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TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING

COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/ DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Dangerous Drugs (Technical Working Group)	Draft Substitute Bill to HBs 1257 & 3809	Reps. Biazon and Barbers	Strengthening and intensifying the campaign against illegal drug trafficking, amending for this purpose Sections 3, 4, 5,6, 8, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 29, 33, 78, 84, and 92 of RA 9165, otherwise known as the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002	<p>The technical working group (TWG), presided by Committee Secretary Virgilio “Jun” San Diego, will deliberate further on the draft substitute bill in its next meeting.</p> <p>Among the suggestions raised by the resource persons during the meeting were the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define the acts committed by immediate family members or legal counsel that would consider them as protectors or coddlers of the importer of illegal drugs; • Define “drug warehouse” as used in the bill; • Decrease the penalty of imprisonment from the proposed 12-20 years to 6-12 years, and increase the fine from P100,000 - P500,000 to P500,000 - P1,000,000 for negligent lessors whose properties are used as clandestine laboratories or drug warehouses; and • Provide a graduated penalty on possession of dangerous drugs and controlled precursors or essential chemicals based on quantity. <p>The TWG agreed to invite representatives from the Public Attorney’s Office (PAO) and law schools to give their comments on the bill.</p>