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TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING				
COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/ DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Government Enterprises and Privatization (Technical Working Group on Measures Proposing Amendments to the Charter of the GSIS)	HB 82	Rep. Garbin	Amending Sections 9 and 41 of RA 8291 or the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) Act of 1997, by defining "basic monthly pension" and increasing the membership of the Board of Trustees of the GSIS	<p>The technical working group (TWG), chaired by Rep. France Castro (Party-List, ACT-TEACHERS), will deliberate further on the six bills in its next meeting.</p> <p>The TWG agreed on the following points, among others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include the definition of the terms "solo parent" and "single" (referring to the civil status of a member) in the proposed law; • Allow GSIS unmarried members to designate their beneficiaries even just before retirement, thus deleting the proposed provision setting an age limit of 50 years to be allowed to do so; and • Consider GSIS members who were dropped from the rolls as "separated from the service" and, as such, are deemed inactive members of the GSIS. (Inactive members shall be entitled to benefits they have qualified for in the event of any contingency compensable under the proposed law.) <p>GSIS Assistant Legal Counsel Lucio Yu proposed that all disputes with regard to claims and benefits be settled by the GSIS Board. Yu also said that GSIS will study the proposal of Rep. Romeo Momo Sr. (Party-List, CWS) on another formula for computing the GSIS members' monthly pension.</p> <p>Rep. Ferdinand Gaité (Party-List, BAYAN MUNA) asked GSIS to submit the list of cases regarding disputed claims and benefits that have been resolved by the GSIS Board.</p>
	HBs 228, 1033 & 2787	Reps. Castro, Salceda, and Rodriguez	Further strengthening the GSIS	
	HB 1651	Rep. Cabochan	Institutionalizing the rights of GSIS members, providing them additional representation in the GSIS Board	
	HB 2914	Rep. Castelo	Increasing the monthly income benefits for work-related permanent disability and death of workers and employees	

DISCUSSION WITH AGENCIES/ENTITIES		
COMMITTEE	SUBJECT MATTER	DISCUSSIONS
Natural Resources (Technical Working Group)	Discussion on the proposed amendments to RA 7076, otherwise known as the People's Small-scale Mining Act of 1991	<p>The technical working group (TWG), presided by Committee Secretary Raul Terso, discussed with the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) and the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) proposed amendments to RA 7076.</p> <p>The TWG was created to allow the concerned agencies and stakeholders to present and discuss possible amendments to RA 7076 and thereafter draft a bill incorporating these proposals.</p> <p>The Committee Secretary said that the proposed amendments are aimed at modernizing the small-scale mining industry; encouraging stronger participation of local government units; enhancing the monitoring and regulation of the industry; and raising additional revenues, among others.</p>