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TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETINGS

COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/ DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Energy (Technical Working Group)	HB 942	Rep. Tiangco	Removing the allowable systems loss from private utility companies and reducing the cap of recoverable system losses of rural electric cooperatives from 14% to 5%, amending for the purpose RA 7832, otherwise known as the Anti-electricity and Electric Transmission Lines or Materials Pilferage Act of 1994, as amended by Section 43(f) of RA 9136, and RA 8424, as amended by RA 9337	<p>The technical working group (TWG), chaired by Rep. Carlos Roman Uybarreta (Party-List, 1-CARE), agreed to come up with a Substitute Bill to the three bills.</p> <p>Rep. Uybarreta requested the resource persons to submit their position papers on the three House Bills and on the Senate bill which has a similar subject matter, as well as their comments on the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) Resolution No. 20, series of 2017, providing for the rules for setting the distribution system loss cap and establishing performance incentive scheme for distribution efficiency.</p>
	HB. 2297	Rep. Rodriguez (M.)	Prohibiting private electric utilities from collecting system losses from the consumers and reducing the cap of recoverable system losses of rural electric cooperatives to a maximum of five percent, amending for the purpose RA 7832, as amended	
	HB 6341	Rep. Batocabe	Prohibiting power distribution utilities from collecting system losses from consumers, amending for the purpose RA 7832	
Transportation (Technical Working Group)	Draft Substitute Bill to HBs 497 & 1278	Reps. Nograles (K.A.) and Manalo	Providing open pilotage services in the country, creating a pilotage board, enhancing the powers of the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) and other port bodies in regulating pilotage services and the conduct of harbor pilots	<p>The technical working group (TWG), presided by Catanduanes Rep. Cesar Sarmiento, will deliberate further on the draft substitute bill in its next meeting.</p> <p>At the outset, Rep. Sarmiento remarked that the objectives of the proposed law are: to improve pilotage services through a liberalized pilotage service; prevent maritime accidents and ensure navigational safety; and regulate pilotage fees and charges.</p> <p>At present, the pilotage services are provided only by harbor pilots affiliated with the United Harbor Pilots' Association of the Philippines, Inc. (UHPAP), the umbrella organization of harbor pilot associations rendering pilotage service in the different port districts of the Philippines.</p> <p>Expressing his support for the proposed law, Philippine Inter-Island Shipping Association (PISA) Executive Director Peter Aguilar claimed that notwithstanding the existence of Executive Order 1088, which provides for uniform and modified rates</p>

				<p>for pilotage services, the PISA members are still being charged exorbitantly.</p> <p>The Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) was requested to submit data on its pilotage revenues from all pilotage districts.</p> <p>The resource persons were requested to submit their respective position papers on the proposed law.</p>
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