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COMMITTEE MEETINGS ON HOUSE MEASURES

COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Appropriations	Substitute Bill to HBs 4, 30, 164, 195, 338, 398, 563, 885, 1151, 2001, 2133, 2192, 2451, 3023, 3084, 3142, 3182, 3214, 3245, 3348, 3459, 3490, 3542, 3913, 3999, 4301, 4313, 4401, 4577, 4709, 4710, 4800, 4844 & 5335	Speaker Cayetano, Reps. Salceda, Belmonte, Suansing (E.), Romualdo, Deputy Speaker Villafuerte, Reps. Abellanosa, Cabochan, Romualdez (Y.M.), Vargas, Castelo, Fortun, Palma, Olivarez, Almario, Tolentino, Herrera-Dy, Deputy Speaker Gonzales (A.), Reps. Deloso-Montalla, Velasco, Nieto, Sy-Alvarado, Deputy Speaker Legarda, Reps. Agabas, Suarez (D.), Deputy Speaker Hernandez, Reps. Bolilia, Aragones, Tambunting, Dy (F.), Lim, and Yap (E.)	Creating the Department of Disaster Resilience, defining its mandate, powers and functions, appropriating funds therefor	The Committee, chaired by Rep. Isidro Ungab (3 rd District, Davao City), approved the substitute bill with amendment. As stated in the bill, the proposed Department of Disaster Resilience shall be the “primary government agency responsible for leading, organizing, and managing the national effort to reduce disaster risk, prepare for and respond to disasters, recover and rehabilitate, and build forward better after the occurrence of disasters.”
	Substitute Bill to HBs 98 & 4540	Rep. Acosta-Alba and Deputy Speaker Santos-Recto	Providing for the delineation of the specific forest limits of the public domain	The Committee approved the Substitute Bill to HBs 98 and 4540.
	Substitute Bill to HBs 288, 560, 1687, 2557, 4541, 4874, 5022 & 5253	Reps. Suansing (E.), Abellanosa, Deputy Speaker Villafuerte, Rep. Garin (S.), Deputy Speaker Santos-Recto, Reps. Rodriguez, Salceda, and Quimbo	Establishing the fiscal regime for the mining industry	The Committee approved the substitute bill.
	Substitute Bill to HBs 461, 1418 & 4198	Reps. Kho (E.), Enverga, and Yap (V.)	Institutionalizing the convergence strategy for sustainable rural development and providing the implementing mechanisms therefor	The Committee approved the substitute bill.
	Substitute Bill to HBs 878, 1626, 2139, 2881, 3445,	Reps. Castelo, Sy-Alvarado, Tan (A.), Hofer, Deputy Speaker Santos-	Establishing a medical scholarship and return service program for deserving students and appropriating funds therefor	The Committee approved the substitute bill. Rep. Peter John Calderon (7 th District, Cebu), co-author of the bill, said that the proposed law

Continuation... Appropriations	3745, 3847, 3865, 4205, 4315, 4364, 4471, 4659, 4889, 4974, 5197, 5243 & 5343	Recto, Reps. Rodriguez, Agabas, Almario, Vargas, Herrera-Dy, Espino, Deputy Speaker Villafuerte, Reps. Olivarez, Nieto, Noel, and Lara		seeks to address the current shortage of about 15,000 medical practitioners in the country.
	Substitute Bill to HBs 1294, 3006, 3616, 4223 & 4695	Deputy Speaker Villafuerte, Reps. Vargas and Salceda	Amending RA 8794, or the law imposing a motor vehicle user's charge on owners of all types of motor vehicles, as amended by RA 11239	The Committee approved the substitute bill with amendment.
	HB 1045, in consolidation with HB 3451	Rep. Singson-Meehan and Deputy Speaker Santos-Recto	Granting full insurance coverage to all qualified agrarian reform beneficiaries of the comprehensive agrarian reform program, amending for the purpose Section 14 of RA 9700, otherwise known as the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program Extension with Reforms	The Committee approved with amendment HB 1045 in consolidation with HB 3451.
	Substitute Bill to HBs 931, 1166, 2469, 2546, 3102, 3275, 3404, 3498, 4707 & 4887	Rep. Cabochan, Deputy Speaker Romero, Rep. Almario, Deputy Speaker Villafuerte, Reps. Romualdez (Y.M.), Salceda, Sy-Alvarado, Tambunting, and Tan (A.S.)	Strengthening and modernizing the Bureau of Fire Protection and appropriating funds therefor	The Committee rescheduled its deliberation on the substitute bill.
	HB 5583	Deputy Speaker Villafuerte	Authorizing the use of the rice subsidy as provided for under the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) in the General Appropriations Act of 2019 for the purchase of palay from farmers, mandating for the purpose the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), in coordination with the Department of Agriculture (DA) and the National Food Authority (NFA), to buy palay from local farmers and distribute rice subsidy in the form of actual rice, instead of cash assistance, to qualified beneficiaries	The Committee deferred its discussion of the bill.
Transportation	HBs 1260 & 4725	Deputy Speaker Villafuerte and Rep. Castelo	Recognizing transport network companies (TNCs) and transport network vehicle services (TNVS), prescribing requirements and guidelines for their operations, providing penalties for violation thereof	The Committee, chaired by Rep. Edgar Mary Sarmiento (1 st District, Western Samar), agreed to create a technical working group (TWG) to consolidate and study the measures.
	HBs 1538 & 4024	Reps. Garbin and Biazon	Regulating transportation network services, imposing and authorizing fees, providing penalties for violations thereof	
	HB 3341	Rep. Herrera-Dy	Providing the mandatory installation of dashboard cameras, closed circuit televisions (CCTVs) and global	

