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TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING

COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/ DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Games and Amusements (Technical Working Group)	HR 546	Minority Leader Suarez	Investigation into the proliferation of illegal gambling	The technical working group (TWG), chaired by Rep. Gus Tambunting (2 nd District, Parañaque City), will deliberate further on the issues raised in the six resolutions in its next meeting.
	HRs 712, 715, 958 & 1445	Reps. Manalo, Batocabe, Pineda, and Villafuerte	Inquiry into the alleged irregularities, abuses and failure of the Small Town Lottery (STL) operations of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) in generating its projected income resulting in the loss of billions of pesos in revenues on the part of the national government and the possible use of STL operations as fronts for jueteng and other illegal numbers games in the country	The Chief of Staff of the Office of the Chair, Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO), Ted Quiaño, informed the TWG that the 2018 STL revised implementing rules and regulations (IRR) drafted by the PCSO and to be approved by the Office of the President (OP) will finally address the issues related to STL operations.
	HR 1579	Rep. Panganiban	Inquiry into the irregularities of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) regarding the operation of STL, awarding of authorized agency corporation (AAC), and shortfall in the collection of STL revenues accruing to the government	<p>The said IRR provides for the implementation of an internal control system which requires the following: submission of official retail receipts (ORR); use of technology applications (mobile apps); establishment of rewards system for informants; enhanced oversight function of the PCSO Board; and the introduction of a Guaranteed Minimum Monthly Retail Receipt (GMRR).</p> <p>PCSO Chair Anselmo Simeon Pinili added that the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) will now be part of the PCSO's task force on illegal gambling aside from the Philippine National Police (PNP).</p> <p>As for the Authorized Agent Corporations (AACs) with sales shortfall, they can either settle their obligation through a soft-payment scheme or their contract will be terminated, Quiaño said.</p> <p>Majority of the House Members present in the meeting stated that the cash bond of ACCs with sales shortfall should be automatically forfeited. The Members also recommended that a stricter measure be taken against the 54 AACs with sales shortfall amounting to billions of pesos.</p> <p>Meanwhile, Reps. Romeo Acop (2nd District, Antipolo City) and Rodel Batocabe (Party-</p>

<p>Continuation... Games and Amusements (Technical Working Group)</p>				<p>List, AKO BICOL) recommended that a clear guideline with regard to the approval and termination of AACs be instituted.</p> <p>On the query of Rep. Tambunting if the PCSO has a list of account receivables, PCSO Vice Chair and General Manager Alexander Balutan replied that the agency does not have account receivables as its financial statements are based only on STL actual sales.</p> <p>Rep. Tambunting asked the PCSO to make an accurate report on its finances saying that it is very peculiar for this agency not to have an account receivable.</p> <p>The PCSO was requested to submit to the TWG documents relative to the issues discussed during the meeting. Representatives from the Commission on Audit (COA) and Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) will also be invited to attend in the next meeting to provide their comments on the issues.</p>
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