City, to be known as the Northern Mindanao Medical Center Extension Hospital	The Committee approved HB 2605 with amendments. Department of Health (DOH) Development Management Officer Roderick Napulan suggested that the Medina Hospital be converted into a new hospital, instead of just an extension hospital as proposed in the bill, considering that a Deed of Donation for the land on which the hospital stands was already executed by the landowner in favor of the DOH.
	HB 8	Speaker Cayetano	Establishing the national health passport system and strengthening the primary healthcare system, appropriating funds therefor	The Committee will deliberate further on the bill in its next meeting. Rep. Stella Luz Quimbo (2 nd District, Marikina City) recommended that an individual's PhilHealth record should also be included in the proposed national health passport system.

Continuation... Health	HB 1036	Rep. Tambunting	Establishing reforms in the implementation of the Magna Carta of Public Health Workers, thereby amending Section 7, Rule XV of RA 7305, providing funds therefor	<p>The Committee will deliberate further on the bill in its next meeting.</p> <p>Batanes Rep. Ciriaco Gato Jr. sponsored HB 1036 in behalf of the author, Rep. Joy Myra Tambunting (2nd District, Parañaque City), and manifested that the explanatory note attached to the bill be considered as the author's sponsorship speech.</p> <p>The bill seeks to give importance and recognition to health workers who continue to perform their duties under hazardous working conditions, and to provide equal treatment in the giving of hazard pay under the Magna Carta of Public Health Workers by proposing an across the board hazard pay of P5,000.</p> <p>Alliance of Health Workers President Robert Mendoza expressed his objection to the bill as the proposed hazard pay is way lower than the current hazard pay for public health workers with salary grade (SG) 19, which is approximately P11,317.25. He proposed to increase the hazard pay to P10,000 across the board.</p> <p>The DOH representative agreed that the proposed hazard pay is too low.</p>
	HB 2723	Deputy Speaker Arenas	Instituting reforms to promote and protect the economic, social, and political rights, and well-being of community health workers towards quality health services delivery and appropriating funds therefor	<p>The Committee will deliberate further on the bill in its next meeting.</p> <p>Rep. Diego Ty (1st District, Misamis Occidental) sponsored HB 2723 in behalf of the author, Deputy Speaker Rose Marie "Baby" Arenas (3rd District, Pangasinan) and manifested that the explanatory note attached to the bill be considered as the author's sponsorship speech.</p>
	HB 3641	Rep. Bagatsing	Creating the community health worker education and training program, increasing compensation and other benefits for barangay health workers (BHWs), appropriating funds therefor	<p>The Committee suspended its deliberation of HB 3641 to give the author the opportunity to answer the queries relative to her bill in the next meeting.</p> <p>Rep. Adriano Ebcas (Party-List, AKO PADAYON) sponsored HB 3641 in behalf of the author, Rep. Cristal Bagatsing (5th District, Manila), and manifested that the explanatory note attached to the bill be considered as the author's sponsorship speech.</p> <p>Barangay Health Workers Confederation (BHCW) coordinator Ma. Teresa Santiago expressed her support for the bill. She also informed the body that the DOH has sponsored a training program for BHWs which is being undertaken by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA).</p>
Justice	HB 5570	Rep. Revilla	Augmenting the employee benefits for the solicitors of the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG) by providing retirement, death and survivorship benefits, and appropriating funds therefor	<p>The Committee, chaired by Rep. Vicente "Ching" Veloso III (3rd District, Leyte), approved HBs 5570 and 5737. The Secretariat was instructed to consolidate the bills.</p> <p>Solicitor General Jose Calida thanked the Committee for the immediate approval of the proposed measure.</p>

Continuation... Justice	HB 5737	Deputy Speaker Oaminal	Augmenting the retirement, death, and survivorship benefits for the solicitor general, assistant solicitor general, senior state solicitor, solicitors, officials and employees of the OSG and appropriating funds therefor	
	HBs 4945, 5018, 5128, & 5271	Reps. Salceda, Rodriguez, Chatto, and Defensor (M.)	Improving confirmation of imperfect titles under Section 14 of PD 1529, improving the processing of agricultural free patent under Section 44 of Commonwealth Act No. 141, and removing the period to file applications thereat under RA 9176	The Committee agreed to create a technical working group (TWG) to deliberate further on the bills. Rep. Joey Sarte Salceda (2 nd District, Albay), author of HB 4945, was designated as TWG Chair.
