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## BICAMERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETING

COMMITTEE	MEASURES		SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION TAKEN/ DISCUSSION
	NO.	PRINCIPAL AUTHOR		
Bicameral Conference Committee	HB 5777 & SB 1537	Former Rep. Aglipay-Villar and Sen. Angara	Scaling up the national and local health nutrition programs through a strengthened integrated strategy for maternal, neonatal, child health and nutrition in the first 1000 days of life, appropriating funds therefor	<p>The Bicameral Conference Committee, co-chaired by Rep. Angelina “Helen” Tan M.D. (4<sup>th</sup> District, Quezon), Chair of the House Committee on Health, and Sen. Joseph Victor Ejercito, Chair of the Senate Committee on Health and Demography, approved the harmonized version of HB 5777 and SB 1537.</p> <p>Other conferees present during the bicameral conference committee meeting were the following: On the part of the House, Rep. Arlene Arcillas (1<sup>st</sup> District, Laguna); on the part of the Senate, Senators Risa Hontiveros and Grace Poe.</p>

## TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING

COMMITTEE	SUBJECT MATTER	DISCUSSIONS
Transportation (Technical Working Group)	Status of the implementation of the Omnibus Franchising Guidelines and Public Utility Vehicle Modernization Program (PUVMP) vis-à-vis the anti-colorum drive of the government	<p>The technical working group (TWG), presided by Rep. Jesulito Manalo (Party-List, ANGKLA), continued its discussion on the implementation of the Omnibus Franchising Guidelines (OFG) and the Public Utility Vehicle Modernization Program (PUVMP) and how this supports the anti-colorum drive of the government.</p> <p>Department of Transportation (DOTr) Assistant Secretary Mark de Leon said that the OFG was issued on June 19, 2017 through Department Order 2017-011. The Land Transportation and Franchising Regulatory Board (LTFRB) subsequently issued various memorandum circulars implementing the OFG, De Leon added.</p> <p>In assisting local government units (LGUs) prepare their respective Local Public Transport Route Plans (LPTRP), De Leon reported that the DOTr, in coordination with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), has already started conducting relevant training, with 753 out of 1,499 LGUs finishing both the first and second sessions of the course.</p> <p>De Leon also informed the Committee that with the new franchising guidelines, the DOTr stopped implementing the Route Measured Capacity (RMC) in determining the number of PUVs to serve the needs of the riding public in a particular route. He also revealed that the RMC is prone to corruption as some PUV operators pay unscrupulous employees of the</p>

<p>Continuation... Transportation (Technical Working Group)</p>		<p>DOTr's Road Transport Planning Division to prepare the RMC in their favor.</p> <p>Rep. Manalo urged LTFRB to implement a "one route, one operator" rule, which will encourage small operators to form a group, in order to have an efficient dispatching system.</p> <p>On the other hand, Rep. Bayani Fernando (1<sup>st</sup> District, Marikina City) wants the LTFRB to grant franchise even to operators of <i>colorum</i> PUVs on the condition that their vehicles will comply with the PUVMP requirements and they will be willing to be assigned to other routes if necessary. Rep. Fernando mentioned that these <i>colorum</i> transport vehicles somehow were able to be of service to commuters when they were having difficulties getting a ride. (For almost 14 years or since 2003, the LTFRB has not issued new Certificates of Public Convenience which resulted in the proliferation of <i>colorum</i> vehicles to satisfy strong public demand for more public land transport services.)</p> <p>The LTFRB was requested to submit a detailed report on the actual status of implementation of the PUV modernization program.</p>
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