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RH Bill Debate Rules Sought

One of the principal authors of the Reproductive Health bill is counting on the House leadership to finish its discussions with the anti-RH lawmakers to finally come up with rules of engagement for the plenary interpellation of the highly divisive measure.

Iloilo Rep. Janette Garin said that Speaker Feliciano "Sonny" Belmonte Jr. "has been talking to the prominent oppositors of the bill," including Deputy Speaker and Cebu Rep. Pablo Garcia and Parañaque Rep. Roilo Golez.

"We are looking forward to the Speaker finishing talks with oppositors so we can come up with guidelines and finally vote on the bill," she

said.

Resigned Minority Leader and Albay Rep. Edcel Lagman earlier asked Belmonte to release the code for RH interpellations to hasten the passage of the consolidated House Bill 4244, which has yet to be passed on second reading by the House of Representatives. The Speaker has been asked to enforce the no repetitive questions policy as well the limited time for interpellation. (Charissa M. Luci)