	HB 5139	Rep. Belmonte	Improving the public land titling through judicial and administrative processes	The resource persons from the Land Management Bureau (LMB), Land Registration Authority (LRA), and other stakeholders present expressed their support for the proposed law.
Metro Manila Development	HB 1021	Rep. Castelo	Institutionalizing a single ticketing system in Metro Manila comprised of the Cities of Caloocan, Manila, Mandaluyong, Pasay, Quezon, Las Piñas, Makati, Malabon, Marikina, Muntinlupa, Navotas, Parañaque, Pasig, San Juan, Taguig, and Valenzuela and the Municipality of Pateros	The Committee, chaired by Rep. Manuel Luis Lopez (1 st District, Manila), will deliberate further on HB 1021 in its next meeting. Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) General Manager Jose Arturo Garcia Jr. said that he supports the bill but expressed concern on how this could be effectively operationalized considering the various traffic ordinances of each of the local government units (LGUs) in Metro Manila. Likewise, Rep. Luis Campos Jr. (2 nd District, Makati City) said that the proposed law should be crafted in such a way that it would not impinge on the local autonomy of the LGUs.
	HB 2141	Rep. Fernando	Enhancing the effectiveness of the Metropolitan Manila Council in formulating policies, rules, and regulations, and in enacting ordinances for Metro Manila, amending for the purpose RA 7924 or the law creating the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA)	The Committee agreed to create a TWG to deliberate further on HB 2141. Rep. Bayani Fernando (1 st District, Marikina City), author of HB 2141, said that his bill seeks to empower the MMDA to formulate rules and regulations and enact ordinances that would address the metro-wide and perennial problems in Metro Manila. Rep. Fernando mentioned that a bill with similar subject matter was approved on Third Reading during the 17 th Congress. The resource persons were requested to submit their respective position papers on the bill.
	HR 344	Deputy Speaker Marcoleta	Calling for the formulation of an integrated master plan for a flood control program in Metro Manila	The Committee will deliberate further on the issues raised in HR 344 in its next meeting. Deputy Speaker Rodante Marcoleta (Party-List, SAGIP), author of HR 344, pointed out the need to have a coordinated effort for the formulation of an integrated flood control master plan in Metro Manila that would effectively address the chronic problem of flooding. Muntinlupa City Rep. Rozzano Rufino Biazon and Rep. Fernando said that as a starting point, the Committee should ask the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) about the status of its flood control master plan designed in 2013.

Continuation... Metro Manila Development				The MMDA general manager expressed his support for the bill and suggested that a single person should be designated to head the Metro Manila's flood control system's operation and maintenance.
	Privilege Speech 31	Rep. Fernando	On the organized bus route (OBR) system	<p>The Committee will deliberate further on the issues raised in the Privilege Speech delivered by Rep. Fernando on August 13, 2019.</p> <p>Rep. Fernando claimed that MMDA neglected the organized bus route (OBR) system which was put in place during his stint as head of the MMDA. Convinced that the OBR could help address the traffic problems in Metro Manila, Rep. Fernando said that he recently filed HR 597 directing the MMDA to revive the OBR in the metropolis.</p> <p>The MMDA was requested to submit its position paper on the matter.</p>
Reforestation (Special Committee)	Substitute Bill to HBs 56, 1869, 3854 & 4813	Reps. Cabochan, Rodriguez, Agabas, and Go (M.)	Requiring all graduating elementary, high school, and college students to plant at least two trees each as a prerequisite for graduation	<p>The Committee, presided by its Vice Chair, Ifugao Rep. Solomon Chungalao, approved the Substitute Bill to the four bills subject to style and amendment.</p> <p>Expressing their support for the bill were the Department of Transportation (DOTr) and the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR).</p> <p>DOTr Assistant Secretary Mark Steven Pastor gave his commitment to assist in the execution of the program once enacted into law. He also assured the body that safety measures will be observed in transporting students to the designated planting areas.</p>