Continuation... Transportation			positioning systems (GPS) inside public utility vehicles (PUVs), TNVS, and other public transport vehicles	
	HB 3690	Rep. Castelo	Requiring TNCs to install CCTV cameras in their TNVS units and providing penalties for violation thereof	
	HBs 5748 & 5807	Deputy Speaker Escudero	Regulating the fare rates of TNCs and TNVS	
	HR 43	Rep. Elago	Inquiry into the reported irregularities in procedures of application and registration of TNVS, and other concerns and demands of the TNVS community	
	HR 444	Rep. Biazon	Inquiry into the status of acceptance of new applications for TNC accreditation for transportation network vehicle	
	HBs 13, 37, 565, 1409, 1894, 2219, 2618, 3446, 3569, 3996, 4141, 4571, 4615, 4652 & 5352	Reps. Del Mar, Biazon, Abellanosa, Vargas, Campos, Barba, Albano, Deputy Speakers Santos-Recto and Hernandez, Reps. Agabas, Chatto, Rodriguez, Peña, Deputy Speaker Villafuerte, and Rep. Castelo	Allowing and regulating the use of motorcycles as PUVs, amending for this purpose RA 4136, otherwise known as the Land Transportation and Traffic Code	<p>The Committee agreed to create a TWG to consolidate and study the bills further.</p> <p>In the middle of the meeting, the Committee decided to hold an executive meeting upon the request of some of its Members as well as the officials of the Department of Transportation (DOTr), Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB), and Land Transportation Office (LTO) to discuss confidential matters concerning the bills.</p> <p>At the resumption of the regular meeting, Rep. Sarmiento presented the summary of what was discussed during the executive session. He also said that the DOTr agreed to the following suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue with the pilot test of motorcycle taxis in Metro Manila and Metro Cebu, with Cagayan de Oro as additional area of coverage; and • Increase the overall cap on riders for motorcycle taxi operations from 30,000 to 45,000. <p>In return, motorcycle taxi firm Angkas shall withdraw the cases it filed against the DOTr-Technical Working Group (TWG) relative to the guidelines the latter issued, including the cap on the number of motorcycle riders that may operate as taxis.</p> <p>The DOTr-TWG is tasked to study the operation of motorcycles as public utility vehicles. It is composed of representatives from the DOTr, LTO, LTFRB, Philippine National Police-Highway Patrol Group (PNP-HPG), Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), Senate, and House of Representatives, commuter welfare groups, road safety advocates, motorcycle manufacturers, motorcycle organizations, and law schools.</p>

TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING

COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/ DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Science and Technology	HB 5567	Rep. Flores	Amending Section 5 of RA 8498 or the Philippine Science High School (PSHS) System Act of 1997, in order to allow the establishment of more than one PSHS campuses within a region	The technical working group (TWG), presided by Rep. Francis Gerald Aguinaldo Abaya (1 st District, Cavite), will continue its discussion on the bills in its next meeting.
	HBs 127, 2241, 4184, 4389, 4605, 4963, 5378 & 5635	Deputy Speaker Fernandez, Reps. Salceda, Balindong, Go (E.), Aumentado, Tutor, Yu, and Lara	Establishing PSHS campuses in certain parts of the country and appropriating funds therefor	<p>Deputy Executive Director Rod Allan de Lara of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST)-PSHS System gave a brief history on the establishment of the PSHS and presented the school's proposed amendments to the bills.</p> <p>Rep. Abaya and Rep. Jonathan Keith Flores (2nd District, Bukidnon) sought the comment of De Lara on the proposed establishment of two or three PSHS campuses per region and increase in the number of students from 90 to 120 per campus. De Lara said that it is possible to have two or three campuses per region especially in areas with higher population and if there are available sites for the campuses. On the proposed increase in the number of students per campus, De Lara said that this will primarily depend on the number of students that will pass the qualifying examinations.</p> <p>Rep. Abaya said that the TWG will study the proposals for possible inclusion in the consolidated bill that will be drafted later.</p>