



COMMITTEE MEETINGS				
COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Basic Education and Culture	HBs 585, 729, 734 & 735	Reps. Mangaoang and Dalog	Separating national high schools in the Provinces of Kalinga and Mountain Province, and converting them into independent national high schools and appropriating funds therefor	<p>The Committee, chaired by Pasig City Rep. Roman Romulo, approved the four bills and the corresponding Committee Reports.</p> <p>The DepEd Undersecretary had no objection to the bills but he said that the concerned schools should have complied with the requirements set by the DepEd for the conversion of national high schools into independent national high schools.</p>
	HB 736	Rep. Dalog	Establishing an elementary school in Barangay Bacarri, Municipality of Paracelis, Mountain Province to be known as Wellie Maclinic Elementary School, and appropriating funds therefor	The Committee approved HB 736 and the corresponding Committee Report subject to style and amendment, to conform to the standard bill format prescribed by the Committee for the establishment of an elementary school.
	HBs 1531 & 1533	Rep. Salceda	Changing the name of certain national high schools in the Province of Albay	The Committee approved HBs 1531 and 1533 and the corresponding Committee Reports.
	HRs 17, 22 & 34	Reps. Olivarez, Vargas, and Herrera-Dy	Recommending the conferment, posthumously, of the National Artist Award to the late Eduardo Verchez Garcia, popularly known as Eddie Garcia, for his exemplary contributions to Philippine art	<p>The Committee adopted the three House Resolutions, as consolidated, subject to style.</p> <p>Berman Joseph Corpuz, chief of the Policy/Plan Formulation and Programming Division, National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), favors the intent of the measures, adding that the resolution will support the nomination of Eddie Garcia as National Artist for 2021.</p>
	HB 921	Rep. Fernando	Promoting a new Pilipino gesture of goodwill and praise	<p>The Committee agreed to convert HB 921 into a House Resolution and subsequently adopted the latter.</p> <p>Rep. Bayani Fernando (1<sup>st</sup> District, Marikina City), author of HB 921, explained that the bill seeks to promote the gesture of laying the palm of the right hand over the center of the chest with a slight nod, as the appropriate verbal greeting of Filipinos to symbolize goodwill and praise instead of the usual handshake.</p>
	HBs 1, 609, 721, 3970 & 4259	Speaker Cayetano, Reps. Acop, Torres-Gomez, Sy-Alvarado, and Silverio	Institutionalizing a national values, etiquette, and moral uprightness program in the curriculum of elementary and secondary levels and appropriating funds therefor	<p>The Committee agreed to create a technical working group (TWG) to consolidate the five bills.</p> <p>Department of Education (DepEd) Undersecretary for Legislative Affairs Tonisito Umali expressed his support for the bills. He</p>

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	HB 917	Deputy Speaker Gonzales (A.),	Providing for the establishment of alternative learning system (ALS) community learning centers for every city and municipality and appropriating funds therefor	<p>The Committee agreed to create a TWG to consolidate the four bills.</p> <p>Rep. Yedda Marie Romualdez (Party-List, TINGOG SINIRANGAN) was designated Chairperson of the TWG.</p>
	HBs 1586, 3992 & 4392	Reps. Romualdez (Y.), Agabas, and Robes	Institutionalizing the ALS in the basic education for out-of-school children, youth and adults, persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples, and other marginalized sectors of society, and appropriating funds therefor	<p>The DepEd Undersecretary expressed his support for the bills.</p>
Government Reorganization jt. w/ Overseas Workers Affairs	HBs 2, 335, 526, 1439, 1449, 2067, 2207, 2216, 2317, 2319, 2368, 2409, 2412, 2425, 2547, 2850, 2982, 3168, 3246, 3274, 3313, 3440, 3514, 3637, 3663, 3888, 3940, 4065, 4165, 4173 & 4189	<p>Speaker Cayetano, Deputy Speaker Arenas, Reps. Aglipay, Campos, Singson-Meehan, Salceda, Deputy Speakers Pichay and Romero, Reps. Gonzalez, Yap (E.), Deloso-Montalla, Deputy Speaker Hernandez, Reps. Castelo, Vargas, Deputy Speaker Villafuerte, Reps. Villaraza-Suarez, Tan (A.S.), Deputy Speakers Arenas and Gonzales (A.), Reps. Romualdez (Y.), Villar, Deputy Speaker Santos-Recto, Reps. Torres-Gomez, Sy-Alvarado, Bolilia, Tambunting, Pacquiao, Salo, Lim, Haresco, and Olivarez</p>	<p>Creating the Department of Overseas Filipino Workers and Foreign Employment, defining its powers and functions, appropriating funds therefor, rationalizing the organization and functions of government agencies related to migration</p>	<p>The Joint Committee, co-presided by Rep. Mario Vittorio "Marvey" Mariño (5<sup>th</sup> District, Batangas), Chair of the Committee on Government Reorganization, and Rep. Raymond Democrito Mendoza (Party-List, TUCP), Chair of the Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs, agreed to create a technical working group (TWG) to harmonize the 31 bills.</p> <p>The TWG will be headed by Reps. Joey Sarte Salceda (2<sup>nd</sup> District, Albay) and Ron Salo (Party-List, KABAYAN) for the Committee on Government Reorganization and Reps. Mendoza and Enrico Pineda (Party-List, 1-PACMAN) for the Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs.</p> <p>Deputy Speaker Prospero Pichay Jr. (1<sup>st</sup> District, Surigao del Sur), author of HB 2207, underscored the importance of creating a separate department that will ensure the provision of better services and assistance to the overseas Filipino workers (OFWs), in view of their huge contribution to the country's economy.</p> <p>Labor Secretary Silvestre Bello III expressed his support for the passage of the bills. He suggested that the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA), Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA), and National Reintegration Center for OFWs (NRCO) be designated as attached agencies to the proposed department instead of consolidating them under this department.</p>

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Health	Substitute Bill to HBs 163, 169, 197, 218, 251, 391, 436, 532, 862, 1190,1339, 1392, 1563, 2120, 2200, 2682, 3818 & 3972	Reps. Belmonte, Tan (A.), Suansing (E.), Deputy Speaker Puno, Reps. Gaité, Arroyo (M.L.), Revilla, Paduano, Deputy Speaker Hernandez, Reps. Espina, Go (M.), Vargas, Angara, Deputy Speaker Romero, Reps. Sy- Alvarado, Silverio, Agabas, and Deputy Speaker Villafuerte	Providing a comprehensive renal replacement therapy (RRT) for patients with end stage renal disease in national, regional, and provincial government hospitals, increasing the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) package rate for RRT of members and appropriating funds therefor	<p>The Committee, chaired by Rep. Angelina "Helen" Tan, M.D. (4<sup>th</sup> District, Quezon), approved the Substitute Bill to the 18 bills subject to style and amendment.</p> <p>The Secretariat was directed to prepare the corresponding Committee Report.</p>

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	Substitute Bill to HBs 1365, 1492, 1502, 1902, 2004 & 3022	Deputy Speaker Hernandez, Reps. Tan (A.), Chatto, Go (M.), Vargas, and Palma	Authorizing the Department of Health (DOH) to set and approve the bed capacity and service capability of all DOH-retained hospitals	<p>The Committee approved the Substitute Bill to the six bills subject to style and amendment.</p> <p>The Secretariat was directed to prepare the corresponding Committee Report.</p>