	Substitute Bill to HBs 371, 464, 1340 & 3733	Reps. Olivarez, Kho (E), Go (M.), and Agabas	Requiring parents to plant two trees for every child born to them	<p>The Committee approved the Substitute Bill to the four bills subject to style and amendment.</p> <p>Resource persons from the Forest Management Bureau-Department of Environment and Natural Resources (FMB-DENR) and the Haribon Foundation expressed their support for the bill.</p> <p>FMB Legal Officer Claire Jamero suggested the inclusion of a provision indicating that only able bodied parents will be required to participate in the tree planting. She also suggested that the seedlings should be of no cost to the parents.</p>
	HBs 3977 & 3979	Rep. Dimaporo (M.K.)	Establishing arboretums in the Municipalities of Kolambugan and Tagoloan in the Province of Lanao del Norte, to be known as the Kolambugan Arboretum and Mighty Cave Park Arboretum, respectively, appropriating funds therefor	<p>The Committee approved HBs 3977 and 3979 subject to style and amendment.</p> <p>The bills will be referred to the Committee on Appropriations for review of its funding provisions.</p>
Social Services	Substitute Bill to HBs 4796 & 3424	Reps. Eriguel and Vargas	Establishing a comprehensive system for registration and licensing of social welfare and development agencies and accreditation of social welfare and development programs and services, and appropriating funds therefor	The Committee, chaired by Rep. Sandra Eriguel (2 nd District, La Union), approved the Committee Report on the Substitute Bill to HBs 4796 and 3424.

Continuation... Social Services	Substitute Bill to HB 4341	Rep. Ramirez- Sato	Regulating public solicitations and providing penalties for violation thereof, repealing for the purpose Act No. 4075, as amended by PD 1564, otherwise known as the Solicitation Permit Law	The Committee approved the Substitute Bill to HB 4341 and the corresponding Committee Report.
Transportation	HB 922	Rep. Fernando	Regulating the use of roads for safe, fast, and economic transport	<p>The Committee, chaired by Rep. Edgar Mary Sarmiento (1st District, Western Samar), agreed to create a technical working group (TWG) to fine-tune the bill.</p> <p>Navotas City Rep. John Reynald Tiangco was designated as head of the TWG.</p> <p>Rep. Bayani Fernando (1st District, Marikina City), author of HB 922, said that his bill provides a uniform set of regulations on road use applicable nationwide, for easy and consistent reference by all road users. The bill, Rep. Fernando added, also provides that all public and private roads should be accessible for public use and that parking along roads is prohibited.</p> <p>Rep. Sarmiento instructed the concerned government agencies and stakeholders to assign two resource persons to represent their respective agencies or associations in the TWG.</p>
Youth and Sports Development	Substitute Bill to HBs 323 & 3859	Reps. Elago and Agabas	Declaring August 12 of every year as the National Youth Day	The Committee, presided by Rep. Angelo Marcos Barba (2 nd District, Ilocos Norte), approved the substitute bill and the corresponding Committee Report.
	Substitute Bill to HB 3860	Rep. Agabas	Preserving the indigenous games of the Philippines	The Committee approved the substitute bill and the corresponding Committee Report, subject to style and amendment.
	HRs 426, 433, 434, 438, 450, 460, 465, 479 & 515	Rep. Elago, Deputy Speaker Estrella, Reps. Tolentino, Velasco, Cabochan, Albano, Nieto, Bautista, and Delos Santos	Congratulating and commending Nesthy Alcayde Petecio for winning the gold medal in the Featherweight Division in the 2019 Association Internationale de Boxe Amateur Women's World Boxing Championships held in Ulan-Ude, Russia on October 3-13, 2019	<p>The Committee adopted the nine resolutions.</p> <p>The Secretariat was directed to come up with a substitute resolution and prepare the corresponding Committee Report.</p>
	HRs 427, 429, 432, 435, 437, 445, 451, 461, 466, 478, 498 & 515	Rep. Elago, Deputy Speakers Romero and Estrella, Reps. Tolentino, Velasco, Cabochan, Bagatsing, Albano, Nieto, Bautista, Castelo, and Delos Santos	Congratulating and commending Carlos Edriel Yulo for winning the gold medal in the 49 th Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique World Artistic Gymnastic Championships held in Stuttgart, Germany on October 4-13, 2019	<p>The Committee adopted the 12 resolutions.</p> <p>The Secretariat was directed to come up with a substitute resolution and prepare the corresponding Committee Report.</p>